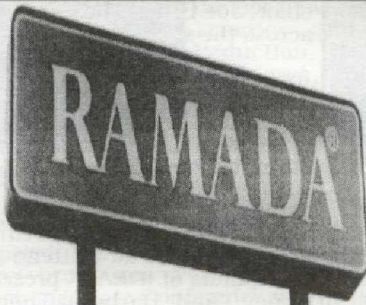




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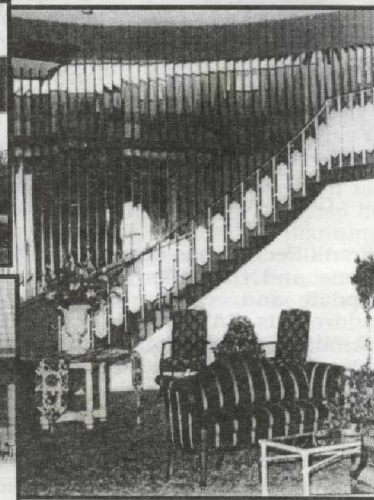
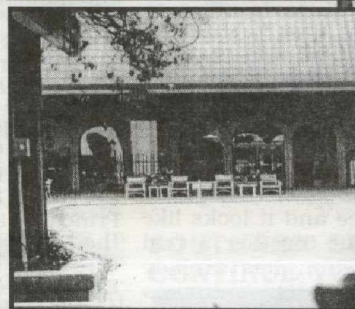
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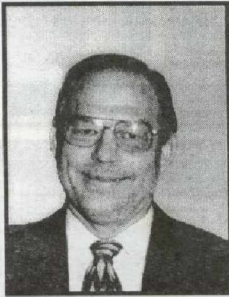
WATCH OUT FOR 95/5 !!

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PRESIDENT AWALT LOOKS FORWARD TO SPRING CONFERENCE IN FRESNO



GIL AWALT
CASCWA State
President

Here it is in April and the rains continue. I know that we are all getting wet but I hope you have been able to weather the storms from El Nino and the work place. It appears that as we get better organized we have time to commit to even more things. I have found less time to work on projects, now that I have taken a leave of absence, than when I was working full time.

If you have not checked out the web site, you will need to do so.

Frank Bechler has been working extremely hard with Irene and the folks from John Burton's office to update and organize our CASCWA web site. Our address is CASCWA@eee.org or we can be reached through John Burton's web site ; I know we all have his site bookmarked.

With May approaching, it is again conference time. The San Joaquin Section is hosting this year's spring conference and it looks to be a great one. The agenda is complete, things are all in place and it looks like the San Joaquin Section has put together a real dynamite package. Pre Registration has already exceeded 150 and conference registration continues to pour in daily.

If you have not registered to attend it would be advisable to call now (209) 297-7382 to reserve your seat in what could be the best ever conference hosted by the San Joaquin Section. Hats really need to come off for the outstanding effort by Joe Brucia, Conference Coordinator, Galen Wright, Tom Black, and the entire group of folks who made up the committee.

This conference is a must, pertinent information, excellent presenters, timely topics and great networking. Don't be left out. See the conference registration form in the back.

SAN JOAQUIN PRESIDENT THANKS CONFERENCE CHAIR BRUCIA



GALEN WRIGHT
President
San Joaquin
Section

Have you seen the multi-page, fold-over, professionally printed flier announcing the State CWA Conference on April 30 and May 1, 1998 at the Ramada Inn, Fresno? Sure you have. Indefatigable conference chair, Joe Brucia, has sent it out across the state.

Joe Brucia is a demon. His program is so packed, it will be impossible to take in more than a third of the content. For example, how does one choose among the possibilities on Thursday afternoon?

With the reauthorization of IDEA and its torturous amendments of student discipline, do I attend "The Legal and Practical Applications of IDEA..." presented by Mike Smith, Attorney, and Barbara Thomas, SELPA Director, both widely and highly respected professionals? Given the pitfalls of discovering who did what in disciplinary incidents and the technicalities involved in packaging "credible evidence" in support of the charges, do I attend "Investigating Ed. Code 48900 Violations" presented by Todd Goluba, Attorney, and Bill Basacker, Site Principal, also both greatly and broadly respected for their knowledge and skills? And, then, no matter what they speak on, how can I not want to listen to Elvoyce Hooper who is, by avocation, an insightful and practical social psychologist as well as an attorney? How can I not want to be attentive to every word uttered by the incomparably graceful and articulate Lillie Wilson, who has set an unreachable standard of CASCWA professionalism for the rest of us? Yes, Joe Brucia, you are a demon.

Of one thing I'm certain: you'll be enriched by this conference. The San Joaquin Valley is among the most most fruitful agricultural land in the world. Fresno's restaurants and cuisines reflect this abundance and variety. As the table is the symbol of conviviality, you'll be made to feel most welcome, if you join us.

CHECK US OUT ! **WE'RE ON THE WEB !**

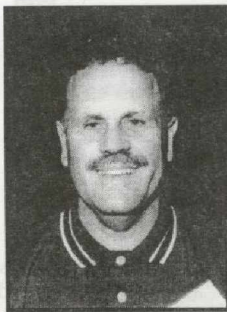
The next time you are on Internet, please make certain that you visit the CASCWA Web site.

You can reach us at www.CASCWA.org/ or contact us through John Burton's hyperlink at www.rims.k12.ca.us/burton/ You will find information on the upcoming state conference in Fresno, the upcoming Southern Section mini-conference in Palm Springs, legislative news, information on the executive board and much more.

A special "thank you" is in order to Irene Villalpando and Tom Mangione in the development of the website.

This is exciting and CASCWA is now high-tech!!

DELTA SIERRA KEEPS BUSY AFTER GREAT FALL CONFERENCE



ROB GERIG

President
Delta Sierra Section

As we move toward the end of the 1997-1998 school year Delta Sierra Section is busily planning for upcoming events. A very successful workshop was held during January in Chico. Presentations were given on the hot topics of Welfare Reform Truancy and on Dropout Reduction, Reauthorization of IDEA and Truancy Mediation. A big thanks to Lee Woods from the Butte County Office of Education for bringing in nearly 80 folks from the region to partake in the activities of the day. The group was extremely interested and

engaged, and asked for more workshops in the future. Many brochures were passed out regarding the upcoming State Conference in Fresno. Many plan to attend. Delta-Sierra plans a return visit to the area in the Fall as a workshop is being planned for Redding October 9, 1998.

Delta-Sierra is pleased to welcome new board members Debbie Morris from North Sacramento School District and Joe Taylor from the Sacramento County Office of Education. Their fresh ideas and energy are much appreciated. They have been instrumental with other board members in conjunction with Sacramento County SARB in developing two proposals to bring to our local State Senator for support. The proposals are (1) Reinstate funding for SARB'S in the state and (2) Legislate funding for 10 pilot programs throughout the state to improve student attendance in grades K-4.

Once again the applications are coming in for the Richard C. Davis Scholarship Award. If you recall this is specifically for students who have been out of mainstream with either persona problems, academic or attendance problems. The student selected is one who has overcome adversity to complete his or her high school education.

As you can see we have been very busy this school year. Everyone in Delta-Sierra is looking forward to seeing "the gang" in Fresno April 29 and 30!!!

ACTUAL ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING A BIG DRAW FOR BAY SECTION MEETING



ELLEN THOMPSON

President
Bay Section

The Executive Board and I were excited to see so much energy and so many faces that had been missing for awhile at our CASCWA meetings. Close to 45 members and guests gathered at the Hayward Fishery in Dublin on February 27th to hear John Gilroy from the State Department of Education lead us through the in's and out's of actual attendance accounting. He outlined for many school districts what

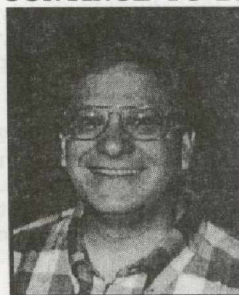
to expect in the fall. The new ADA formula was discussed along with how to handle truancy, suspension, emergencies, home & hospital and independent study. John is very knowledgeable and a terrific resource. I highly recommend you catch his presentation at the Fresno Spring Conference.

We had hoped to hold our next meeting on April 3, featuring a CAL WORKS presentation/panel in the San Jose area. First our meeting room folded and then conflicting Spring Breaks made it too challenging a task to change dates and still be able to line up panelists from seven different counties. So we will see you all in Fresno at the Spring Conference for our next meeting. Our June 5, 1998 meeting at the Wentle Winery still stands and the speaker(s) will be announced soon.

Within the next couple of weeks, members will be receiving a flyer in the mail asking you to generate meeting topics you would like presentations on for next year and for the Fall KICKOFF. We will also be soliciting members to work on conference planning and legislation. The next state conference will be in San Francisco. Bob Brazil and Shirley Kesterke are already hard at work lining up space at the Marine Memorial.

A ballot to vote on BAY SECTION OFFICERS for next year will be included. Please be prompt in your return, we need the information prior to the Spring Conference. Also a gentle reminder to get the names of any retirees to me as soon as you can. I'm looking forward to meeting and mingling with everyone soon.

SOUTHERN SECTION'S LEGAL FORUMS CONTINUE TO BE WINNERS



MARK MICHELS

President
Southern Section

Spring has arrived We have survived El Nino and are beginning to enjoy me warm weather and lush foliage the wet winter has brought. Many organizations take it easy and coast at this time of the year, behaving as if they had a case of spring fever. Such is not the case with Southern Section CASCWA. We are as busy as ever and, one might say, in full bloom

Southern Section's second Legal Forum was a huge success. Felice Tanenbaum,

Senior Consultant to Senator

Teresa Hughes, gave an insightful legislative history on SB 187. William Ybarra from the Los Angeles Department of Education addressed some of the necessary components of safe school plans. Their presentations plus the excellent handouts provided the attendees with much information and ample resources to take back to their districts. The entire program was coordinated by Frank Boehler from Orange Unified School District His hard work was evident in every phase of the event. Thank you, Frank, for a job well done.

By time you receive this edition of the *Intercom*, the third Legal Forum will have been held on April 3 at the Carson Community Center in Los Angeles County. John Gilroy from the State Department of Education addressed the new attendance accounting legislation and how it affect schools and the

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LEGISLATION

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRPERSON EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN OVER NEW INITIATIVE



PHIL KAUBLE
CASCWA State Legislative Committee Chairman

Are you aware of Proposition 223, the 95/5 initiative?

In June, California voters will be asked to go to the polls and vote on Proposition 223. If passed, this initiative would mandate that 95 percent of all school district revenue be spent at school sites and that no more than five percent may be spent on central office administration.

This measure is titled the "Schools, Spending Limits on Administration" and nicknamed "95/5." If this measure becomes law, no more than five percent of all funds received by school districts may be spent on administrative costs as defined by the measure. Districts failing to comply with any provisions of the initiative will be fined by the State Board of Education, five percent of the basic per-ADA revenue limit times total ADA.

Why should CASCWA members be concerned? Because CASCWA members primarily provide much needed, central office related support services to kids. In other words, we are part of the five percent administrative cost that Proposition 223 proposes to eliminate.

It is important to note that Proposition 223 does not repeal one single administrative function. In fact, it creates more. This can only translate into higher site-level administrative costs which will mean less money to the classroom.

As of this writing, CASCWA has joined a number of business and professional groups in opposing Proposition 223. Those groups include:

- * California League of Women Voters
- * Superintendent of Public Instruction
Delaine Eastin;
- * California School Employees Association;
- * Service Employees International Union;
- * California School Boards Association;
- * California Association of School Business Officials
- * California County Superintendents Educational Services Association.

Numerous other organizations and individual school districts are also opposed to this measure.

As CASCWA members, it is important that all of us are fully informed about the facts and figures behind Proposition 223, the 95/5 Initiative. Further, it is most important for all to be prepared to assist in educating the public about the dangers of Proposition 223 and its potential impact on education. To assist with the understanding of this Initiative, please see 95/5 Definitions following this article.

Questions about the 95/5 Initiative may be directed to Phil Kauble, CASCWA State Legislative Chairperson, by calling (562) 922-6233.

Note: This article was prepared by Phil Kauble from information provided by ACSA.

What's in The 5 ?

- *governing board costs, including elections
- * property tax assessment and collection.
- * employee relations and collective bargaining
- * central data processing, including data processing provided by another agency
- * paying, transporting, exchanging and maintaining goods and services for the district
- * planning, research, development and evaluation
- * public information
- * purchasing, warehousing and distribution
- * printing, publishing and duplicating district documents and centralized school printing
- * executive costs, community relations, federal and state relations
- * fiscal operations, including budgeting, receiving and disbursing funds, audits: financial record keeping, accounting, payroll, inventory and fund management personnel
- * other general administrative services
- * overall management and maintenance of resources to instruct pupils and activities and materials used by pupils to enhance learning, curriculum development
- * instructional research
- * staff development, coordination of services, administering sabbaticals and providing the environment for in-service training
- * directing, managing and supervising instruction services

What's in the 95 ?

- * services to pupils by certificated or licensed personnel
- * teachers nurses, physicians, psychologists, counselors , audiologists, audiometrists, librarians and other support services personnel
- * immediate and unbrokered services to pupils such as transportation, cafeteria, safety and protection service
- * school supervisor or principal
- * immediate and unbrokered services to school site employees
- * training or staff development sessions or classes, police services, school assisted personnel providing management functions and support to the school supervisor or principal
- * labor and material for cleaning, maintenance and improvement of school facilities (does not include central district handing, administration or overhead costs
- * school-assigned plant manager

Editor's Note : When I look at 95/5 I am depressed particularly at the fact that our legislators tee off on administration regularly . Most legislators apparently want their constituents to think they believe that administration is not a worthwhile part of the educational process and should be minimized. The depression comes in that they refuse to accept the fact that much.. or most.. of the time administrators spend on this " worthless" activity is a result of THEIR ACTIONS. The following bit of humor comes to mind. I would expect 95/5 to be at least number 3 runner up.

There was a contest to determine who could come up with the most unreasonable theories.....

HONORABLE MENTION:

The quantity of consonants in the English language is constant. If omitted in one place, they turn up in another. When a Bostonian "pahks" his "cah," the lost r's migrate southwest, causing a Texan to "warsh" his car and invest in "erl" wells.

RUNNER-UP #4:

The earth may spin faster on its axis due to deforestation. Just as a figure skater's rate of spin increases when the arms are brought in close to the body, the cutting of tall trees may cause our planet to spin dangerously fast.

RUNNER-UP #3:

Communist China is technologically underdeveloped because they have no alphabet and therefore cannot use acronyms to communicate ideas at a faster rate.

RUNNER-UP #2:

Why Yawning Is Contagious: You yawn to

equalizethe pressure on your eardrums. This pressure change outside your eardrums unbalances of the people's ear pressures, so they must yawn to even it out.

RUNNER-UP #1:

If an infinite number of mavericks riding in an infinite number of pickup trucks fire an infinite number of shotgun rounds at an infinite number of highway signs, they will eventually produce all the world's great literary works in Braille.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER:

When a cat is dropped, it always lands on its feet, and when toast is dropped, it always lands with the buttered side facing down. I propose to strap buttered toast to the back of a cat; the two will hover, spinning inches above the ground. With a giant buttered cat array, a high-speed monorail could easily link New York with Chicago.

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functioning of Child Welfare and Attendance personnel. In addition, Pearlene Saffold from the Department of Public Social Sevices discussed the current status of CalWORKS as it relates to school attendance. Jerry Hime at the Los Angeles County Office of Education coordinated this most successful event. Thank you, Jerry, for bringing this informative program to our members.

Southern Section members are eagerly anticipating the Spring State Conference in Fresno. the conference will enable us to network with each other and also with our CWA colleagues from northern California. Thanks to San Joaquin Section for scheduling such an outstanding conference. See you at the Ramada Inn!

Thanks to all our Southern Section CASCWA members. Your interest, support, and participation keep us In full bloom throughout the year.

**SAVE THIS DATE!**

Southern Section CASCWA is pleased to announce that it is hosting a fall mini-conference at the Marquis Hotel in Palm Springs on November 5th and 6th, 1998. The conference theme is "The World of CWA from A to Z (Attendance to Zero Tolerance)"

Please mark your calendars and if you have any questions, contact Frank Boehler at (714) 997-6131 or Jerry Hime at (562) 922-6231

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Registration includes Luncheon on Thursday.	\$80	
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Registration fee must accompany this form. **No Purchase Orders** accepted for registration.
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THURSDAY, April 30, 1998

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Conference Registration - Ramada Inn Lobby		
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. INTERACTIVE EXPULSION SEMINAR (with step-by-step handbook) Watch the "Real Thing" from the initial incident to the appeal presented by California's leading discipline specialists including Phil Kauble's ongoing analysis		
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Business Luncheon A time to share with the experts		
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions		
<u>Special Education</u> THE LEGAL & PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF IDEA & SECTION 504 STUDENT DISCIPLINE This is a must for anyone involved with special education or discipline <i>Mike Smith, Law Office of Lozano, Smith, Smith, Woliver & Behrens, & Barbara Thomas, Fresno County SELPA Director</i>	<u>Student Discipline/Attendance</u> INVESTIGATING ED. CODE 48900 VIOLATIONS Legal & practical strategies with parent and student follow-up <i>Todd Goluba, Law Office of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo, & Bill Basacker, Modesto City Schools</i>	<u>Problem Attendance Areas</u> THOSE DARN LEGAL FORMS! (AND OTHER ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS) All you need to know about court orders, subpoenas, visas, caregivers, affidavits, name changes, custody, removing students from school and many more attendance related surprises, etc. <i>Lillie Wilson, L.A. County Consultant, & Elvoyce Hooper, Fresno County D.A.'s Office</i>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Locating Legislation through John Burton's Cyberlinks "Legislation Update" by CASCWA's legislative committee		

FRIDAY, May 1, 1998

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Conference Registration - Ramada Inn Lobby		
8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. WELFARE REFORM -- NO ATTENDANCE = 'S NO AID! Representatives of U.C. Davis & Merced County will update you on new strategies to improve attendance through welfare (MerCAP is one of only two demo projects in California)		
10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Breakout Sessions		
<u>Special Education</u> Functional Behavioral Analysis More <u>new</u> special education discipline requirements <i>Dennis Unrub, Ph.D. Charles Richmond, Madera Unified Special Education Office</i>	<u>Student Discipline/Attendance</u> Effective Strategies of Independent Study, Continuation & Community Schools How & why these alternative programs are succeeding with your students <i>Jill Macha, Valley Community School Joan Faul, Independence High School Doug Creighton, Yosemite High School</i>	<u>Problem Attendance Areas</u> Actual Attendance (SB 727) What it will mean for you <i>John Gilroy, State Department of Education</i> SAFE SCHOOL PLANS Take home a Safe School Plan template <i>Gil Awalt & Jean Stovall, Consultants</i>
12:15 - 1:30 p.m. GETAWAY LUNCHEON		
Keynote: "Succeeding with KFC" -- Knowledge, Feelings & Communication Skills Michael Crass, Superintendent, Winton School District <i>An experienced leader (& speaker) from a district which meets at-risk children's needs</i>		

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