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Media Reporter Award A Reporter Who Writes Articles Focused on School Bond Oversight

This award was presented to Jill Tucker, K-12 San Francisco Chronicle Education Reporter, at the CABOC second annual conference.

Jill Tucker has covered education in California for 22 years, writing stories that range from issues facing Bay Area school districts to broader national policy debates. Her work has generated changes to state law and encouraged political and community action groups to address local needs. Her articles spurred the recall of three school district board of education trustees which also helped to re-form the San Francisco Unified School District's Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

Jill earned a master's degree in journalism at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and a bachelor's degree from UC Santa Barbara. In between, she spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching English in Cape Verde, West Africa. Journalism met her two requirements for choosing a career: First, she wanted to make a difference in the world, and second, she wanted a job that would be fun. One of the stories she is most proud of centered on homeless students in elementary school and how being homeless impacted their behavior and participation in the classroom. After reading her reporting, a couple donated \$3 million for homeless families in San Francisco.

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About California Association of Bond Oversight Committees (CABOC)

CABOC is the trusted and independent source-of information, education, training, and – assistance on school bond oversight to CBOC members and California taxpayers. Proposition 39 (2000) lowered the threshold for local voter approval of school bond measures to 55%. It was accompanied by the mandate to establish independent CBOCs to oversee school bond expenditures and report findings to governing boards, taxpayers, and the general public.

Our mission is to develop the tools: training materials, newsletters, workshops, and conferences to enable CBOC members to engage in rigorous independent oversight and fulfill their obligations to ensure and report that bond money has been spent adequately for the benefit of students, families, their communities, and all Californians and to represent our collective interests at the statewide level.