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PRESIDENT BRAZIL LOOKS BACK ON DIFFICULT YEAR.



BOB BRAZIL
State President

Since this will be my last article as State President, I would like to give you an overview of CASCWA activities during the year. Some exciting things have been going on but I can't say that it has been the best year for our association.

The challenge facing us this year has been attendance and participation. Membership statewide is down and the active participation by members at all levels is less than in the past. As examples, the Fall Conference had 50% fewer participants than attended the 90 conferences and the Section that came up on the rotation to name their candidate for an elected office didn't have a candidate and had to pass to the next session.

Everyone knew that the budget, cutbacks and transfers would create a challenge for CASCWA members. Some have not chosen to accept the challenge. The increased work assignments, cuts in travel and conference budgets and assignments in other fields have inundated some to the point that CASCWA participation was put on the back burner. For some it may have to stay on the back burner but whether you turn up the fire on that burner is a matter of choice. In these times, everyone in our profession is either worked to or beyond our limits. I would like to point out that, in most cases, this situation is the result of some action taken in the State Legislature, and it rolls downhill from there.

It stands to reason that the place to get the changes we need is with the Legislature. Who is telling the Legislature what is needed, what is good and what is not good for child welfare and attendance? Who but CASCWA. Your legislative committee and its chairman, Lee Lundberg have done an outstanding job of representing CASCWA's and your interests this year. It has always been known that through Lee and our legislative committee CASCWA spoke with a much larger voice than our size would normally warrant. Without your renewed interest and efforts this voice will lose some of its volume.

We can bring CASCWA to its position of highest prominence and strength very easily. Those of you who have been moved to positions outside of CWA, maintain your CASCWA membership., Who is doing the most to get these services restored? Those of you who have been given additional duties, continue your CASCWA membership and schedule an inviolate time that you will dedicate to CASCWA participation. None of us have enough time but our best chance of getting control of how student support services are provided is by having CASCWA speaking for us at the state level. For all of us, we can re-new our CASCWA commitment by immediately, before we forget it on the back burner, paying our 93-94 CASCWA dues. Secondly, we can get back former members and recruit new members. They will join only if you talk to them. CASCWA needs us and we all need CASCWA. You can make it happen. Do it now. I look forward to seeing all of you in Palm Springs.

OUT "N" ABOUT RETIREES



RICH DAVIS
Special Projects

BAY SECTION

Francis Tucker, Fairfield Suisun is hosting an exchange student program from Russia. Last year Francis toured the USSR and became involved in a reciprocal exchange agreement. This year Francis is hosting a group of Russian students in this country. With visits to

Sacramento to view the Legislative process in action scheduled, they will also take in other sites around the Bay Area. One of the highlights of this trip will be to visit a Super-Market. The large supply of food and other items available really fascinate the Russians. The students visit will culminate with a Bar-B-Que at the Tucker household. Yours truly will sample the food and assist at the affair.

Bill Smith, Martinez Unified is still singing the same old tune. Their activities are dictated by the Dixieland Jazz Festivals. They attended about a dozen Jazz Festivals last year in California, Oregon, Washington, and Arizona. In 1992, they attended one in Montana, Sun Valley, Idaho and Memphis, Tennessee. This year they will take in festivals in Iowa and Connecticut. Also, much of Bill's agenda is dictated by his grandchildren or RVing. Last year in June they crossed the North Dakota frontier to paste the last of the Forty-Eight states on their traveling map, which started in 1985. Bill has toured, all over British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Nice going Bill, that's the way to enjoy your retirement. He is still thinking about taking on the Alaska Highway (talk to me first) and there is no highway to Hawaii.

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION

Bob George, Fresno Unified is still doing the things that he enjoys the most. He and his lovely wife, Mildred, are still Ballroom dancing and Bob enjoys singing in the Scottish Rite Chorus. They had a wonderful Christmas season entertaining, sponsored by the Masonic Temple. After a few set-backs and since recovered, Bob is again enjoying good health, and his grandchildren from elementary school to his freshman granddaughter at UC Santa Cruz. Bob sends his best wishes and regards to all his former friends and associates in CASCWA. Thanks Bob, it is people and friends like you that keep me going.

SOUTHERN SECTION

Oxnard School District is enjoying retirement to no end being the number one grandmother, getting her house and garage in order and taking in the different Malls. (you ain't seen nothing yet until you take in the Mall of Americas, Minneapolis, Minn.). After enjoying all the luxury of sleeping in until 10:00 a.m. for a year she decided it is now time to get back to helping children. She is now operating a private school and doing her own thing. After spending 36 years in public education, at all levels she is now finding her new experience most rewarding and personally gratifying. As the numero uno grandma her grandchildren (5) are doing just great. I know the feeling well. Ruth sends her love and best wishes to all CASCWA members, "I will always love them." More about Ruth and her new adventures in future Intercoms. Thanks, Ruth, it was really nice hearing from you.

Carl Prickett, Placentia Unified had promised me 20 years ago, that we would go Rabbit Hunting. That is when Orange County and Brea was open territory. Now Carl has moved to Roseburg, Oregon where he started his first teaching job in 1950. Carl expects to be involved with tutoring, golfing and in the movies. Many of you know it, Carl is a member of The Screen Actors Guild and expects to be in the movies. He enjoys professional acting and other film work. Carl, now that you are in the great salmon country let's make our date for salmon fishing. I like fishing on the Rogue River. I'm getting too old to hunt!!! Best of luck in your new adventure. We will be watching "The Scene".

Les Warner, Los Angeles Unified is still very busy enjoying varied activities. Volunteering his services at the Daniel Freeman Hospital. He and his lovely wife, Virginia loves square dancing twice a week. Les and Virginia visited five Elder Hotels the past two years. They especially enjoyed Costa Rica. They are leaving in May of this year for a 27 day tour of England, Wales and Scotland. When not traveling Les and Virginia enjoy babysitting the grandchildren (5) and their other grown children. It was really nice to hear that all is well.

Mort Razowsky, Los Angeles Unified recently returned from Las Vegas enjoying fun and profit, then to Palm Springs to recover. This summer Mort travels to Moscow to see his last remaining relatives. When not on the road, Mort works a consultant in the juvenile courts and with the Los Angeles Teacher's organization.

Fred Carter, Newport-Mesa Unified is still doing all those things that pleases him most. Since retirement, Fred spends his time fishing, traveling and enjoying his grandchildren. He spends much of his time consulting on Earthquake Preparedness and supervising student teachers. Fred also attends the monthly southern section retirees luncheon with the likes of Joe O'Sullivan, Jim Milner, Ed Harding, Terry Anderson, Steve Ellish and Jack Erickson. Thanks, Fred, we have requested Southern Section planning committee to put us on the program for a CASCWA retirees luncheon get together. Hope to see you and the gang in Palm Springs.

Eva Presley, Imperial County Office, has served for 21 years on the Imperial County Juvenile Justice Commission and was primarily responsible for organizing the Imperial County Division of the California retired teachers association. Eva is now serving with the area agency advisory council. After serving two terms in the California Senior Legislature, it proved to be difficult to serve here and with the retired teacher. So now Eva also serves on the Imperial County transportation problems of senior citizens. Who said CASCWA retirees are not busy? not me!!! Keep up the good work, Eva.

Trent Steele, Los Angeles Unified is now recovering from surgery and resting at the Montebello Convalescent Hospital. We wish him well.

Ralph Kingsbury, Anaheim School District and his wife have traveled extensively all around the U.S. and to many places overseas. In between travels, he volunteers at an Adult Day Care Center and as a handyman at the local church. Ralph also continues his gardening and lots of walking.

Rich Davis, Sacramento County Office of Education has been busy lately working on the Richard C. Davis Scholarship Award and enjoying his four year old quarterback grandson. We are leaving early June for the annual fishing trip to the Campbell River, B.C. After fishing the Georgia Straits we will work our way down Vancouver Island to the Straits of Juan DeFuca to Port Angeles and down the west coast of Washington and Oregon to California and back home in August.

SEE YA IN PALM SPRINGS!!
Over "N" Out

HERE'S THE LATEST BUDGET PLAN: 1993-94 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET SUMMARY

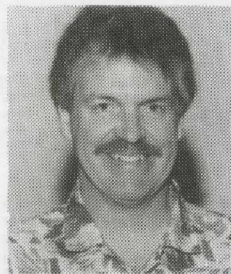
- 1) Holds a K-12 at \$4,187 per student for 1992-93 and 1993-94. This is dependent on (1) fixing a \$1 billion mistake that was made in the Prop. 98 "shift" in the 1992-93 budget, (2) "recapturing" \$315 million from 1992-93, (3) shifting \$221 million in Prop. 98 money from community colleges to K-12, (4) shifting \$2.6 million in property taxes from local governments to the state using schools as the conduit, (5) filling a \$200+million hole in revenue limits that was "inadvertently" left open by the Administration, and (6) a loan from future years in the amount of \$540 million. On the loan, in 1992-93, there was a \$732 million loan that will be added to the \$540 million, the total of which will need to be paid off over the next several years.
- 2) Continues the "mega-item" which lumps categorical funding into one pot, and makes the item a block grant by allowing school districts to shift up to 100 percent of the funds from any program in the item to any other program in the item. (See mega-item list below).
- 3) Contains no COLA, but funds revenue limit growth for 96,000 students. Growth in special education (\$50 million), county offices (\$14.7 million), child development (\$13.3 million), adult education (\$10 million), and child nutrition (\$4.9 million) is also funded. All programs in the mega-time (see list below) are proposed to receive a 1.55 growth allowance, across the board, worth \$33.5 million.
- 4) Does not include a specific proposal for hourly attendance accounting, but does assume that districts will comply with what the Administration says is current law. If this is the case, the Governor would not attempt to save money from hourly accounting, but would redistribute the savings through the revenue limit.
- 5) Does not contain a proposal to increase the age for kindergarten entrance.
- 6) Fully funds STRS (\$777 million for the unfunded liability and purchasing power protection).
- 7) Provides \$181.3 million to allow school districts to decide whether they want their supplemental grant money folded into their revenue limit or into the programs contained in the mega-item.
- 8) Programs expansions include:

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| Child Care/Preschool | \$80 million |
| Deferred maintenance | 44.6 million |

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| Healthy Start | 23 million |
| Opport.Sch./Adlts in Corr. Fac. | 15 million |
| Early Mental Hlth Counseling | 10 million |
| Teacher Preparation | 2 million |
| Bilingual Teacher Training | 1.5 million |
| CAP Test | 12 million |
| SB 1274 Restructuring Grts. | 12 million |
| Subject Matter Projects | 5 million |
| Intersegmental Prgrms. | 2 million |
| School breakfast Startup | 3 million |
| Unemployment Insurance | 60 million |

- 9) Proposed phasing out the State Allocation by 1995 and transferring its responsibilities to the Public Works Board.
- 10) Does not mention support for placing a school construction bond measure on the ballot.

BAY SECTION PRESIDENT LOOKS BACK ON CASCWA LAST 14 YEARS



BOB BURGESS
President
Bay Section

I first served as Bay Section President from 1978 to 1979, and as State Secretary from 1979 to 1980. As I finish my present two year term, I reflect on how many things have changed in the short span of 14 years.

In 1978, CASCWA was mobilized and energized by the publication of the Auditor General's Report on School Attendance. The publication of this report was a hard won victory for CASCWA. It was the direct result of our association's persistent challenge of the State Department Education's claim that school absenteeism was only about four to six percent state-wide and that they had the ADA figures to prove it. Adding insult to injury, some said CASCWA's demands for increased attendance services was self-serving. The report received national

recognition. It received awards for exposing the magnitude of school non-attendance, and the inequitable impact on minorities and the poor.

In those days, SARB was new and CWA spent most of its time keeping kids in school. We had Bay Section meetings which averaged 40 in attendance and once broke 100. CASCWA had become a political and lobbying force with a political agenda and we seemed to have more time to do our jobs and a little time for each other.

I am proud of our history and accomplishments. I value my CASCWA professional relationships. Some of those relationships are based on the comradery of the trenches, and the bond of common cause. While I cherish our history, I also believe it's time to reinvent our association. The 70's and 80's are behind us. The challenges before us are unprecedented. As an organization we need new vision and collective focus. Our jobs have become more complex, demanding and intense. Our ability to rally together has been undermined by plates too full. The attendance of our conferences and Bay Section meeting reflect the difficulty in breaking away from the demands of our jobs. Are we failing to take time to grow professionally, to renew our spirits, to commiserate with peers and to create common vision and purpose?

I would like to remind all CASCWA members that we surrender our power as a group, and as individuals, when we fail to find time to be together. Each of us brings special gifts and strengths to our association which can only be shared by being in each others presence.

Speaking of individuals with special gifts and contributions to CASCWA, Bay Section celebrates the retirement of James Lokas this June. Jim was awarded a plaque for his 27 years as a contributing member of CASCWA. Jim has accomplished a lot in his professional career and in his personal life. I will mention two which are of special significance to me: one being the first successful prosecution of a home schooling parent, and two, the management of the most widely used student counseling guide in the state. More importantly, Jim has been a good supportive friend to many of us throughout his career and we wish him a well earned active retirement.

On April 2, Bay Section gathered in Concord to hear a presentation by a panel from the West Pittsburgh Healthy Start Program. This program has enfranchised the community, parents and schools in increasing and redefining humane services through collaboration.

On June 4, Bay Section will be hosted by Bob Campbell in a San Jose location to be announced. Bob has invited a local judge who will speak on some very innovative approaches to enhance collaboration and accountability between the court schools and community.

Prior to the June lunch, the Executive Board will facilitate a planning process with Bay Section members to establish a 1993-94 agenda, and to plan a fall kick-off conference built around the agenda. All Bay Section members are encouraged to attend the a.m. pre-luncheon session. The Bay Section President's goals for 1993-94 will be based on our 1993-94 agenda.

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION PRESIDENT SUGGESTS LOBBYING EFFORT



JOE BRUCIA
President
San Joaquin

The San Joaquin Section is holding elections for a new slate of officers. Al Baum of the Fresno Department of Education has been nominated for President; John Byron, Vice President; Sam Vaughn, Treasurer; and Debra Daniels, Secretary. I'm sure this new team will lead our section through the changes of the '90's!

Speaking of changes, I have noticed that each year there are fewer attendance personnel employed by districts. Even the position "Supervisor, Child Welfare & Attendance" is being assigned to staff with other duties. Perhaps it's time for CASCWA to begin a lobbying effort. If we don't start now we may soon find ourselves without a job.

We're important, Let's stay a step ahead!

"NETWORKING UNLIMITED" THEME FOR FALL SACRAMENTO CONFERENCE



CHRIS MIZANI
President
Delta-Sierra

Hello!!

It is that time again to touch base with good friends in CASCWA. It is hard to believe this school year has almost concluded.

Did I say Fall Conference 1993!! Yes!

Delta Sierra is in full swing of the planning. Our theme is "Networking Unlimited". We are aware of the essential importance of keeping in touch and abreast of new ideas, laws, legislation, and profession in our field. Our conference will expound with this theme.

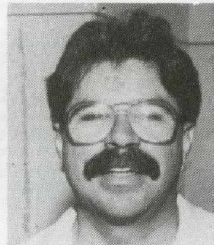
The dates for the Fall Conference are October 6-8th, 1993. The Sheraton Hotel will be our location here in Sacramento. This location is a new one for us, but I am sure everyone will be satisfied. The hotel is close to Historic Old Folsom and The Factory Outlet Mall. There will be plenty of new activities in our itinerary for this conference. (If the oval office says it is time for a change, we feel it is time for CASCWA to change with the times). One of the new additions to our conference is we planned a Cultural Enrichment Tour to Lake Tahoe. This event has limited bus space; therefore, get a reservation in early. This is a guaranteed information and networking session.

At the Palm Springs Conference we will have plenty of information to share with all interested people. Be sure to mark your calendars now!!!

In closing, I would like to request of our members that we begin scouting and invite new people into the organization. This is an opportune time with our conference coming up. We are in need of volunteers for several important tasks. If you know of someone who would be interested in the behind the scenes action of conference planning and interested in CASCWA. Please call Don Smith at 228-2490 or myself at 686-7760.

Look forward to seeing everyone in Palm Springs.

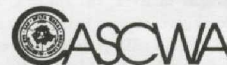
SPRING CONFERENCE MOVES TO MARQUIS HOTEL AND VILLAS



BILL STELZNER
President
Southern
Section

Many thanks to the conference committee Jane Mills, Karen Saunders, Agnes Moss, and chairperson Christine Smith! An increase in rates at our longtime conference hotel, The Autry, made it necessary to change locations. The committee located a terrific hotel at reduced rates. The Marquis Hotel is right in downtown Palm Springs, near everything! Suites, which can be shared with one other person are \$85. Villas, which will hold 4, (more with a roll-away), are \$120. We have arranged reserved rooms at this rate from Sunday through Wednesday. The address is 150 South Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs. You will need to make your own reservations at (619) 322-2121. Be sure to tell them you are with CASCWA.

Such a reasonable room rate means many of us can bring our families at this very premium time of year. See you at the conference!



RICHARD C. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The California Association of Supervisors, Child Welfare and Attendance, Delta Sierra Section, in May of 1986, established the Richard C. Davis Scholarship Award. An award of \$300.00 will be given annually to a "Recovered" high school senior planning to attend college or a vocational training school.

A "Recovered" student is defined as an eighteen-year-old or younger student returning to and graduating from high school, continuation high school, regional occupational program, community, or the juvenile court schools.

To be eligible for the award, a student must have attended a school in the Delta-Sierra Section (Sacramento, San Joaquin, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Amador, Sierra, Nevada, Colusa, Sutter, Plumas, Siskiyou, Shasta, Glenn, Tehama, Lassen, Modoc, Butte, Alpine, and Calaveras counties) of the State Association, and is planning to continue his/her education, or pursue advanced training to develop entry level skills leading towards gainful employment.

To apply for the award, the student must submit an application, a letter of recommendation from an attendance supervisor, principal, vice-principal, counselor or teacher and verification of the "Recovered" student's status towards graduation, acceptance in college, or a planned program for advanced training.

Applications MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30th, with the winner announced by MAY 15th. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the attendance supervisor of your school district or county office, or by writing to:
Richard Davis
6835 Riverside Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95831

CASCWA SPRING CONFERENCE
'A Time for Opportunity'

Daily Program & Schedule

REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, May 1, 1993

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sunday, May 2, 1993

8 AM REGISTRATION

10 AM TOURS

Betty Ford Center
Palm Springs Desert Museum

2 PM OPENING SESSION

Mr. Bill Stelzner, President
CASCWA Southern Section
Dr. William Diedrich, Superintendent
Palm Springs Unified School District

PRESENTATION

Can We All Get Along?
Cultural Diversity
Resolution

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

BANQUET: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Keynote Address: *Mathew Whitlock*, Director
First AME Church

Monday, May 3, 1993

OUTSTANDING WORKSHOPS:

- Family Treatment
- Cultural Diversity: Issues and Answers
- Working With Children With AIDS
- Sensitive Issues for Paraprofessionals
- Burbank Outreach Center
- Getting the Most From Your SARB
- Student Study Team Training
- Increased Parent Involvement

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Registration (Pre-registration deadline: APRIL 15, 1993)

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Tuesday, May 4, 1993

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Hear from the Experts...
Lee Lundberg, San Leandro Unified
John Gilroy, California Department
of Education

HERE'S WHAT AWAITS YOU AT PALM SPRINGS!

In addition to other workshops discussed in this issue, here is a sampling of what awaits you for professional growth at the Spring Conference.

Operation Attend School Regularly

This presentation will provide you with information about the Fresno County Board of Education project to insure that children attend school regularly. It will include involvement of Fresno County SARB.

Critical Issues for Paraprofessionals

This workshop will focus on techniques and systems designed to document district financial gain and other benefits from the services of paraprofessionals.

Making Your Local SARB Work

SARB missing that "something Extra" that makes it work? This workshop will highlight a SARB that combines communication, interagency collaboration and common sense, with a strong emphasis on "pre-SARB" interventions.

Student Study Team:

Collaboration for Successful Intervention

Here is one that really works! Recently highlighted on ETN, (the Educational Television Network), Moreno Valley Schools will discuss the elements that make their Student Body Teams successful. Their teams have become so well established in the district that board policy now requires referral to Study Body Team prior to consideration for retention, special education placement, or placement in any alternative program.

How To Improve Your Daily Attendance

This workshop will provide a comprehensive guide for improving the attendance at your school utilizing the 4R's:

- Recognition
- Review
- Remediation
- Referral

School Climate and Safety Through the Eyes of Middle School Students: Why, How, and What!

Here is a workshop you won't want to miss! It will describe the student view of a safe and welcoming school, describe the student data collection process, methods and tools being developed at UCSB. They will also share what students say about their schools based on research conducted throughout California since 1989.

EXCITING TOURS ARRANGED FOR THE PALM SPRINGS AREA

Don Holton, Past President of CASCWA has retired (If you want to call it that), in the Palm Springs area. He is a volunteer Docent at the Palm Springs Desert Museum, which is about one block from the Marquis Hotel.

Don will give a personalized tour of the museum for CASCWA members beginning at 10 a.m. in front of the hotel.

Jane Mills, State CASCWA Treasurer, also lives and works in the Palm Springs area. Jane has arranged for us to tour the Betty Ford Center.

If you have not been there, (as a visitor), this is a must-see tour!

RETIREES CORNER

Come to the conference; visit with old friends; keep up with what's going on! Monday afternoon of the conference will include meeting time for retirees. Be sure to invite friends/CASCWA retirees you are in contact with! We will be honoring a number of retirees with Honorary Life Membership.

Call Milton Dooley at (310) 922-6234 for further updates!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Always a general session of keen interest, Lee Lundberg, John Gilroy, and CASCWA area legislative representatives will discuss proposed legislation for 1993. This session will be Tuesday morning.

All legislation for this session has been proposed. Now it is time to look at support or opposition of pertinent bills, plus recommending amendments. Lee, John, and a lady from Brawley? will give us an update on all these suggested changes.

Of interest, there seem to be a number of "choice" bills again, and the reintroduction of several bills that were inadvertently "chapters out" by the Legislators. These include the reinstatement of special requirements when a student has a firearm on campus, and the extension of parental right for pupil to continue through grade 12 when on parent employment-related transfer.

JOHN GILROY TO PRESENT ACTUAL ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING

One Palm Springs conference general session, sure to be popular, will be a presentation by John Gilroy regarding actual attendance accounting, the permissive alternative method of attendance accounting. John assisted in writing the law and in implementing its passage. John will discuss the latest information regarding this optional alternative.

As you know, this is the method of attendance accounting, where you get paid only for those students attending school. You no longer will be paid for illness excused absences. There is a correction formula to your revenue limit to reimburse you for your history of excused absences, (with a cap).

CASCWA has fought for this legislation for over 13 years! Our interest is in getting kids in school, not encouraging parents to write false illness notes. Under this optional plan, children will be worth more, school districts will be more interested in getting children to school, and child welfare and attendance supervisors have a golden opportunity to assert themselves as the important leaders in programs to improve attendance.

If you have followed this legislation you will remember the 32 pilot schools that tried it in the early '80's. A review of the programs that worked and those that didn't showed they worked only if someone was in charge, who could explain the method to school administrators and keep interest high.



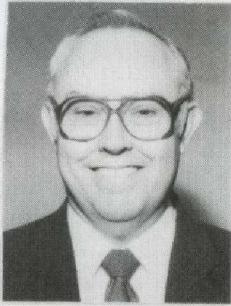
Last year, the state Legislature approved AB 3562, California Task Force on Juvenile Status Offenders. This legislation authorized the California Youth Authority to assemble a 32 member task force to review and make recommendations pertaining to status offenders. A number of CASCWA members are represented on this task force. These members would like to obtain input directly from CASCWA members that interface with status offenders on a regular basis. To achieve this, an interactive general session workshop has been planned for the CASCWA Conference in Palm Springs.

This is an opportunity for our organization to take a leadership role in changing the structure of the process which address status offenders.



LEGISLATION

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



LEE LUNDBERG
Chairperson
Legislation

The CASCWA Legislative Committee met in March, considered the following bills and recommends the following positions for CASCWA. If you have input on these or, any other legislature, contact your section representative to the committee or Lee Lundberg, personally.

AB19, Quakenbush- Oppose
This bill authorize school districts to admit pupils residing in another district to attend any school in that district. It would define a district of choice as a district that elects, by resolution, to accept interdistrict transfers. This resolution would be required to include the number of students the district is willing to accept, and assurance that students are selected through a random, unbiased process that is not based on students; academic or athletic ability.

AB56, Woodruff- Support
Sponsored by ACSA, this bill would revise current law funding provisions to provide that, for the 1995-96 fiscal year and on, the funding formula that is based on the foundation program for necessary small high schools would apply to all school districts that operate a continuation education high school for that fiscal year.

AB129, Collins Oppose
This bill would require the county welfare department to stop payments to an AFDC recipient whose child is not attending school or receiving a comparable education through a home program. It would provide that payments may be resumed when school records indicate the child has attended school, with no unexcused absences, (or has received home education), for three months.

AB149, Mountjoy Oppose
This bill would prohibit the expenditure of any state funds for the education in the public school system of undocumented aliens.

AB194, Richter Oppose
This bill would authorize pupils who attend schools that rank in the lowest quartile on statewide achievement tests for three consecutive school years, for the 1992-93 school year and on, to transfer to another public school that scores above the lowest quartile and has space available at the appropriate grade level. If no public school meeting those specifications is available within a reasonable distance of the child's home, the bill would authorize the parents to enroll the child in a participating private nonsectarian school.

AB198, W. Brown Watch
This bill would require that the current model school accountability report card, as required under Proposition 98, also include, as a school condition to be assessed, the degree to which students are prepared to enter the work force. It would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to consult with representatives of business and organized labor in the development of this condition.

AB261, Ferguson Support
This bill would establish the Cal Learn Program for parents under 19 years of age who are AFDC recipients: pay an additional \$50 per month for each month that the teen parent from an AFDC family attends high school or lower grades, or an equivalent vocational or technical training program, and reduce family's aid grant by \$50 for each month in which the teen parent has more than two (2) unexcused absences.

AB280, Collins Oppose
This bill would authorize a principal to expel any pupil on the grounds for expulsion under current law, and would allow that expulsion to be the personal decision of the principal and not be subject to appeal unless the school district's governing board establishes, as board policy, that existing laws relate to expulsion are applicable and that the principal shall not have such authority.

AB342, Boland Support
This bill would require the principal or superintendent to immediately suspend a pupil found in possession of a firearm at school or at a school activity off school grounds and to recommend that pupil's expulsion to the school board. It would also require the school board to expel that pupil or, as an alternative, refer that pupil to an alternative education program, whenever the principal or superintendent and the school board confirm that: the pupil was in knowing possession of the firearm; possession of the firearm was verified by a district employee; there was no reasonable cause for the pupil to be in possession of the firearm.

AB442, Collins Oppose
This bill would terminate parental custody if the parent in question has been convicted of three drug-related offenses within the past five years, and the child is determined to be truant according to the local school district or is not pursuing a comparable course of study through a home program.

AB539, Richter Support
This bill would require a principal or superintendent to immediately suspend a pupil found in possession of a firearm, either at school or at a school activity off school grounds, and to recommend expulsion of that pupil to the school board. It would also require the school board to expel that pupil if it is confirmed that the pupil was in knowing possession of the firearm.

AB600, Speier Approval
This bill would provide that any person convicted of the crime of intentionally blocking the entrance or exit of a school may also be held liable in a civil action for exemplary damages, in addition to any actual damages.

AB644, Allen Approve, if funded
This bill would require school districts and county offices to equip classrooms with two-way communication devices that can be used in the event of a medical emergency or a violent crime.

AB659, Moore Watch
This bill would prohibit any state or local agency from releasing the home address or home telephone number of a person contained in a public record, except records of registered voters, without authorization. However, law enforcement officials and news gathering organizations would not be required to obtain prior authorization.

AB824, Bates Support
This major welfare reform bill covers many areas. Of interest to schools, it would:
require that first priority for the At Risk Child Care Program, rename the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) program the California Workfare Program, and specify that pregnant and parenting teens have priority for services under that program, to the extent permitted by federal law.
Prohibit participants who fail to obtain unsubsidized employment after receiving education or training from receiving additional education or training until all other persons qualifying for those services have been served.

AB839, Baca Support
This bill would increase the penalty for graffiti on or in the facilities or vehicles of a governmental entity or public transportation system.

SB71, Hart Support
Beginning fiscal year 1996-97, this bill would change the attendance accounting for school apportionments for a system based on actual attendance to one based on enrollment.

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