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CASCWA Interviews Mr. Bill Ybarra: CASCWA member Mr. Bill Ybarra has been with the Los Angeles County Office of Education for the past 12 years. He is a consultant and the administrative project director of the Safe Schools Center.

SAFE SCHOOL PLANNING: At the end of the 1997 legislative session, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill 187 (Chapter 736, Hughes, Comprehensive School Safety Plans. SB 187 makes school districts and county offices of education (COE) responsible for the development of "comprehensive school safety plans" in each of the schools for which the district or COE is responsible.

The State Legislature's intent in enacting SB 187 is to: "... unite all existing statutes that relate to school safety and ensure compliance with their provisions by including the requirements of school safety provisions in each school's comprehensive school safety plan." SB 187 then lists (in Education Code section 35294.2) the required elements of this comprehensive school safety plan.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/safety/policies/sb187letter>

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Are your "Safe School Plans" up- to-date?

Have they been reviewed on an annual basis?

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Message from the President

By Joe Brucia, State President

It's hard to believe that the year is already more than half over! In my home district we are already revising our discipline Board Policies to implement Senate Bill 166 and Assembly Bill 653. Check out CASCWA's Research Portal if you are unfamiliar with these bills. Just type in <http://www.cascwa.org> and click on the bus. The bills are available in the legislation section. Orange Unified also has a nice summary.

Of course the big new is CASCWA's State conference. Scheduled for Fresno this April 24-26, 2002. Registration is on our WEB page and flyers have been sent to all members. A word of caution to all members thinking about attending. Register now! Many districts are cutting back of expenditures. Turn in your district travel requisition early so you won't be denied by a district freeze on travel. This happens in many districts throughout the State. Incidentally, the conference already has received a large number of registrations from non-members. It looks like our turnout will be quite large. Once we reach the maximum number of participants we do have to cut off registration.



Here are some conference highlights that already are making this conference a unique experience! On Wednesday, April 24, 2002, we will have a pre-conference with two academies. The first one is on school safety for site staff. "Our campus supervisors or teacher don't know the safe way to break up a fight," is a statement many school administrators have made." This academy adds a multitude of topics to this one observation." Participants will receive a manual to go back to their district and train their site personnel. The other academy is for new and existing CWA administrators. Participants will receive training and a manual on every aspect of running a CWA office. Districts are sending to my office their forms and police to be included in the academy. The conference itself will have, in addition to the general session; at least six break out sessions three times a day! Yes, you won't be able to see or hear every topic, but handouts will be plentiful. I'm pleased to report that we just signed up John Burton and his Fontana Unified Student Service staff! Previously, we acquired Phil Kauble of the Los Angeles County Office of Education and his team of experts. All our speakers have been recommended by others. Oh yes, we even have a movie star who is now the mayor of Fresno. He just implemented a unique daytime school attendance curfew.

Incidentally, if you're planning a mini-vacation, nothing beats a Saturday at Yosemite. The waterfalls will be flowing and there will still be some snow on the peaks. Southern California participants can spend an extra night or two at the Piccadilly or travel up to Oakhurst and stay at one of their fine hotels. Northern California participants can travel beyond Yosemite and spend Saturday night in the Mother lode. The wildflowers will be at their peak along Highway 49.

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SPECIAL CASCWA RECOGNITION TO BAY SECTION MEMBER

MS. MARIA CORNWELL



It is always great to meet new friends at "CASCWA Conferences". However, the conferences are generally packed with activities and there is rarely enough time to really get to know one another. As part of our new "Intercom" format, a CASCWA member will be recognized by their section for their contributions to the section's efforts. Starting with the "BAY SECTION", our very first recognition is Ms. Maria Cornwell.

Maria is the lady that you see at conferences & workshops that is usually wearing a "flashy cowboy hat" & an outrageous smile. She is loving and kind, & makes you feel like you have been in CASCWA your whole life. Usually within a few minutes of meeting her, you will know you have made a friend. Her name is Maria Cornwell, a dynamic Child Welfare and Attendance Specialist from Livermore Unified School District.

Maria has been a Child Welfare and Attendance Specialist for 10 years, providing service to 14 elementary schools and 2 middle schools. Her schedule includes visiting each school once a week, which does not include home visits and phone calls. For the elementary schools, Maria has designed a SARB process call "E-SARB's", which are held on the first Monday of every month. For the middle schools, Maria prepares and presents SARB cases and also is responsible for home visitations.



Maria is fluent in Spanish and which she feels is a big plus. Through years of working with the Hispanic community she has developed a trusting relationship and is approached constantly for input and help regarding issues from death, and domestic violence, to finding food and furniture. Maria has been involved with the Adopt a Family Program since she began working for the district.

It is event when you meet Maria that she loves people and has a passion for her work. She has been a member of CASCWA for the past 10 years and loves attending the conferences and workshops. Maria not only likes learning new information at the workshops but also likes to see old friends, have a great time, and return to work with a new frame of mind. She loves to laugh, loves to dance, is single and the rest you will have to e-mail her. We are very grateful to have Maria as one of our terrific Bay Section Members; and as Maria would say...Adios.



BAY SECTION-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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CASCWA Bay Section News and Update: Happy New Year and best wishes to all for a safe, healthy, and happy year. This year the Bay Section executive committee has designed four programs based on the information from last year's program evaluations. Two of the programs were completed this fall and the remaining two programs will be presented in January and May.

The first program, "**The New Faces of California, Whom Do We Serve**", was the theme of the Fall Conference held on Friday, October 26, 2001 at the PG&E Learning Center in San Ramon. Four dynamic presentations were given, each related to understanding the various issues and services related to "at-risk-youth." Denise Stewart, M.A., teacher and Language Acquisition Consultant, presented "**The Nuances of Diversity**". Her presentation focused on the use and subtlety of language when interacting with people of diverse backgrounds and cultures. Homeless Services Coordinator for the West Contra Costa School District, Gerri Cohen, presented "**How Do We Serve the Hard to Serve**". Gerri shared her strategies and resources that help schools and agencies serve the needs of homeless, neglected and foster youth. Fos Famine, who himself was at one time a youth-at-risk, presented his program "**By Choice or By Chance**". Fos's program help youth become active participants in determining the direction of their own lives and makes them consciously aware of the choices they make. Fos guides students through a process that helps them understand and appreciate the consequences of their decisions. After a buffet lunch and time to network, Lindy Kahn, principal of the Mt. McKinley School in Juvenile Hall, of Contra Costa County, presented "**Teaching Loving Care with ARF**". This program was developed in partnership with Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), and is designed for girls in Juvenile Hall. The program is designed to help girls understand and develop caring, nurturing relationships through working with animals. Four girls from the program gave presentations that were heartfelt and explained how this program has been a life-changing event for them. "**Ecstasy and Today's Drugs of Choice**" was the second program presented on December 14, 2001, and was co-sponsored by Bay Section CASCWA, Mt. Diablo School District and the Northern California Juvenile Officers Association. Over one hundred various school personnel, school resource officers, and probation personnel attended this day long workshop. Trinka Porrata, a consultant for the California Drug Endanger Children (DEC) program, California Attorney General's Office and the Department of Justice, presented information regarding ecstasy and the new drugs of choice for youth. . Trinka presented her extensive knowledge of GHB, MDMA (ecstasy) and the rave phenomenon utilizing a variety of multimedia resources and a great sense of humor. In the afternoon, John Vigallon, a substance abuse counselor for the Fremont Police Department and Executive Director for HELP, an adolescent and adult recovery service, gave a comprehensive and creative presentation on "Drugs on Campus." John has an expansive personality and a passion for his message. He has developed a wonderful interactive teaching game called, "Drug Jeopardy". At the end of his session, fun was had by all, when John recruited people from the audience to participate in the game to test their skills and knowledge regarding drugs. The third program Bay Section will sponsor this year is a full day workshop on "**Bullying and Hate Behaviors in Schools**" on Friday, January 25, 2002, at the Mt. Diablo Training Center in Concord. This workshop is being co-sponsored by the California Department of Education, Contra Costa Office of Education, Mt. Diablo School District and Bay Section CASCWA. The two main presenters for the workshop are Hilda Clarice Quiroz and Stephen Thom. Hilda is a trainer for the National School Safety Center and the California Hate Behavior in School Project. Hilda was a classroom teacher and brings invaluable classroom resources to this training. Stephen currently serves as a federal Mediator for the Community Relations Service within the Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education. He has served school districts, police departments and community groups throughout the United States in their struggle to develop effective procedures in addressing school hated motivated incidents and race relations. A spring luncheon, which will include the installation of new officers and the presentation of Student Scholarships, will be the final Bay Section program for this year. The luncheon will be held in the beautiful Livermore wine country in May. Alan Del Simone is the scholarships chairperson and can be contacted at 510-620-2274 or e-mail adelsimone@wccusd.k12.ca.us, for information and scholarship applications. Also, Bay Section will be hosting the State Conference in 2003. In January the Section Board and members of Bay section will be meeting in Monterey to, hopefully, finalize the site for the conference. If you are interested in serving on the conference committee or would like to help with the conference, please contact Audrey Keebler-925473-4236 e-mail akeebler@pittsburg.k12.ca.us or Sue Chambers at

DELTA SECTION-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Delta Sierra Section would like to thank all who attended our Fall Conference held September 27-28, 2001, in Redding, Calif. The Conference was held jointly with the Shasta County Office of Education and received an overall positive evaluation from those who attended. Although the total number of participants fell slightly short of the attendance goal, there was representation from all of our CASCWA sections statewide. Delta Sierra Section is now working on our annual Spring Workshop. The tentative date is March 14, 2002, at a location to be announced in the Sacramento area. The topic for the Workshop will be hate motivated behaviors and more specific information will be announced soon. Applications will soon be sent out for our annual Richard C. Davis Scholarship Award. Each year Delta Sierra Section honors outstanding students in alternative education programs in our geographical area. Last year we awarded over \$1000 to several deserving students. Upcoming Delta Sierra Section Board Meetings are November 9, 2001, at the Yuba City Unified School District and January 18, 2002, at the Sacramento County Office of Education. All meetings are from 10:00am to 3:00pm and are open to all CASCWA members.



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We continue to hear the question over and over, "Have things returned to normal yet since September 11?" I don't think so!! It is clear to me that there have been some major changes in our societal psyche that have implications for us as Educators. I see this daily in Fresno in the return of patriotism. This is visible in the display of the American flag everywhere – on cars, in windows, decorations, even as Christmas Tree ornaments!!!! This also has translated into a more favorable look at our national government, at city hall and our local law enforcement. This fall a city Day Time Curfew ordinance was adopted by our city council, after the same group turned it down 9 months ago. One reason it passed is this fresh look at the role of the police and fire departments in our cities. What are some other changes, and how should we respond???

- 1) **A New Lack of Trust:** We now take a second look at the person in the next seat on the airplane, train and bus, in line at Starbucks and at movie theatres. *This means we have to continue to work harder and go extra mile, to earn the trust of the parents and families we serve in our districts.*
- 2) **Think Twice About Travel:** Hope you taken a second look at whether or not you are going to take that trip to Europe or even the East Coast next Summer? *Perhaps it is time to think more creatively about new ways to explore local opportunities, and to share those ideas with our staff and parents.*
- 3) **Economic Downturn:** These are quickly becoming depressed times for many in our schools – a trend that was only hastened by the September 11 tragedy. *To us, this must translate into the need to be more aware of our homeless and doubled-up families. Students are not available for learning when they are short of basic necessities such as a bed of their own, adequate food and clothing – like warm shoes and jackets, and basic school supplies. Taking care of these needs will amazingly translate into increased test scores.*
- 4) **Depression – Doom & Gloom:** The continuing headlines, media involvement, and personal stories of the September 11 tragedy has a widespread effect on morale– personal, family and in the workplace. *The implication for us is to be sensitive to needs, but to be sure and take more opportunities to celebrate!!! Small victories, good news, personal triumphs, all could be shared and celebrated together. Perhaps a lasting response to the Tragedy of the past several months should be a continuing reminder for us of the freedom, the wealth, and the happiness we can enjoy when we all participate positively in the lives of those around us.*

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Many of your Southern Section Executive Board members convened in Monterey recently to attend the ACSA Pupil Services and Special Education Symposium. Your CASCWA State Executive Board took the opportunity to meet at the close of the symposium - so, needless to say - it was a powerful and meaningful three days.



On March first, in Lakewood, ACSA is co-sponsoring with us, a forum on Bully/Victim Violence. The forum format, 11 AM to 2PM, includes lunch. Presenters will focus on the latest research on bully/victim violence and how to utilize the 40 developmental assets as a primary prevention technique. Mitchell Rosen, a child and family therapist with lots of experience in our schools, and Diane Perez, a Riverside County Office of Education coordinator with a passion for positive youth development, are teaming for this presentation. It's good stuff! The Lillie Wilson Scholarship application process is beginning, and will culminate with awards at our year-end luncheon. I believe it is safe to say it is the highlight of the year for us all, to be making a difference in such a concrete way. See you in Fresno in April!

Hats off to Phil Kauble and his LACOE staff. The CASCWA 2001 publication is awesome!

There are several publications in our field that will stand the test of time. The majority of these documents are the product of Mr. Kauble and his staff. This great document "CASCWA 2001" was sent to all current active members. Thanks Phil!



The last edition of the Intercom was dedicated to Mr. Bill Booth, editor of the intercom and "CASCWA Leader for many years. Bill sent the following letter to be shared with all of our members".

CASCWA 2001



A Resource for District Office and Site Administrators

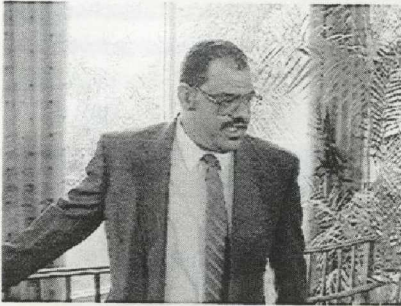
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Dear CASCWA Friends,
Delighted to see the "new" Intercom. I thought you were going to write a brief note about yours truly since you said you were going to. Didn't expect such an honor. I am flattered and particularly pleased at the first edition. Looks like Intercom is "looking up". I like the format better than the past. Regards to all; I will truly miss the gang at its periodic meetings... but I will see you in Fresno in a few months. Have a good winter season, and thank you.

Bill Booth

CASCWA LEGISLATION UPDATE



Sherman Garnett



Rob Gerig



Joe Taylor

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On Thursday December 13,2001, CASCWA legislative representatives Sherman Garnett, Rob Gerig and Joe Taylor met with Sate Senate and Assembly Staff in Sacramento. Legislative staff visited was Assemblywoman Charlene Zettel, Assemblyman John Longville, Senator Neil Soto and Senator Betty Kamette. Additionally, Southern section legislative representative Sherman Garnett, accompanied by CASCWA Southern Section member Roberto Cases met with Assemblywoman Gloria Negrete Mcloud at her field ofce located in the city of Montclair. Your CASCWA legislative reps pitched proposed legislation which was endorsed my CASCWA members and the state executive board.

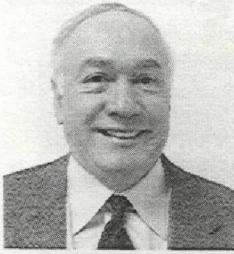
The proposed legislation was a result of your ideas/concerns brought forth during the Spring 2001 State Conference Workshop entitled "Flaws in The Laws. During the workshop, CASCWA members formed subcommittees based upon specific topics, reported to the general workshop group and wrote proposed legislative language.

Examples of proposed legislation includes adopting rules and regulations for involuntary transfer of students to district operated community day schools, revising 48915(c) to include the attempted selling of drugs as opposed to the current language which only includes the actual sale of illegal drugs, including language to recognize trimesters as an actual length of expulsion and language /possible funding to strengthen local SARBS, County SARBS and State SARB.

During our Sacramento meetings, we were constantly reminded by legislative staffs of the current fiscal crisis related to legislation. However, very few of our legislative proposals were related to funding with the exception of proposed additional finding for district operated *community day schools*. CASCWA's legislative committee strongly feels that we can make your ideas happen. The process will be long and arduous. CASCWA will be there fighting for you. We appreciate your support and will keep you posted in future newsletters.

WANTED

The "CASCWA Conference Academy" needs samples of CWA forms and policies. One of the targeted workshops will focus on forms and policies used by a variety of school districts. The material is being compiled and will be included in our training manual. This collection will be beneficial to any school district revising their forms to be current and complete. Please review your districts CWA forms, select your best,put them into an envelope, and send to: Joe Brucia - Merced Union High School District - P.O. Box 2147 - Merced, CA 955344. CASCWA is about helping CASCWA members! Please help! Do it today!



CASCWA INTERVIEWS MR. BILL YBARRA

Mr. Bill Ybarra has been in education for 33 years: thirteen as a classroom teacher and twenty as an administrator. He has taught math, architecture, Spanish and reading mostly at the high school level. In addition to teaching, he coached football and track for five years. His administrative responsibilities have included, supervision, attendance, guidance, Child Welfare and Attendance, SARB, and athletics. Mr. Ybarra has worked at the Los Angeles County Office of Education for the past 12 years as a consultant and administrative project director of the Safe Schools Center. Most of his time is devoted to assisting school personnel to develop comprehensive school safety plans and providing workshops in the following areas: classroom management and student discipline, crisis response, gang and violence prevention, and threat management.

In 1996, Senator Hugh's Senate Bill 187 changed the face of school safety throughout California. What do you remember most about the initial implementation of "Senate Bill 187"?

Mr. Ybarra: Initially, many schools ignored this mandate because they felt they had a handle on student safety. If you recall, shortly after the passage of SB 187, we had the shooting at Columbine H.S. This incident prompted school personnel to look at safety like never before. Many school districts in Los Angeles County began urging school site administrators to look carefully at policies and procedures that addressed student safety. In Los Angeles County, we saw a large number of school teams attending our planning workshops.

"Safe School Plans" are now mandated for every school in California. The plans are to be revisited every year. In your opinion overall, are the plans working?

Mr. Ybarra: It is difficult to say if they are working. Most schools in California are safe!. According to the California Safe Schools Assessment (CSSA), only 10% of the schools reported crime on their campuses. If you look at the rates per 1,000 students, you will notice that these rates are very low compared to crime outside of the schools. However, there are some campuses that have reported high incidents of crime that are marked by gang activity, vandalism, and weapons and other anti-social behaviors. At some point things began to fall apart and no strategic plan was in place to address these behaviors that subsequently got out of hand.

What are the main components of an excellent "Safe School Plan"?

Mr. Ybarra: I feel that a good plan begins with leadership. Students cannot learn and teachers cannot teach if they fear for their safety. It is up to the administration to provide the forum and resources to assure that schools are safe learning environments. Good plans should be driven by data. Often times, you see plans that have been developed by only the perception of a few staff members, which can be misleading. Using data such as, CSSA reports, suspension, expulsions, crime reports and referrals help identify problematic areas that are negatively impacting on the school. In addition, viable plans should have measurable objectives that can clearly show reduction in crime and anti-social behaviors. Conversely, you want to show growth in academic achievement and attendance. Finally, every good plan should have an evaluation component that will guide the safety committee to fine tune their strategies year in and year out.

Question 4: As you review plans throughout the state, what are some of the concerns that you have discovered or what aspects of "Safe School Plans" have you made a higher priority?

CASCWA INTERVIEWS MR. BILL YBARRA (Continued)

Mr. Ybarra: A concern that I have is that schools have not taken the time to develop a plan in a comprehensive manner. I have seen some schools that have taken a plan developed by another school and simply have change the name of the school on the document and claimed it as their own. The actual planning process is very important in that a select group of educators sit and discuss areas of concern, strategies, and possible solutions to their school safety needs.

Has there has been any recent legislation or legal opinions pertaining to "Safe School Plans" that CWA Offices throughout the state need to address?

Mr. Ybarra: I am not aware of any legal opinions regarding "Safe School Plans", but there has been legislation that has added new requirements to the plan. Hate crime reporting procedures must now be addressed in your safe school plan. In addition, these plans must be reviewed by March 1 and posted on the *School Accountability Report Card* every year thereafter.

How do you perceive the role of a County Office of Education in the implementation of "Safe School Plans" throughout the county?

Mr. Ybarra: County offices should offer workshops and technical assistance to school personnel in order to assist them develop these plans in order to be in compliance with the legislation.

Where can school site councils, parents, teachers, and administrators learn more about "Safe School Plans" and "School Safety"? What are a few of the resources and technology available?

Mr. Ybarra: The California Department of Education is an excellent resource. The C.D.E. website is www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/safety/ or call them at (916) 322-1028. They post a wide-range of information that is useful in the development of safe school plans and funding opportunities. Some county offices post information on school safety on their websites on a regular basis. Check with them to see if they provide this service.

You are truly a visionary in this field. If you could envision schools in the year 2050, what would you expect to see different from today?

Mr. Ybarra: I envision students attending schools known for their academic superiority and free of any violence. Disruptions will be reduced to a minimum and California students will be considered some of the finest in the United States.

CASCWA is indebted to you for a tremendous career in education. As you look back on your illustrious career, what is your most fulfilling memory?

Mr. Ybarra: There are many fond memories, but those memories that stand out are those involving students. There is nothing more fulfilling than helping a student overcome personal problems and graduate from high school. In my career I have seen my share of at-risk youth that were on the verge of dropping out and graduate.

Thank you, Bill! You are truly a friend to the students in California & to our CASCWA membership. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Fresno CASCWA State Conference in April of 2002!



CASCWA HOT PAGE



This page is dedicated to the latest information in our field to help all of our CASCWA friends!

In our last edition, the INTERCOM reported, "Senate Bill 166 requires the governing board to order the expulsion of a pupil possessing an explosive. This Bill is now Chaptered and will change E.C. 48915. The term "Explosive" means "destructive device" as described in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code". We have received several requests asking for a specific definition that can be used in the classroom describing an "Explosive Destructive Device". The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has put out a great information sheet and you can access it at:

http://www.atf.treas.gov/pub/fire-explo_pub/illegal/illegal.htm

WELCOME ABOARD STEPHEN FRAIRE

CASCWA is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Stephen Fraire as the new Coordinator - Child Welfare and Attendance Office for the San Diego County Department of Education (619) 685-4852. "Nothem California's" loss is now "Southern California's" gain. Welcome, Stephen.

CASCWA/STATE SARB SYMPOSIUM - "A HUGE SUCCESS"



Hats off to our friends in State SARB, LACOE, and Southern Section for bringing together a highly successful State SARB/CASCWA conference October 25, 2001 at the Radisson Resort next to Knott's Berry Farm. There were over 325 CASCWA participants. The highlight of the day was the presentation by Carolyn Pirillo, Deputy General Counsel, California Department of Education. It takes incredible individuals to deliver such an outstanding workshop. Thank you, Shirley Abrahms, LACOE, and thank you, Betty Folsom, RCOE.

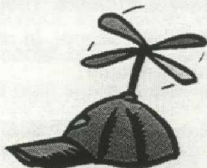
ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS TARGETING AND PROSECUTING TRUANTS

The Orange County District Attorney's Office has joined in the list of District Attorney Offices who are assisting communities to combat trancies through prosecution. Hats off to Tony Rackauckas for sending Danielle Augustine, Rennee Gurwitz and Nikki Erlandson as new team members in this important cause.



SUN PROTECTIVE CLOTHING-SCHOOL SITE POLICY

Education Code 35183.5 now states "Each school site shall allow for outdoor use during the school day, articles of sun protective clothing, including, but not limited to, hats". The code also states that each school site may set a policy related to the type of sun protective clothing. Several districts have asked CASCWA if they are aware of any policy. Legal services for one of our counties has provided CASCWA with the following: "During daylight school activities, articles of clothing shall be allowed for outdoor use only. Articles such as hats, visors, etc. shall be school approved and shall reflect the school's colors to protect the campus from unauthorized visitors. Sun protective clothing, such as hats, visors, etc., shall not be worn indoors at any time".





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- Student Conduct
- School/student safety

Presenters

All CASCWA presenters are the finest "practitioners" in the State and they have handouts! Attorneys from the top three educational law firms will also be available for your questions.

Conference Highlights

Pre-conference

Academy #1 -

CWA Academy

Job specific training for CWA & student services administrators.

Academy #2 -

Proven Safety Techniques

Training for campus supervisors and administrators coordinating school safety practices.

Conference Topics—

Experts from throughout the State will share the latest and best strategies on student safety.

This Conference is for -

Secondary & Elementary

Board members
Superintendents
Principals
Vice-Principals
Special Ed. Administrators
Psychologists
SRO's
Probation Officers
Attendance & Discipline related personnel

Visit us at --

<http://www.cascwa.org>

Conference limited to 300 participants (*Yes, we have to turn away some registrants!*)

Pre-Conference Training Academies

Wednesday April 24, 2002

9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Select One Session only as both run concurrently

Academy # 1

CWA ACADEMY

This academy is focused towards new, existing or prospective administrators who want the best in policies and procedures to operate a quality CWA or student services office. Learn the "how's" and "why's" of --

- Intra - Interdistrict Transfers
- Expulsions
- Laws Related to Minors
- Mandated Costs
- Caregiver Affidavits and Non-Custodial Issues
- Attendance Improvement Programs
- Communication Skills
- Data Processing Software
- Current or Proposed Legislation
- Laws Related to Search and Seizure
- ...plus much, much more!

Your "professors", members of CASCWA's Executive Council, are the best practitioners in the state. They include **Joe Brucia, Frank Boehler, Rob Gerig, Joe Taylor, Sherman Garnett, Jerry Hime, Phil Kauble, Robert Pankratz, Betty Folsom, Debbie Morris, Dale Parent and Sue Chambers.**

You will leave this academy knowing how to operate a quality Child Welfare & Attendance or Student Services office plus receive an informative CWA reference manual!

Academy # 2

Safety Skills for School Personnel

This academy is for administrators, campus supervisors, teachers, School Resource Officers and Special Education staff. If you desire to learn the techniques needed to supervise students, this is the workshop for you! Attend as an administrator who will train others, **or** as a campus supervisor. Both you and your school will benefit from the information being presented. Learn about effective communication skills... approachability... demeanor... mediation techniques...crowd control... breaking up fights safely ... visual control issues...weapons and controlled substances on campus... recognizing dangerous situations...symptoms of drug or alcohol use... your liability...Education and Penal Codes ...potentially dangerous students... search and seizure methods...effective use of canines.

This seminar will be presented by top P.O.S.T. certified presenters. The topics are considered the "nut and bolts" of a safe school. If you are an administrator or campus supervisor that lacks safety training, this is the seminar for you! What you learn may prevent a serious injury to you or another person.

Every participant will receive a printed reference guide complete with a self-test. Use it as a handbook or training guide. This academy can be used as partial fulfillment of S.B. 1645 requirements.

Southern California Participants — Plan on spending Saturday afternoon in beautiful Yosemite. The waterfalls will be flowing and the foothills are alive with color. You can spend Friday night at the Piccadilly or head up to Oakhurst or Bass Lake for accommodations.

Northern California Participants — Highway 49 through the gold country is by far the most scenic drive home. The foothills will be green with many wildflowers. Spend a night in an Inn or Bed & Breakfast in any of the Mother Lode gold towns!

This conference is an authorized expenditure from School Safety funds, Drug Free and Safe School funds, any Staff Development funds, Title VI funds, SIP or Title I funds.

Thursday-Friday Sessions

April 25 & 26, 2002

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A City-wide Truancy Program

Fresno Mayor **Alan Autry** and Chief of Police **Jerry Dyer** will open the conference describing the first six months of a new city truancy program. A daytime curfew with "tickets."

Organizing CWA/Student Service

By popular request! Fontana Unified's **John Burton** and his staff (**Frank Hostetler**, **Kristine Kaufman**, **Linda Donaldson**, **Dennis Barnett**, **Cami Berry** & **Terry Paxton**) will be available to share a full service student services program that makes money. It's a model program for all CWA administrators

Be a CWA Millionaire

School district attorney **Todd Goluba** of **Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo** will put a conference participant in the chair to see if he or she can answer tough CWA situational questions. The audience assists!

Expulsion Case Studies

Phil Kauble & **Rob Jacobsen** from the Los Angeles County Office of Education will lead you through an interactive process of studying the evidence from actual cases.

504's!

Jerry Hime, a.k.a. "Mister 504", will review the laws, procedures and solutions for 504 students. Jerry knows the ins and outs of 504 students—he deals with the problem daily!

Forms, Forms, Forms...

So you want the latest forms. You asked for it and you got it! **Joe Brucia** will provide the samples you'll need to take back to your district-- Inter-district, intra-district, caregiver, affidavit of residency, affidavit of birth, etc.

A Real SRO Program

Yes, there is a difference between a policeman on campus and a comprehensive "School Resource Officer Program". Learn all the components of agency MOU's and quality SRO programs. **SRO Joe Hoffar** & P.O.S.T. certified experts will provide the facts.

The Best Attendance Booster Program!

APEX Rex, the fuzzy green dinosaur and **Debby Meyer** of Vallejo Unified are coming to Fresno! You too can replicate the best!

The Very Latest in School Drugs

Nationally known speaker **John Vigallon** will provide you with the latest in drug trends on campus. And he won't forget prevention, intervention, and counseling.

Have You Updated Your School Safety Plan?

Why is one plan better than another? **Frank Boehler** of Orange Unified has details of a SEMS required plan and template.

Religious & Gay/Straight Clubs

A possible concern for your district? **Greg Floyd** of the **Lozano Smith** law firm will provide the facts and recommendations

Legislative Update

California's best and most up-to-date review of California's new and proposed CWA related laws provided by CASCWA's **Joe Taylor** and **Sherman Garnett**.

The High School Exit Exam & CWA

Mike Smith of **Lozano Smith** will surprise you with the implications for those students who do not pass this test—Special Ed., LEP, slow learners, 504's, and any other student.

Preventative Programs

Fight-free schools, gangs, suicide prevention, homeless & poverty issues, mandated costs, student information systems, videos galore and even anger management programs. CASCWA is lining up the speakers and will only have the best at the conference.

Tolerance

This is the theme throughout the conference. Friday's general sessions will be devoted to assisting you in exploring student respect for diversity and obtaining the knowledge to ascertain if a school has a problem. These very special speakers cannot be publicized!

2002 STATE CASCWA CONFERENCE

Priority Registration Form

Thursday, April 25 & Friday, April 26, 2002

(Pre-conference Academies on April 24, 2002)


Piccadilly Inn --Shaw Avenue

2305 West Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710

NAME: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

REGISTRATION INCLUDES THURSDAY LUNCHEON & FRIDAY BREAKFAST Amount

1. Pre Conference Academy Registration _____ #1CWA. OR _____ #2 School Safety	\$ 75	_____
<i>(includes Reference Manual)</i>		
2. Conference Registration (Thursday & Friday) <i>includes 2002-2003 membership</i>	\$180	_____
3. COMBO PAK - Pre Conference & Conference (1&2) <i>Circle your requested pre-conference: #1 CWA or #2 Safety</i>	\$200	_____
4. Conference Registration for Retired Members .	\$ 40	_____
5. Conference Registration for Non-Members -excluding membership renewal (Thursday & Friday)	\$185	_____
6. One Day Conference Registration: Allows one person to attend all sessions (<i>does not include membership</i>). One Day Registration - Thursday (<i>includes lunch</i>)	\$100	_____
One Day Registration - Friday (<i>includes breakfast</i>)	\$ 75	_____



BEST RATE

**TOTAL
AMOUNT DUE**

I would like to request a vegetarian lunch on Thursday _____ yes

Registration fee must accompany this form. Purchase Orders will be accepted for registration.

No Refunds or purchase orders after April 1, 2002

Make checks payable to:

CASCWA

Mail to: Clovis Unified Child Welfare & Attendance Office
1465 David East Cook Way
Clovis, CA 93611
559-327-9200 or FAX 559-297-4570

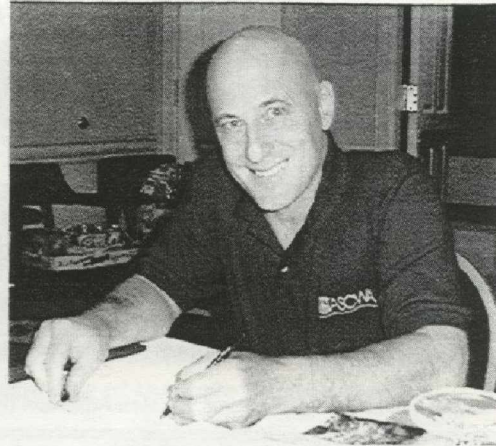
Conference Headquarters/Hotel Reservations at Piccadilly Inn-Shaw

*If you plan to stay overnight call (209) 559-251-6956 or 1-800-468-3587. Room rates are \$89.00 for single or double occupancy. Make your "CASCWA" room reservation by March 26, 2002. **There are a limited number of these "deluxe" rooms at this rate. Reserve early and be sure to specify CASCWA!***

CASCWA MEMBERS APPRECIATE DIVERSITY

Submitted By Joe Brucia, State CASCWA President

"The great melting-pot of America, the place where we are all made Americans, is the public school, where men of every race and of every origin, and of every station of life send their children, or ought to send their children, and where, being mixed together, they are all infused with the American spirit and developed into the American man and the American woman.—Woodrow Wilson 1933



This year's CASCWA State Conference theme is "Appreciating Diversity." It seems very appropriate with stories of harassment to some minorities happening since the September 11, 2001 incident in New York. We all should be aware that immigration into the United States has changed over the years. This has resulted in schools with diverse student bodies. I recently looked at my old 1961 yearbook. Lots of Smiths, Jones, Saunders and Browns. In contrast, my daughter's 2000, yearbook contains many Garcia's, Perez's, Yo's, Nguyen's, Vang's, Lee's, and Malhi's. Some senior pictures reflect distinct ethnic/racial backgrounds, while others are blends. Religion is not apparent, but we know it's varied. Sexual orientation is not evident. However, one thing is clear, the "California student" is as diverse as the world's population!

The "California student" can be seen together at dances, basketball games, school activities, restaurants and malls. We observe homes of some parents during "rent a movie night" as a mini United Nations. Unfortunately, even in these times there are signs of student alienation. The perception by some peers that a person or group is "different" in a few unacceptable ways may result in harassment of an individual or mutual stereotyping among cliques.

CASCWA advocates for all children; we share diversity, civility and respect for others. Perhaps now is a good time to look at your district policies and school procedures toward tolerance. Most districts have policies and most schools follow specific procedures. Consequences for hate behavior are clear in the education code. But policies are not remedies. It's the culture of the school you know what you are talking about and that is so important: Here are five things CASCWA members can do when we begin to see a hate related problems at a school: (1) ACT, don't hesitate to bring it to the attention of school officials; (2) LOBBY, make your fellow workers aware of the importance of tolerance; (3) RESEARCH, do your homework and learn more; (4) Review your policies procedures and student activities; and (5) TEACH TOLERANCE, bias is learned early and school teachers can be a strong influence. A good resource for CASCWA members is <http://www.tolerance.org/> I look forward to seeing everyone in Fresno on April 24-26, 2002 where we can all appreciate our diversity.

STATE CASCWA CONFERENCE INFORMATION: Registration flyers for CASCWA's State Conference were mailed in December and in are being mailed this edition of the INTERCOM. This year's conference will be in Fresno, California at the Picadilly Inn-Shaw Ave. A pre-conference "CWA Academy" with in-depth training for CWA administrators will be held on April 24, 2002 with the official conference on April 25-26, 2002. This conference will exceed 300 participants. You will find the hotel grounds are spacious, park-like and inexpensive. This may also be a great time to extend your stay and visit our National Parks at their peak beauty. Watch for the red, white and blue announcement.



**California Association of Supervisors
of Child Welfare and Attendance
Annual Membership Application Form**

First Name Last Name School Year Today's Date

Mailing Address City Zip County () Home Phone Number

Name of School or Place of Employment School and District County () Business Phone Number

New Membership Renewal: Section Affiliation (Please Check One): Bay Delta San Joaquin Southern

Send Application Form to:	Annual Dues (Pease check one-No Purchase Orders Please) Checks Payable to CASCWA MEMBERSHIP
CASCWA Membership Jerry Hime P.O. Box 4223 Huntington Beach, CA 92605	<input type="checkbox"/> Active - \$40.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Retired - \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15.00



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