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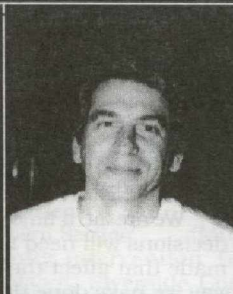
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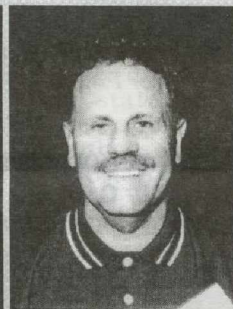
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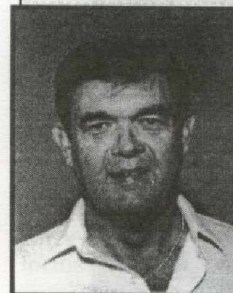
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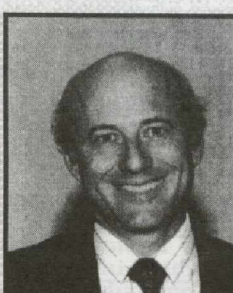


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**YOUR CASCWA EXECUTIVE BOARD
1997-1998**

PRESIDENT AWALT ASKS FOR YOUR VOTE ON THE FUTURE OF OUR CONFERENCES



GIL AWALT
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Dear Colleagues:

It is unbelievable how time flies by and things change. It only seems like yesterday we were all at South Lake Tahoe enjoying each others camaraderie and getting updated on all the latest information. Now Christmas and the New Year have both come and gone.

We are at a time when decisions will need to be made that affect the entire

membership and in the way we have done things in the past. We have updated our web site and are attempting to increase the communications network. Our constitution is in need of being updated and it is planned that the Constitution Committee will have the recommendations ready for the conference in Fresno.

At the fall State board meeting it was proposed that we move from our current format of two conferences a year (fall in the North and spring in the South) to one conference a year with the host being the State President's Section. Each section president was to poll his/her section regarding the proposed change and bring this information to the State Board Meeting in October.

At the State Board Meeting in October the vote was split. Two sections voted for one conference and two sections voted for two conferences. This matter has still not been resolved and I am very concerned about the reduction of services to the membership and the financial status of the organization

Because this decision effects the entire membership I am asking that you fill out the following survey and mail it or FAX your response to me as soon as possible. Our next Executive Board meeting is January 23, 1998 in Sacramento.

Name _____

Section: _____

OPTIONS: Circle or place a check mark by your choice :

Proposal Hold one CASCWA State Conference each year. The Conference will be held in the Spring with the host being the State President's section. A Constitutional change would be required. Each section would only host a State CASCWA Conference once every four years which would have an effect on the local membership attending a conference.

Option 1 If we were to consider having only one conference next year on a trial basis, according to the conference rotation schedule, Bay Section could pass on hosting a Fall conference and the Spring conference would be hosted by the Southern Section. **No constitutional change would be needed for this option.** However, both the state and the Bay Section would lose revenue normally generated from the conference. In addition, the local membership would not be Serviced (ie San Joaquin and Delta Sierra Sections which are within driving distance.)

Option 2 The CASCWA State Executive Board hosts the conferences. They would do all the planning and work on the conference and derive all the revenues from the conference.

A Constitutional change would be required. As it currently stands, the Sections do a 60/40 split of the profits derived from the conference hosted by their section.

Option 3 Leave the two State CASCWA Conferences each year as they currently exist. **No Constitutional change would be required for this option.**

Mail to: Gilford Awalt 1465 David E. Cook Way,
Clovis CA, 93611 or FAX to (209) 297-4570

RICH DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER IS PRESENTED TO CASCWA FALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS



And what a presentation it was ! Beth Jones was introduced to the conference as the Richard Davis Scholarship Award winner and was asked to say a few words. Beth, as the winner of the award was chosen as a student who had experienced difficulty in school, but who had overcome it , and had placed herself in a position of looking forward to a bright future. If making a powerful presentation is any indication of future success (and it is!) Beth's future

is assured. She impressed a group that is not easily impressed.

There can be no doubt that working in the field of CWA can, at times be discouraging, but to see such a product of the efforts of CWA people, and school people in general, (and, of course, Beth) makes all of us swell with pride, knowing that the effort is worth it. **Congratulations** to Beth, and may your future be as bright as it's promise.



SAN JOAQUIN SECTION ENJOYED THE FALL CONFERENCE AND PLANS FOR THE SPRING



GAYLEN WRIGHT

President

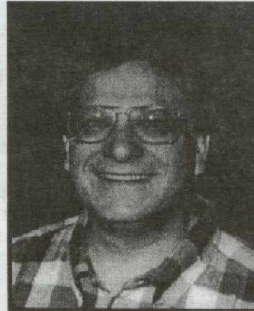
San Joaquin Section

October 8 through October 10 were wonderful days! Delta Sierra is awesome! What a great conference! Rob Gerig, how did you and your compatriots do it? San Joaquin Section is busy getting ready for the Spring 1998 Conference in Fresno. Thus, I see how much work is involved in getting ready for a statewide event. I appreciated the sentiments of those who proposed a single annual conference due to the practical concerns of getting up and running in your home districts at the beginning of the school year.

Gil Awalt, Bill Basacker, Greg Bass, Tom Black, John Bryon, Joe Brucia, Tom Cruz, Darel Mehrten, Nancy Pettus, Ruben Rodriguez, Thomas Russell, Jean Stovall, and Phil Swearingen have formed the core of the planning and organizing team. What an impressive group of hard workers! John Burton and Lillie Wilson have enthusiastically agreed to be major players at the conference. Thanks! Others of you wonderful people will also be asked to assist. Things are shaping up nicely. Our leadership has exceptionally competent talent to call upon up and down the State and your willingness to share of yourselves truly represents the heart of CASCWA. Hopefully, this issue of Intercom will have space to carry our advertising flier and advanced registration forms.

As I write, Christmas is near. Here, at Madera Unified, the mood is somewhat somber. In the past few weeks, two untimely student deaths have shaken us and have reminded us of the preciousness of life. One junior high student excused himself from basketball practice and slumped over dead apparently from a congenital heart condition. A high school student became involved in a fight in a locker room, collapsed, and died from massive cerebral hemorrhage due to some vessel abnormalities. His organs have saved the lives of four persons across the State. May the Comforting Spirit of the season be yours.

SOUTHERN SECTION MOVES INTO HIGH GEAR



MARK MICHAELS

President

Southern Section

Southern Section is in high gear as we say goodbye to 1997 and race into the new year. In November, Southern Section held its first Legal Educational Forum of the school year. James Curtis, Deputy District Attorney for Riverside County, discussed "Early Intervention in the Juvenile Justice System." Kindy Stumpp, principal of Perris High School Satellite Center effectively presented information- on MAYC IT (MultiAgency Youth Community Intervention Team). We are grateful to Betty Folsom, Riverside County Office of Education, for hosting this excellent event.

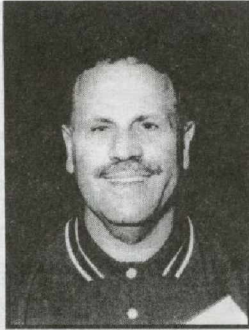
In December, Karen Saunders hosted the Southern Section executive board meeting in Marina Del Rey. The ambiance was superb and the meeting was highly productive. Thank you, Karen. In January, the executive board will travel to Long Beach Unified School District. We're looking forward to kicking off the new year with our CASCWA colleague, Alta Cooke.

We are anticipating the second Legal Educational Forum which will be hosted by Frank Boehler. Mark your calendars for February 6, 1998. The topic will be Implementation of SB 187, authored by Senator Teresa Hughes. Felice Tanenbaum, Senior Consultant to Senator Hughes, will discuss this landmark legislation with CASCWA members and school site administrators who are responsible for establishing policies and procedures for making their campuses safe. Participants will receive packets containing practical ideas which can be adapted to meet specific needs at their schools. For further information regarding this informative workshop, please call Frank Boehler at (714) 997-6131.

Our Southern Section newsletter is the primary means of communicating with our membership. The Fall edition of the CASCWA Connection featured articles on welfare reform and hate messages via the internet, submitted by James Shaw, secretary; teen curfew laws and school uniforms, submitted by Cecil Munsey, treasurer; guidelines for juvenile court witnesses, submitted by Karen Saunders, LAUSD; alternative education programs in Pomona, submitted by Juanice Thomas, paraprofessional representative; master plan for school safety, submitted by Gus Frias, LACOE; and a legislative update submitted by Lorraine Kobett, legislative committee chairperson. Thanks again' to Fern Zahlen and Barbara Causee for making this an outstanding publication.

Southern Section has established a scholarship program for deserving students who are leaving high school and who will be continuing their education. CASCWA members may nominate students who have benefited from the services of a CWA professional.

DELTA SIERRA SECTION COMPLETES FALL CONFERENCE, BEGINS NEW PROJECTS



ROB GERIG

President
Delta-Sierra Section

auction and raffle to benefit the Richard Davis Scholarship.

Delta Sierra will be extremely busy with many regional workshops and activities. We will be venturing north to welcome Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte Counties with a mini conference in Chico on January 31, 1998. The conference will focus on legislative updates for 1998 and SARB practices. Later in the spring we will be presenting workshops on Cal WORKS and school attendance and the reauthorization of the IDEA as it relates to discipline of special education students.

Delta Sierra will be actively reviving its leadership with new executive committee members. We would like to welcome Lee Wood from the Butte County Office of Education especially for her active involvement with Delta Sierra and especially helping us to revitalize the participation of our northern counties. Way to go, Lee!

BAY SECTION PLANS AHEAD



ELLEN THOMPSON

President
Bay Section

to hold a well attended planning meeting with Bay Section members. I'm using a lot of the material from the sessions and the conference "goodies" were the best ever.

Bay Section met on December 12 at the Santa Clara County Office of Education in an attempt to increase attendance in that area of our section. Twenty members registered for a session with Steve Smith of

Delta Sierra Section is recovering after a successful, informative, and fun filled conference in Lake Tahoe. Conference highlights included an inspiring presentation by a former Richard Davis Scholarship awardee. This young person who might have been our "worst nightmare" made us all renew our belief that it is worth it. Other highlights included a synopsis of Cal WORKS and the new attendance requirement, great workshops, a dinner dance and of course the silent

Mandated Cost Systems and to hear about grant opportunities from the State Department. Thanks to Ron Kinniger, Pajaro Valley Unified, and Ray Jimenez, Morgan Hill Unified, for the speaker and room arrangements.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 27 at the Hayward Fishery in Dublin and is tentatively set to feature a presentation on the new attendance accounting requirements for next year. Also calendar April 3 and June 5 for section meetings. The location and topics will be announced soon.

All of you who chair expulsion hearings and haven't had a summer vacation since mandatory expulsions went into effect might like to know that my supervisor, Ken Duckert, Assistant Director, Student Services/Special Education is proposing a change to Education Code 48918. We would like to extend the number of days beyond 40 during the summer recess before the School Board must take final action on a recommendation for expulsion. Our Board is particularly hopeful that they too might be able to take the month of July off. More details will follow as the proposal takes shape. If you wish more information or to comment call 510-682-8000 extension 4069 for Ken or same number but extension 4060 for me.

A CWA SUPERVISOR'S TOP TEN LINKS

By Joe Brucia

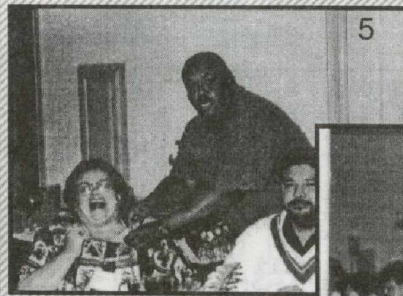
John Burton was right! Once you start using the Internet, you can't get along without it. My desktop computer is on eight hours a day with my own bookmarked screen. Our office is cabled so I don't have to worry about phone lines. How often do I access a web site? I can't really tell you. It has become part of my routine similar to using a calculator or phone. For example, instead of trying to find an address on the city map, I just "map it" on the Internet. The streets are even big enough so I can read them!

Although I have everything I need with John Burton's site, I have identified nine other sites that I can go to directly. This saves valuable time by eliminating screens. Obtaining the address links was easy. I got them all from John's site! I personally use the "California Senate Bill Service" and "California Education Code" the most. Oh yes, my screen saver is Pointcast (<http://www.pointcast.com>) This is like a newspaper that keeps me posted throughout the day on the latest news, weather, sports, and even parenting information. Incidentally, if you're going to Fresno for the State Spring Conference you'll need this address: <http://fresnoonline.com/cvb/>

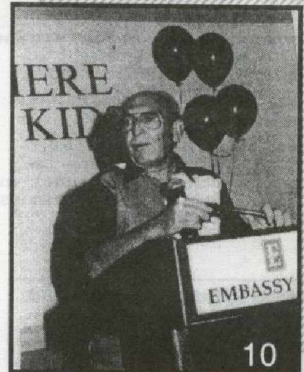
JOE BRUCIA'S STUDENT LAW FILE

Top ten legal links for California administrators working with minors!

John Burton School Law Links
U.S. Department of Education
California Bill Service
Cecil Greek Criminal Justice Page
ACSCA Bill Summaries
Special EDLAWs
California Education Code
YAHOO Maps, Address, Phone #'s
California State Department of Education
ALTA VISTA SEARCH



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LEGISLATION

This is a listing of significant bills passed, signed and chaptered in the 1997 legislative session. You may call the Sacramento Bill Room at (916) 445-2323 for a copy of the bills you want to review. Space does not allow complete discussion; These are the briefest of notations. Please obtain the complete bill from the bill room or the Internet

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
AB 51	Murray	1 (urgency)	AB 1579	Strom-Martin	296
	Crimes: Places of worship. Makes violence against a place of worship punishable as a hate crime			Provides funds for grants for staff development.	
AB 58	Escutia	740	AB 1610	Ortiz and Alby	588
	Extends Special Ed sunset date		AB 1612	Ortiz and Alby	589
AB132	Campbell	86		Both concern notification by Dept Justice of new employee's criminal record	
	Requires policy and notification to parents if Internet is to be accessed by students,		SB 187	Hughes	736
AB 259	Scott	417		Unites all existing statutes regarding school safety, adds requirement that all school districts and county offices be responsible for overall development of safety plans. School site councils to be involved. Includes assessment requirements, grants, and fines for failure to comply.	
	Allows administrative panel or hearing officer for County Board expulsion appeals		SB 316	Hayden	811
AB 307	Kaloogian	405		Establishes Student Academic Partnership Program. Encourages tutoring	
	Adds terroristic threats to 48900.7 expellable/suspendible offenses.		SB 727	Rosenthal	855
AB 381	Takasugi and Machado	882		Long sought CASCWA legislation which requires that all school districts and county offices convert to a system of actual attendance accounting. Provides mechanics and criteria for basic attendance calculations. Effective July 1, 1998	
	Requires immunization for Hepatitis B for initial school entrance.		SB 804	O'Connell	298 urgency
AB 412	Wildman and Mazzoni	637		Changes allowances for Class size reduction programs and changes application times.	
	Adds "willfully" to force and violence provision of EC 48900		SB 805	Alpert	357
AB 568	Lempert	918		Increases fines for sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, requires posting notice of fines for sale and purchase	
AB 572	Caldera	912	SB 1050	Alpert	909
	Both bills concern the school accountability report card; increases reporting items, and requires publication on Internet			County boards of supervisors to establish At-risk Youth Early Intervention Programs on cooperative basis. No funding.	
AB 572	Migden	879	SB 1095	Lockyer	340 urgency
	Prohibits advertising tobacco within 1000 yards of a school; local authorities may make more restrictive; local decisions apply.			Appropriates \$350,000 for establishment of High Risk Youth Education and Public safety Program. Aimed at youth at risk of becoming repeat offenders.	
AB 963	Keeley	885	SB 1329	Leslie	760
	Establishes THE CALIFORNIA GANG, CRIME, AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM. Provides funding for programs aimed at early intervention for identified high risk areas and children			Requires that drivers' licenses issued to minors be provisional, both instructional and regular. Restricts driving times for minors, and passenger transportation without supervision.	
AB 1152	Poochigian	267			
	Increases penalties for juvenile custody escape				
AB 1542	Thompson	270			
	Welfare Reform recasts the state's welfare system, imposes new requirements on various agencies (including school districts). Changes AFDC to CalWORKS and TANF. Requires school attendance for mandated children, specifies many work and personal development requirements, after school programs, welfare-to-work programs, establishes Comprehensive Youth Services Act. This is a must read for all CWA personnel.				

Fall Conference Snapshots 1) The Embassy; gorgeous place! 2) The Southerners have a meeting 3) Rob Gerig and friends put the thing together 4) Oops! Again? 5) Greg horses around 6) An attentive audience 7) President Gil holds forth 8) The registration gang - thanks! 9) Shirley Abrams expounds on SARB 10) Stovall tells us where we've been 11) Greg again with his ever-present raffle tickets 12) Attendees enjoy the banquet Middle picture: South Tahoe High Band; good dancing.

STATE CWA CONFERENCE
 Priority Registration Form
 Thursday, April 30 & Friday, May 1, 1998
 Ramada Inn
 324 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710

NAME: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR AGENCY: _____

SECTION:	Membership Fee	Amt. Each	Amt.
Bay	_____	_____	_____
Delta Sierra	_____	_____	_____
San Joaquin	_____	_____	_____
Southern	_____	_____	_____
Registration includes lunches.			Subtotal
Conference Registration for 1997-1998 Members.	\$100	Amount Enclosed	_____
Conference Registration with 1998-1999 Membership: Registration fee includes CASCWA membership and Intercom subscription for one person.	\$130	_____	_____
Conference Registration for Retired Members.	\$40	_____	_____
Conference Registration for Non-Members who do not wish to become members.	\$140	_____	_____
Conference Registration for One Day Only: This registration allows one person to attend all session for one day.	_____	_____	_____
Registration includes Luncheon on Thursday.	\$80	_____	_____
Registration includes Luncheon on Friday.	\$70	_____	_____
I request a vegetarian lunch Thursday. _____ yes	_____	_____	_____
I request a vegetarian lunch Friday. _____ yes	_____	_____	_____
Total Enclosed			_____

Registration fee must accompany this form. **NO Purchase Orders accepted for registration.**
 No Refunds after April 1, 1998.

Make checks payable to: CASCWA
 CWA & Police Services, Clovis Unified School District, Attention Anita
 1465 David E. Cook Way, Clovis, CA 93611
 (209) 297-7383 or FAX (209) 297-4570

Conference Headquarters/Hotel Reservations
 Ramada Inn, 324 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710

If you plan to stay overnight call (209) 224-4040 or 1-800-228-2828 for reservation or FAX to (209) 222-4017. Room rates are \$64.00 for single or double occupancy. Make your room reservations early.

California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare & Attendance
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"Succeeding Through Knowledge, Feelings & Communication Skills"

Two Jam Packed Days of Practical Proven Strategies
 Related to Student Discipline & Attendance
 Handouts! Handouts! Handouts!

Conference Highlights

Expulsion Strategies
 A three hour interactive *expulsion seminar* by California's top expulsion experts who will actually "demonstrate" the strategies required to expel a student... from the initial incident to the appeal! The audience is the school board making the final decision! You'll obtain the knowledge, observe the feelings towards others, and acquire the communication skills needed in working with parents & co-administrators.

Special Education
I.D.E.A. is here! Look what's new! Manifestations, 45-day interim placements, new mandated I.E.P. questions and functional behavioral assessment plans. We have the attorneys and the school implementers demonstrating what really works!

Attendance/Special Programs
SB 727 Actual Attendance is beginning in 1998, are you ready? ... "MERCAP" this CALWORKS county wide program lowers welfare checks for truant. But is it really working? ... Learn about a community school's successful **Anger Management Program** for students. ... **State School Plans** ... Strategies to verify residence. ... Understanding Caregiver forms. ... Visas ... Subpoenas ... and other forms!

Also, the newest cyberlinks & California's most informative legislative update

This state conference will expand your repertoire of skills with proven, practical options that you can use tomorrow! Most sessions are 100 minutes of in-depth facts.

Conference limited to 200 participants
 (Yes, we have to turn away some registrants!)

You are invited to attend!

Board members, Superintendents, Principals, Vice Principals, Special Ed. Administrators, Psychologists, all attendance related personnel.

Fill out the priority registration form for guaranteed participation.

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