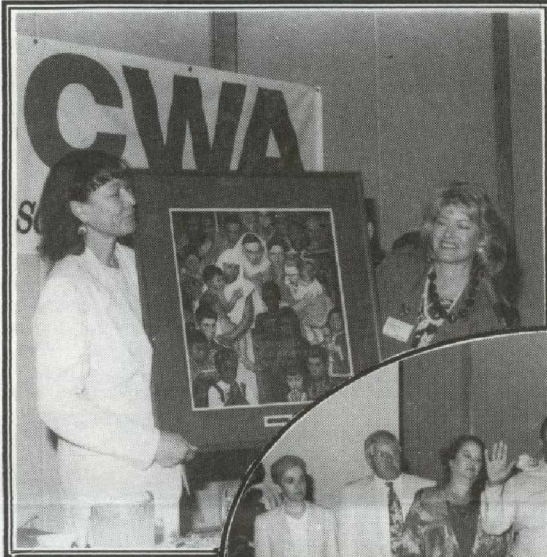




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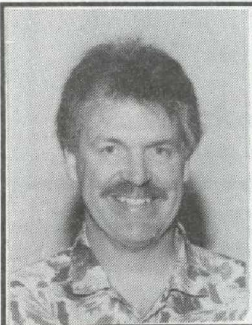
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**DELTA SIERRA WELCOMES CASCWA TO LAKE TAHOE'S
GRANLIBAKKEN FOR A DOUBLE HEADER:
State SARB Conference
CASCWA's "School Attendance: A New Direction".**

BURGESS SEES NEED TO Re VISION CASCWA



BOB BURGESS
CASCWA State
President

Four years ago last August, our then new state president, Jean Stovall, had to make a personal loan to the State Board in order to bankroll our first Executive Board meeting. Bill Booth, our *Intercom* editor, reflects that in February of 1988, when the State Board last revised the CASCWA Vision and Mission, there was concern for the continued existence of the organization.

We have cause to celebrate our renewal in the past several years, as reflected by increased membership and participation in CASCWA events. We need to recognize that, during this time, CASCWA remained a viable legislative lobby and advocate for children, school safety and other educational issues. The sections continue to sponsor state conferences and other regional events which provide practical information and addresses controversial issues. We have demonstrated that, despite all the factors which have and continue to threaten organizations like ours, CASCWA somehow proved resilient.

Emmy Werner's elegant description of the characteristics of the resilient child may shed light on some of our best qualities: "works well, plays well, loves well, expects well." The works of Wemer and other resiliency researches emphasize that resiliency requires a sense of something more important than self, and an optimistic sense or picture of one's place in the future. If this is true of individuals, it is also true of organizations such as ours. Some cutting-edge organizational theory suggests that viable organizations remain that way by being more driven by the "pull of the future" than the push of the past.

An organizational Vision and Mission Statement are vital components in responding to the "pull of the future" and are necessary to assure the resiliency integrity, and very existence of an organization.

William Hammond captured the essence of this principle when he wrote in *Global Mind Change* (1988), "Two stone cutters ... were engaged in similar activity. Asked what they were doing, one answered, 'I'm squaring up this block of stone.' The other replied, 'I'm building a cathedral.' The first may have been underemployed; the second was not. Clearly what counts is not so much what work a person does, but what he perceives he is doing it for."

In 1988, the State Executive Board developed these statements:

(A) CASCWA's VISION

To Develop and support safe, secure, peaceful and effective schools.

(B) CASCWA's MISSION

To serve as a source of information and an initiator of activities designed to maintain maximum student attendance and control in keeping with existing laws and student rights.

By its very nature, an organization's vision is dynamic and unfolding. Since the future is never clear, vital organizations must ReVision and rearticulate their mission

This process, in an organization as resilient as ours, has less to do with change of direction as renewal and reaffirmation of the culture and values which bond us. As this year's CASCWA president, my change to the State Executive Board is to explore our organization's purpose and structure and to ReVision the future of our organization.

Last May, at the Palm Springs conference, the Executive Board spent some time exploring the issues of the future direction of our organization, its purpose and viability of its current organizational structure. As a result of that brainstorming session, we produced six (6) vital questions which we intend to explore:

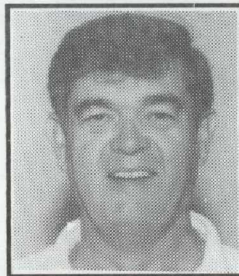
- (1) What are the mission and goals of CASCWA and what vehicles do we use to achieve them?
- (2) Membership - who are we and whom do we serve?
- (3) What are the greater realities impacting our organization and our mission and goals?
- (4) What is our (Executive Board) structure and the relationship between state sections?
- (5) How do we best utilize our financial and human resources?
- (6) How do we relate to non-CWA professionals, organizations, collaboratives?

In August, the 1995-96 State Executive Board began to explore these issues and will continue to do so at Granlibakken in Lake Tahoe, this October. We are restructuring our agenda and meeting process to consciously invest more time on strategic issues and planning.

I encourage each of you to share your ideas on the above six questions with any member of the State Executive Board which includes your Section President. I will encourage your Section President to discuss these issues with you during the year.

CASCWA has a tradition of being more than a maintenance organization and has often had a hand in redefining political and educational issues, changing conventional thinking and positively impacting the future. Achieving "maximum student attendance" and serving as "a source of information" are means, they are the blocks we are squaring up. The questions we must ask ourselves are, "what are we building?" and "for what purpose?"

REPORT TO CASCWA FROM ALLIANCE OF PUPIL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS



BOB BRAZIL
CASCWA Representative to
CAPSO

CAPSO has been actively pursuing the implementation its 1995-96 goals (see the Spring 95 Intercom) with activities calling attention to regulations related to the misassignment of certificated educators, particularly those in the Pupil Personnel Services positions.

The first effort was to do an analysis of the waiver of credentials that was granted by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. CTC took over from the State Department of Education in June of 1994, from June of 1994 until the end of March, 1995. During this period 45 Pupil Personnel Services and one school nurse's credentials were waived.

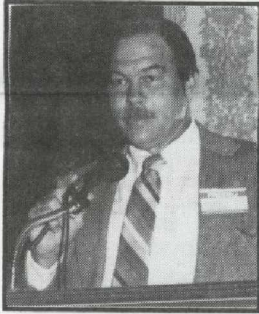
On June 1, 1995, all CAPSO representatives, as a delegation, made a presentation to the CTC Committee Credentialing and Certificated Assignments. The

Commission was commended for the appropriateness of the waivers they had granted. Problem areas and issues regarding misassignment, fragmentation of services, exclusion of credentialed support service staff in planning, confusion in differing levels of professional preparation i.e. licensed, credentialed, intern, degree only, etc., and confidentiality/communication were presented. Solutions and areas of possible CTC support were also presented.

CTC has authorized the formation of a Committee on Authorized Assignments (CAA). This committee will be an integral part of the implementation of regulations related to misassignment of certificated personnel. Many counties are forced to report the names of school administrators who have assigned personnel to unauthorized positions and have not corrected the assignments when notified by the county. CTC attempts to enter into a Compliance Agreement with the school district for correcting the misassignments. A primary purpose of the CAA will be to review the issues when a Compliance Agreement has not been reached or has been violated. CAPSO has requested the Commission insure that there is an adequate pupil personnel and child welfare and attendance representation on the CAA.

For more information or a copy of the text of the CAPSO presentation to CTC, contact your CASCWA Section President.

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION PLANS TRADITIONAL BASS LAKE RETREAT



GIL AWALT
President, San Joaquin Section

Well the school year is upon us again!! I trust everyone took the opportunity to spend time away from the office, rest and are prepared to start the new school year with renewed energy and vigor. The San Joaquin Section has plans for a busy year with the Bass Lake Workshop on September 29 & 30 as the kick off activity for the year. Contact me at 297-7383 for more information, or Sam Vaughn at 538-0144 to confirm your reservation. Bass Lake's agenda will focus on **Job Sharing** and developing the section activity calendar for the year.

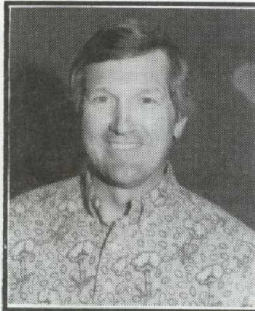
The San Joaquin Section will be hosting the Spring State Conference in May. Tentatively the dates are May 1, 2, & 3 or May 7, 8, & 9. The topics will focus on **"Youth out of School"**. Our intent is to utilize a multi strand approach with interagency assistance from CASCWA, SARB, CSJOA, CADRA, State Department of Education, Law Enforcement, and Social Services, to name a few. This will be a monumental task but I know the San Joaquin Section is well known for it's outstanding CASCWA conferences and this year's conference will be one of the best.

Block out the following dates on your calendar for these one day workshops. Tuesday, October 10, 1995, the Fresno County District Attorney's office will conduct an evening presentation on **"Child Abduction"**. Friday, November 17, 1995, will feature the Fresno CRASH Unit in **"Gangs Revised"** and the Alcohol Beverage Control Unit will provide information about programs they are conducting. Friday, January 26, 1995, **"Legislative Update"** for school administrators and law enforcement personnel. Friday, April 19, 1996, **"Computer Crimes"**

featuring the latest information on how individuals are using technology to commit crimes. For more information on this workshops contact Jeral Richardson at (209) 297-7383

We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the 1996-95 school year.

SOUTHERN SECTION TO STRESS LEGAL ISSUES



PHIL KAUBLE
President
Southern Section

Southern Section CASCWA is off and running. Following our annual planning retreat on August 25, members of the executive board have clearly moved into a productive mode.

Our goals for the 1995-96 school year are meaningful and straight forward:

To Provide Meaningful Communication and Services Which Benefit Southern Section Members; and

To Serve and Be Of Value

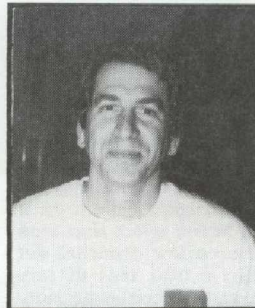
Efforts toward accomplishing the above goals are well underway. First, we have established a series of

luncheons and legal forums that will feature prominent school law attorneys. Our first luncheon/forum is scheduled for Friday, November 31, 1995, and will feature Mr. Ron Wenkart, Chief Deputy County Counsel, currently assigned to the Orange County Office of Education. Our second luncheon, scheduled for Friday, December 1, 1995, will feature Mr. Howard Friedman an Assistant General Counsel, Los Angeles Unified School District. Both of our featured speakers have earned acclaim in the area of school law. In addition, we will be scheduling two additional luncheon/forums during the second half of the school year.

A very special project that will soon reach completion is a newly developed publication on truancy laws. Southern Section is very proud to announce that this publication will be dedicated in memory to one of CASCWA's finest, Milton Dooley. Additional information regarding the availability of the Truancy Publication will be forthcoming in the near future.

Finally, I have agreed to serve a two-year term as President of Southern Section CASCWA and I look forward to working with and serving a wonderful group of people.

BAY SECTION WILL HOST LEGISLATORS



JIM BURCIO
President
Bay Section

The Bay Section executive board has spent the last three months developing a kickoff Membership Conference that will be held at the Alameda County Office of Education in Hayward. This annual event has served us well the past two years and strengthens our informal Bay Area network. Our conference will feature the legislative viewpoints of local Assemblywoman Liz Figueroa and Assemblyman Mike Sweeney. Michael Jett, Deputy Secretary for Children's Programs, will attend to the

governor's policy on Children's Safety and Welfare.

Several counties in our section have little or no court support in dealing with truancy. Part of our conference will focus on a successful truancy court being used as an extension of the SARB process in Santa Clara County. Judge Lawrence Terry, County Probation Terry Mullen, and County Sheriff Chuck McCoy will outline their program.

Providing a current update on the expulsion process regarding special education students, will be Linda Bourgaize, Special Education Director in the Fremont Unified School District. Rounding off the one day conference will be an update on the California Safe School Assessment Program by Pat Hanson, Training Manager for the new crime reporting process.

Bay Section hopes to provide a useful membership kickoff conference that will meet the needs of CWA's as well as other job related positions.



A LEGAL MEMORANDUM - SPECIAL

Recently, by a decision of 5-4, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a case called *U.S. v. Lopez* that a federal law involving guns and schools was unconstitutional. The decision has upset some educators and other people concerned about the danger presented to students by guns.

It has also caused some confusion because the Congress had, in fact, passed two acts on this subject and the Supreme Court ruled only one of them unconstitutional.

The Gun-Free School Zones Act (18 U.S.C. Sec. 922 (g)) enacted in 1990 was a *criminal law* which made it unlawful for anyone to possess a firearm in a "school zone," defined to be an area within 1,000 feet of the grounds of any school, public, private, or parochial. Violations of the law were made punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and fine of \$5,000. (18 U.S.C. Sec. 924(a)(4)). It was this Act that the Supreme Court found to be unconstitutional. The reason was that the only basis for enacting such a law is the so called "interstate commerce" clause of the U.S.. Constitution, and the Court found that there was insufficient connection with interstate commerce to warrant such an enactment involving guns.

Educators should be aware, however that Congress passed another law just last year similarly entitled the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994. This law was a part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, which itself was part of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

It is this law, which requires every state to have in effect by October 20, 1995, a state law requiring local educational agencies to expel from school for a period of not less than one year any student who is determined to have brought a weapon to school. (An exception is made for students with disabilities under either the IDEA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, who can be expelled for only 45 days.) The state laws may also permit the local education agency's chief executive officer (presumably its superintendent) to modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. *This law is still in full effect and was not at issue in the Lopez case.* The earlier criminal act would have covered anyone within 1,000 feet of any school property, while the education law concerns only students who bring guns into a public school receiving federal funds. The effect of the Supreme Court's decision in the *Lopez* case should, therefore, not be considered as serious as many may believe.

WOMAN JAILED FOR ASSAULTING SARB MEMBERS

A Beaumont woman was arrested for assaulting the city's interim police chief Tuesday after he and school representatives went to her home to ask why her daughter has missed 68 days of school, police said yesterday.

Teresa Rodriguez, 30, remained at the Banning Correctional Facility last night in lieu of \$10,000 bail for assault and battery, on a peace officer. Interim Beaumont Police Chief Sgt John Acosta said the woman assaulted him when he tried to go inside her home to make sure the suspect's 6-year-old daughter was OK. He is a member of Beaumont Unified School District's Student Attendance Review Board, which monitors student attendance and contacts parents whose children are overly truant. "School officials had made several attempts to find out why the child was not attending school. They never got a response. The last resort is for the board to go there as a group," he said.

Acosta, Beaumont High School Assistant Principal Wayne Hackney and another board member went to the Rodriguez home at around 11 a.m. Tuesday. Acosta said Rodriguez swore at him and the school officials and slammed the door. He and the other board members walked away from the house and, after a short discussion, Acosta decided to do a home inspection, he said. When Rodriguez refused and tried to slam the door again, Acosta pushed the door open, he said.

The woman told him he needed a search warrant, but Acosta said he replied that no warrant was needed because he had reason to believe that her child may be in danger, he said. "I felt that at this point I did have good cause to enter the house without a warrant," he said. When he made that decision, he said, he was acting both as a concerned member of the board and as a law enforcement officer. He said the woman was bruised under her arm and he was scratched during the short pushing match at the door. The woman threatened to sue Acosta and the police department after the scuffle, he said. "This is my third year on the board and this is the most violent one that I've had," he said. "Other ones get a little mouthy, but after I explain to them the facts, then they comply."

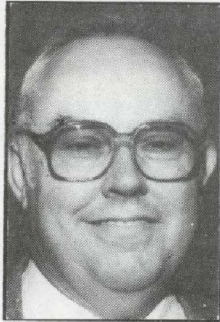
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Sorry, Tom Black; your picture wouldn't fit on the front page so your receiving the San Joaquin Section Service Award gets special treatment on page 3, instead. Other pictures: Lillie Wilson receives State Award, Shari Lawson finally gets her plaque for her 1989-90 award. Fern Williams, honoree for Southern Section. Center section: New officers for 1995-96 are sworn in by outgoing president Lillie Wilson.



LEGISLATION



LEE LUNDBERG
Legislative Chairman

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You may call the Sacramento Bill room at (916) 445-2323 for a copy of the bills you want to review. These bills are in process

Bill Number	Chapter	Author	Position*	Subject
AB 49		Hawkins	S	Expulsion for Firearms
AB 265		Alpert	S	Hours Community Schools
AB 618		Morrow	A	Expulsion Subpoenas
AB 620	95	Gallegos	S	Parent Involvement
AB 624		Allen	S	Gunfree Zones
AB 625		Allen	A	juvenile
AB 687	309	Goldsmith	S	Residence Verification/ International
AB 692		Napolitano	W	Local Alternative Programs Expelled
AB 790	89	Cannella	S	Intra-Policy
AB 922		Friedman	W	Expulsion: Alternative Placement
AB 1217		Martinez	S	Assault on Employee Reporting
AB 1222	128	Martinez	S	Weapons; Dirks and Daggers
AB 1344	163	Sweeney	S	Crimes on School Property
AB 1513		Villaraigosa	W	Safety and Discipline
AB 1721		Ducheny	W	Student Records
SB 102	19	Hughes	S	Truancy Redefined
SB 232	205	Hughes	S	Reporting Crimes
SB 604	72	Rosenthal	S	Boot Camp
SB 629		Hughes	W	Curriculum - Special Programs for Violent Pupils
SB 691		Hayden	W	Assault Reports
SB 822	410	Dills	S	School Crime Reporting Programs
SB 944		Johnston	S	Community School Finance
SB 966		Johnston	A	Community Schools/Firearms
SB 1153		O'Connell	A	Tax Check-Off DARE
SB 1169		Lockyer	W	Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program
SB 1170	311	Lockyer	W	Healthy Start Plus Pregnancy Prevention

***Positions**

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - A NEW DIRECTION

CASCWA/State SARB Conference
October 11, 12, & 13, 1995
Granlibakken - Lake Tahoe

Wednesday, October 11:

- 8:00 - 4:30 Registration
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 - 4:30 State SARB Mini-Institute
- 5:00 Granlibakken /President's Reception
- 6:30 - 9:00 Dinner

Thursday, October 12:

- 8:00 - 12:00 Registration
- 7:30 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:30 General Session-Welcome

Keynote Speaker: Catherine Minicucci (Author of: "Dropping Out - Losing Out")

- 9:45 - 10:45 A. Suspensions/Expulsions Zero Tolerance
- B. Open Enrollment
- C. Grant Writing Strategies
- D. The Burbank Outreach Center
- E. Caregivers Affidavits
- F. SARB - How to Support & Build Your Program
- G. Special Ed/Expulsion
- H. Schoolless Students
- 11:00 - 12:00 Lunch
- 12:15 - 1:30 CASCWA Business
- 1:45 - 2:45 State SARB Workshops
 - I. Tahoe Prevention Network
 - J. Alternative Programs
 - K. D.A. Mediation Program
 - L. SARTS, SARB, High Risk Youth Workshops
 - M. Placer County Peer Court
 - N. Police Diversion Program
 - O. Rio Vista Project
 - P. Butte County Safe School Assessment Project
- 3:00 - 4:00 Dinner
- 6:30 - 9:00 Dinner

Friday, October 13:

- 7:30 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 - 10:00 Schoolless Youth Panel Presentation and Whitepaper
- 10:00 - 11:00 Safe Schools - As Part of the Greater Consolidated Planning Process
- 11:00 - 11:30 Legislative Update

From Southern California (Highway 99): Take Highway 99 to Highway 50 West and then Highway 20 along the North Shore of Lake Tahoe to Tahoe City. Turn left at the stop light and follow the above directions.
From Central California (Highway 50): Take Highway 89 North to the West Shore of Lake Tahoe (closed often during winter). Granlibakken Road is the first turn on the left past the "7-11" store. If you reach the stop light in Tahoe City you have gone too far.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CATHERINE MINICUCCI
(Author of "Dropping Out - Losing Out")

Conference Outcome: A WHITEPAPER ON SCHOOLS' CHILDREN

WHERE : Granlibakken, Tahoe City

WHEN : October 11, 12 & 13, 1995

REGISTRATION : Call Linda Shohet at Granlibakken at 1-900-552-4494

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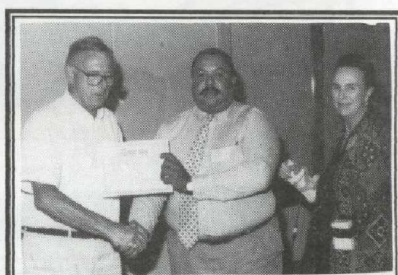
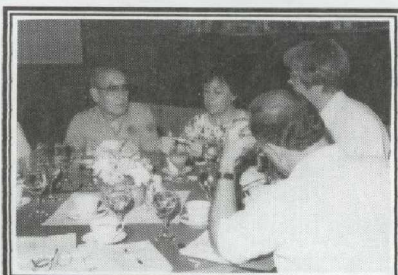
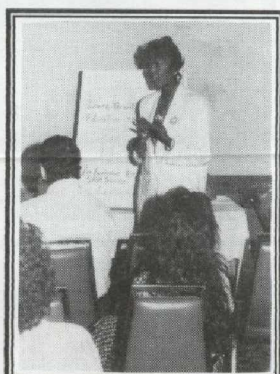
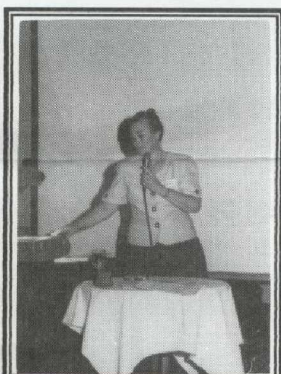
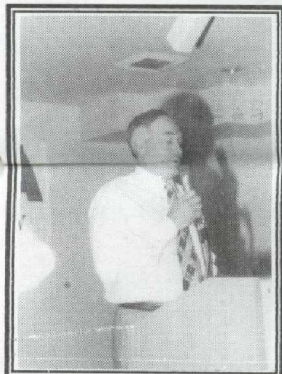
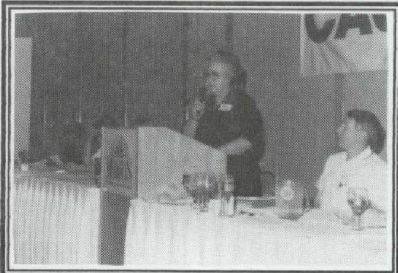
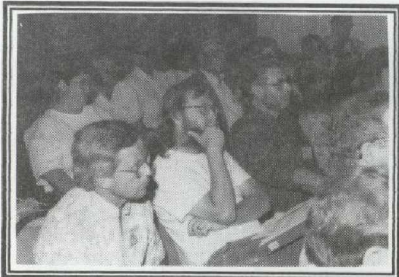
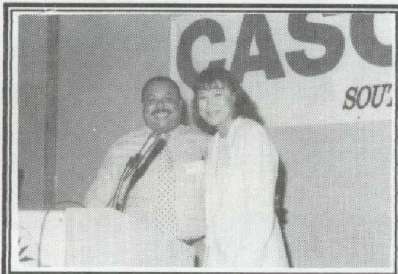
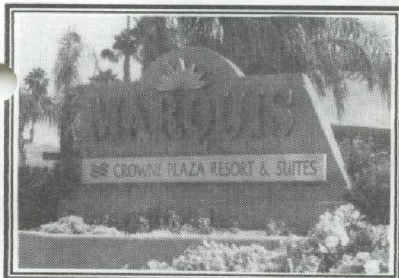
Karen Chapman at 916-889-5958
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COST : Conference Registration - \$95.00
Room Accommodations - varies *

*Accommodations include - 2 nights lodging, 2 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners & more...

TO GRANLIBAKKEN

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Palm Springs Conference Pictures : Top to bottom, left to right

(1) Marquis Hotel was our gracious host ; Past presidents Bass and Wilson relax ; Let's face it, these are the ones who did the work ! (2) Audience appears intrigued ; Shari tells it all for the Legislation Committee ; Tad Kitada helps the Executive Board deal with heavy items (3) Bill Ybarra and Karen Chaffin brag about Southern Section; Speakers provided plenty of food for thought. (4) New CASCWA P resident Burgess and New Bay Section President Burcio discuss plans ; Marquis provided excellent meals-enjoyed by all. Greg Bass presents Jack Ericson his long overdue honorary life award; This last picture is pure vanity: your editor has a moment of glory.

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