



# Announcement of CCTE Spring 2018 SPAN “Spring Policy Action Network”

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Planning for the second annual 2018 SPAN Conference is well underway, building on the success of last year’s meeting to enhance CCTE’s presence in the policy arena. The purpose of the Spring Policy Action Network (SPAN) is to position CCTE as the key teacher education resource poised to impact research, practice, and policy for quality teaching.

Last year, in moving the Spring conference to Sacramento, the CCTE Board affirmed three goals for SPAN: build relationships and expand CCTE’s policy network; develop members’ skills as partners, advocates, and communicators; and affirm CCTE’s expert influence at the state level. We are excited to invite wide participation in the 2018 SPAN conference as we collectively address these goals.

The March 8-9 two-day structure established last year will again frame the SPAN meeting at The Citizen Hotel. SPAN 2018 highlights are as follows.

Thursday, March 8:

- ◆ Meet and Greet Breakfast with SIG Meetings;
- ◆ California Priorities Meeting that lays the ground work or afternoon legislative visits and policy analysis work;
- ◆ Advocacy Lunch, a dialog with the two candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Assemblyman Tony Thurmond and Marshall Tuck;
- ◆ Legislative Visits: Participants will have a choice to join a team to visit a Legislator during a scheduled appointment, with planned talking points and materials to leave behind; or
- ◆ Policy Analysis Session, with guest facilitator Rick Simpson, top legislative staffer for 38 years;
- ◆ Debrief Meeting with Assembly Education Committee Consultant Chelsea Kelly, who was with us last year;

- ◆ Sponsored Reception at The Citizen Hotel, for the networking that we value as CCTE members.

Friday, March 9:

- ◆ President’s Networking Breakfast;
- ◆ CTC Concurrent Sessions, aimed at engaging all of us in important policy work;
- ◆ Associated group meetings: CABTE, CAPSE, ICCUCET;
- ◆ Research Roundtables and Poster Sessions featuring scholarship on California teacher education;
- ◆ SPAN Wrap-up, including announcement of newly elected CCTE Board members at 3:00 pm.

As a two-day meeting, with all meals and the reception included in registration fees, SPAN will once again be a policy-focused and interactive experience.

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The full tentative program for the Conference appears on the next page of this newsletter.

Registration is now open for the CCTE 2018 SPAN Conference. Use the registration form that also follows in this newsletter or the on-line form on the CCTE website, [www.ccte.org](http://www.ccte.org) (see the conferences page).

Also following here is the Call for Proposals and proposal cover sheet for research roundtables and poster presentations at the Spring 2018 SPAN Conference. The proposal deadline is January 15, 2018.