

After graduating from Monterey Bay Academy in 1965, Dick Osborn went on to attend and graduate from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, MD. He continued on to graduate studies attaining his Masters degree and Ph.D. in History from the University of Maryland, specializing in colonial Virginia history. In 2009, Dick joined the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is currently Vice President for the Senior College/University Commission division of WASC.

Dick has enjoyed the experience of growing up in international locations, including Lebanon and Uruguay. He has served at every level within education, including as teacher, principal, and superintendent at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels. As a regional and national education vice president, he served as board member/consultant for fifteen college/university boards conducting many training sessions and presenting strategic planning and other seminars. He served as President of Pacific Union College for eight years, providing one of the most important backgrounds for his current position. He also has served in various capacities on several hospital boards.

Dick has always tried to be involved in professional volunteer work outside of the church. He has served many organizations, a few of which are:

- Chair of the Curriculum Committee for the National Council for Social Studies
- Chair of the Denominational Executives in Church-Related Higher Education
- Secretariat of the National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities
- President of the Council for American Private Education (an umbrella group representing associations with over 80% of all non-public school students in America)
- Chair of the Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities with 76 colleges/universities ranging in size from USC and Stanford to PUC and smaller institutions.

According to Dick, his professional work for the church and his volunteer service provided an important background for working with the accreditation of colleges and universities in California. He is also a published author of many works on both education and history subjects.

Dick, and his wife, Norma have been married for 49 years and have two children: Heather, an attorney in the Napa Valley, and Trevan, a pastor. Dick and Norma currently reside in San Francisco, CA.