

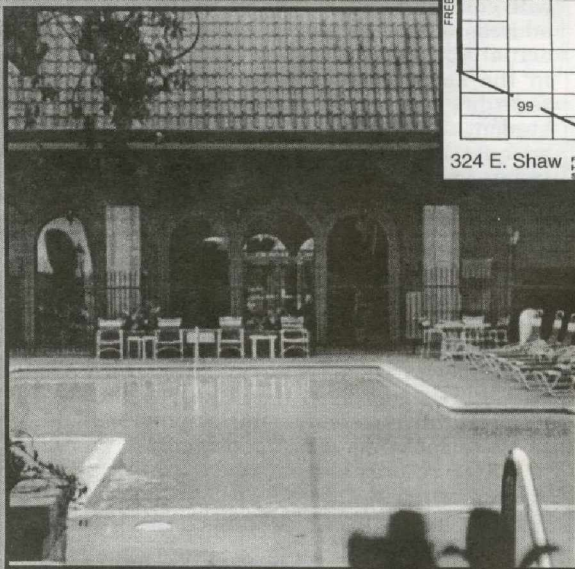
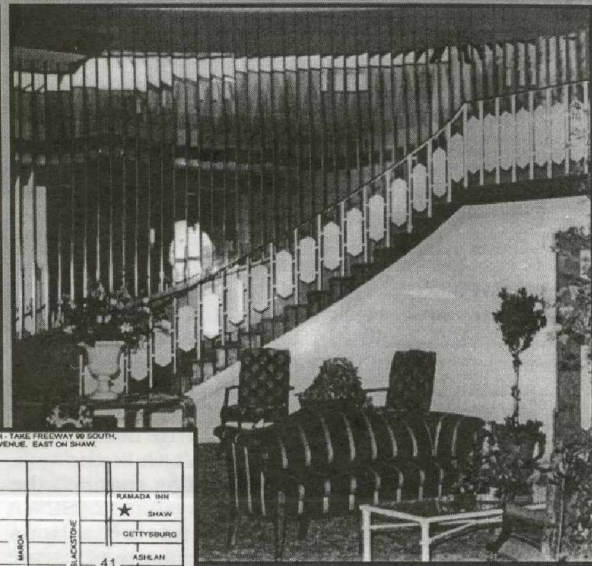


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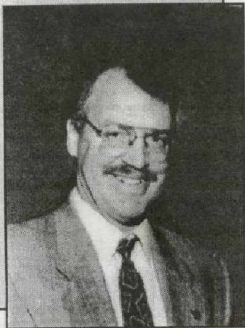
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BURGESS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD REDEFINE CASCWA MISSION



BOB BURGESS
State President
CASCWA

OUR MISSION

For those of you who will not be attending the spring conference in Fresno, this column will serve as my Swan Song as CASCWA State President. I would like to share with you a few the accomplishments of the State Executive Board this year.

In the September *Intercom* I wrote that my charge to the Executive Board was "to explore our organizational purpose and structure and to revision the future of our organization." Inevitably, the charge lead us to revisiting and re-articulating the CASCWA mission and purpose. I believe the re-articulated mission statement is special not because of any eloquence of language, but because it reflects what we are as much as our aspirations. Many mission or purpose statements fail to ring true because the organization and membership don't walk the talk. My experience in CASCWA, which has spanned the better part of three decades, is that CASCWA members support each other and are serious stewards of their profession. Since many of us are lone wolves in our organizations, we depend on CASCWA for the camaraderie of peers and affirmation of the unique view of education and child advocacy we experience as a consequence of performing Child Welfare and Attendance Services. In this sense our organization is inclusive, purposeful, an inner circle. On the other hand, our work and professional experience demand that we share and impact other educators and service professionals on behalf of children and families. Historically we have encouraged and participated in systemic change. These are not things we WISH TO DO, they are what we do and WHO WE ARE. Our shared professional purpose demands of us that we constantly reinvent ourselves and challenge our views and collective vision. Our professional fellowship is vital to this growth. It is the hope of the Board that this statement captures the spirit and the collective purpose of our membership :

The California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance is a community of unique school professionals and staff who have joined for the common purpose of:

*Creating a network of mutual support and professional growth
Working to impact legislatioun and policies relating to minors; and
Advocating for children*

OUR COLLEAGUE

You may know some CWA worker who best personifies the spirit of our mission statement. I have a handful that come to mind but no one more than my friend and CWA mentor, Lee Lundberg. Lee and John Burton were instrumental to my involvement in Child Welfare and Attendance. Sometimes Lee is a one man marketer and promoter of CASCWA and he has been the major instrument of our legislative efforts. Based on the number of calls I have received, I am sure most of you are aware that Lee has been diagnosed as having cancer and he is now focused on recovery. As of this writing, Lee has started chemotherapy. He is his resilient self and demonstrates the realistic optimism which is so characteristic of him. He wishes to thank you for the many cards, flowers, phone messages and prayers which left his resolve.

OUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

In Lee's absence I would like to share with you our progress in the area of addressing our organization's concerns regarding caregiver affidavits (SB 592 Russell). The CASCWA Executive Board has set addressing abuses associated with caregiver affidavits, interdistrict transfers, and residence as an area of major legislative effort. Representatives from CASCWA, including Lee Lundberg, myself, Phil Kauble, Hector Madrigal and Mike Parks have been meeting with Tom Bancroft of ACSA and others to sponsor comprehensive legislation in these related areas. The legislation will continue protection of student access and address misuse by caregivers and districts. While actual abuses of caregiver affidavits varies greatly in the state's districts, there is shared concern regarding the larger picture of statutes governing student registration which invite abuse and fail to adequately protect children and districts from unfair financial burdens.

Some of the notions which are being discussed include:

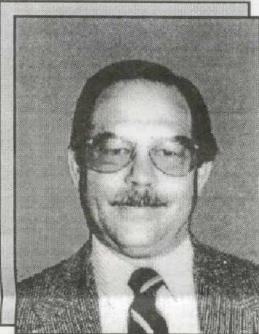
- ✓The need to continue protection of student access - students need to be in school and enrollment delays need to be minimized.
- ✓Prevent system bouncing - applicants who fail to get an interdistrict try Allen Bill residency then caregiver affidavit ...
- ✓Institute a resolution or due process appeal for caregiver disputes.
- ✓Keep records of reasons for enrollment with caregiver affidavits (Reason later proves invalid, enrollment can be revoked).
- ✓Allow caregiver to provide permission for ordinary school functions.
- ✓Define situation(s) in which districts may refuse affidavits.
- ✓Amend law to allow districts to not accept caregiver affidavits if previous falsification has occurred.

- ✓ Establish in statute, or CDE advisory, protocols for obtaining guardian and other directory information consistent with the child's welfare and safety.
- ✓ Require caregiver to sign affidavit in presence of designated school official.

I look forward to seeing you in Fresno in a few weeks

Bob Burgess

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION PUTS FINISHING TOUCHES ON SPRING CONFERENCE



GIL AWALT
President
San Joaquin Section

The Central Section has been very busy these past months preparing the agenda for the upcoming conference.

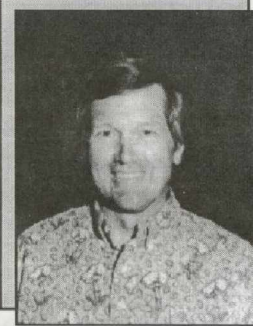
We are happy to announce that the program is in place and we have received a large number of early registrations. As it looks now, we should have a fairly large turn-out. If you have not yet sent in your registration, please take the time to complete the form in the *Intercom* and send it in.

ALL RETIRED members: We have re-instated the former procedures which allow a retired member to attend the conference at a reduced rate. Please note the addition on the registration form for retired members. We would very much like for you to join us for a day or two at the conference. Contact Rich Davis if you have any ideas about a special activity for Retirees at the conference.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference May 9th and 10th. If you can, bring a friend or colleague.



SOUTHERN SECTION SEES SUCCESS IN LEGAL FORUMS



PHIL KAUBLE
President
Southern Section

My latest goal in life is to timely file my article for the upcoming edition of the *"Intercom."* My second goal in life, as of this writing, is to continue bragging about the outstanding job that the Southern Section Board is doing this year. Recently, Southern Section completed its final Legal Forum for the '95-'96 school year. This was the fourth in a series of special luncheon events that began last November. Each event featured a prominent school law attorney who shared his or her knowledge on pre-school topics. Our most recent legal Forum was held on March 1, 1996, and was hosted by the Ventura Unified School District. Our featured speaker was Donald F. Austin Attorney-at-Law, who practices with the firm of Tharpe and Howell, located in Santa Barbara, California.

Mr. Austin's presentation was entitled "Interpreting Legal Documents." He focused on problems that we all have faced on numerous occasions. Mr. Austin is a former English teacher and, judging by his presentation, I can certainly say that we let a good one get away. His unique style of using acronyms to teach the subject material is refreshing and most helpful. For example, when reviewing court orders or decrees, look for C.P. A:

- Court stamped
- Plain language
- Ask attorney questions

I should also mention that some of us had the privilege of assembling together the evening before at the Ventura Pierpont Inn, and to use a popular expression - "a good time was had by all." Because of this year's success with our Legal Forum, we have already started our plans for next year, at which time we will expand our efforts with a focus on our friends in San Diego. Cecil Muncie, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance for the San Diego County Office of Education, will assist with the coordination of at least two "special topic" events designed bring quality CWA information to our colleagues in San Diego. Finally, as you begin making plans to attend this year's State Spring Conference in Fresno, don't forget to start making plans to attend the 1997 Conference in Palm Springs.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Fresno.

NOTE: For a complete text of Mr. Austin's presentation, send your request via Fax to (310) 922-6781.

BAY SECTION LOOKS FORWARD TO FALL SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE ; BURCIO EXPRESSES GOOD WISHES FOR LUNDBERG'S RECUPERATION



JIM BURCIO
President
Bay Section

Dear Mr. Editor
I hope I get this to you on time. I held off sending this until this morning so I would have the latest on Lee.

In late February Lee Lundberg went into the hospital for tumor surgery. He will begin chemotherapy as soon as he regains some strength. At our March 1st State Executive Board Meeting, Shari Lawson was appointed to serve as Acting State Legislative Chairperson during Lee's

recuperation. On March 12th, Lee underwent some additional surgery. He should be home by now and he would appreciate cards and messages left on his answering machine. As you know several calls can keep a person from getting the rest that they need, so cards are preferred. Lee's address is 1421 Vistagrand Drive, San Leandro, 94577.

Bay Section is now in the planning stages of putting together the fall conference in late October or early November. We are hoping to have the conference in San Francisco, which is always a treat. More information will be available at the spring conference.

Best Wishes to All,
Jim Burcio

INTERCOM

SHARI LAWSON TAKES OVER AS LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN IN LEE'S ABSENCE



SHARI LAWSON
Acting Chairperson
Legislative Committee

Nobody can truly replace Lee, and Shari Lawson will be the first to say it, but Shari has been assigned the task by the Executive Board. Shari has served on the Leg. Committee for many years and is well known about the state as an advocate for kids and a supporter of CASCWA. Shari received the Bay Section's Outstanding Service Award recently, a well deserved honor. Good luck Shari; you're needed!

EDITOR'S NOTE : This section actually follows the material on the next page. We editors do this type of thing occasionally. Saw it in Time Magazine once. Confused the daylights out of me, but it is handy when you have to make something fit !

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within those provisions. This bill would modify the form to report the total number of pupils enrolled in a school October 15. . Urgency clause

SB 944 Johnston Chapter 958
School finance: juvenile court schools and community schools -- Do not know the content of bill.

SB 966 Johnston Chapter 972
This bill is similar to AB 200. It will require a county superintendent of a county that does not maintain a community school, to develop a plan with the school districts in that county to ensure that pupils in that county who need an alternative school placement are served. This bill would define the minimum school day for community schools, and it also provide for apportionments may be claimed for pupils who are enrolled in kindergarten thru sixth that are expelled from a school district.

SB 1153 O'Connell Chapter 486
This bill will allow taxpayers to designate on their tax returns to the D. A. R. E. California Fund, which would be created by this bill. Upon appropriation by the Legislature D.A.R.E. California would assist in establishing and maintaining drug abuse resistance education programs in California schools.

SB 1170 Lockyer Chapter 311
This bill will establish the Healthy Start Plus Pregnancy Prevention option to encourage community based and school based support services for pupils at risk in the future of childbearing and parenting during the teenage years, and would provide grants to middle, junior, and high schools of up to \$100,000.

BILLS IN PROCESS (WITH CASCWA'S POSITION)

AB 163 Knight	(Driving privileges/truancy)	Support
AB 246 Morrow	(Suspension pending charges)	Oppose
AB 289 Cannella	(Drug Free Zone Act of 1995)	Approve
AB 692 Napolitano	(Principal referral to Alt. Prog.)	Watch
AB 927 Battin	(Police Access to student records)	Support
AB 966 Ducheny	(Enhanced penalty for marijuana)	Support
AB 978 Thompson	(Commission to revise Ed Code)	Watch
AB 1031 Firestone	(Denies HS Cert. to illegal aliens)	Disapprove
AB 1513 Villaraigosa	(School Safety Incentive Grants)	
AB 1721 Ducheny	(Subpoenas for student information)	Watch
AB 2040 Frusetta	(Amends EC 48915.. again)	New
SB 691 Haydon	(Fine for failure to report assault)	Watch
SB 823 Dills	(Outreach consultant duties)	Amended
SB 1169 Lockyear	(Teenage Pregnancy Act of 1996)	Watch
SB 1452 Rosenthal	(Actual attendance accounting)	New

Just in case you didn't notice, the registration form has been modified to allow retirees to attend the Fresno Spring Conference for what amounts to the cost of the meals involved. Such a deal ! We old fogies are not forgotten... Let's take advantage of the fact that CASCWA values our maturity... Ed



LEGISLATION



LEE LUNDBERG
Chairman
CASCWA Legislative
Committee

NEW LAWS AND SOME STILL IN PROCESS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Despite Lee's temporary absence, the Legislative Committee has been just as active as ever. Listed below are the laws that will soon be in effect, and thereafter a list of two year bills with CASCWA's current committee position. Remember, the text of all bills is available from the Legislative Bill Room. Call (916) 445-2323. The material on this page is as of February 28, 1996

AB 625 Allen Chapter 643

This bill will reauthorize a school district that participates in school-based program coordination to establish an alternative education and work center for school dropouts at a continuation high school or adult school or to contract with a private organization to provide the center. Also, this bill would reestablish educational clinics that would recruit or receive referral of high school dropouts.

AB 922 Friedman Chapter 974

This bill will require the governing board of a school district, at the time an expulsion of a pupil is ordered, to ensure that an educational program is provided to the expelled pupil for the period of time of the expulsion.

AB 1344 Sweeney Chapter 163

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for any person to reenter upon the campus or facility of any public school, college, or university if the person willfully and knowingly does so within 7 days after being directed to leave under specified conditions. This bill would change that to 90 days.

AB 1445 Baca Chapter 55

This bill will authorize a court to suspend or delay a person's driving privilege for every conviction for specified graffiti offenses. This bill also would specify that a traffic hearing officer may hear and dispose of allegations of inebriation and possession of marijuana.

SB 102 Hughes Chapter 19

This bill will redefine a truant as a pupil who is absent from school without valid excuse 3 full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute segment during the school day without valid excuse on 3 occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof.

SB 232 Hughes, Watson Chapter 205

School principals or their designees are required by law to notify law enforcement of certain criminal acts by a pupil in his or her school. This bill will make failure to notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities a misdemeanor punishable by a 500 dollar fine.

SB 604 Rosenthal Chapter 72

This bill will expand existing law to specifically authorize the establishment of educational, vocational, and special education services for participating juvenile offenders in residential and nonresidential boot camp style environments, to be funded with federal funds.

SB 822 Dills Chapter 410

This bill will require the a standard school crime reporting form to be developed by June 30, 1995 and would include county offices of education

CHAPTERED BILLS

AB 49 Hawkins Chapter 973

This bill will require the governing board of the school district to set a date of one year from the date expulsion occurred when a pupil expelled for possessing a firearm may apply for readmission.

AB 200 Allen Chapter 748

This bill will require the superintendent of schools of a county that does not maintain a community school to develop a plan with the governing board of the school districts in that county to ensure that pupils in that county who need an alternative school placement are served.

AB 265 Alpert Chapter 975

This bill will define the minimum school day for pupils attending county community schools as 4 hours of classroom instruction and 60 minutes of immediately supervised attendance, excluding the lunch period. It would also permit a pupil enrolled in a county community school to be assigned to an instructor supervised education program consisting of 20 contract hours of independent study plus a minimum of 5 hours of immediate supervision and would limit the use of independent study in community schools.

AB 618 Morrow Chapter 937

This bill will authorize before an expulsion hearing the governing board of the school district to issue subpoenas for the personal appearance of percipient witnesses at the request of the superintendent of schools or the superintendents' designee of the pupil.

AB 624 Allen Chapter 659

This bill will enact the Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995. This bill would require imprisonment of 2, 3, or 5 years if a person possesses a firearm in, or on the grounds of a K12 public or private school or within 1000 feet from the school.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1996

Registration - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Sessions - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Session I Workshops

Topic: Choosing Success

Presenter: Cynthia Chandler, Computer Curriculum Corporation
Description: Interactive multimedia program that helps students develop attitudes, behaviors and skills needed to achieve success in today's world.

Topic: A Local SARB That's Working

Presenters: Thomas Russell and Paul Spriggs, Clovis Unified
Description: Positive practices that work at school, district and county SARB.

Topic: Gateway Mentor Program

Presenter: Stella Montelongo, Modesto College
Description: Community college students are helping at-risk students succeed!

Session II Workshops

Topic: State SARB

Presenter: Shirley Abrams, Los Angeles County Office of Education
Description: State recommendations for local SARBS.

Topic: Medi-Cal Reimbursement for Pupil Services

Presenters: Tom Grave, Merced City Elementary, and Constance Nathan of "Paradigm"
Description: Find out how to claim Medi-Cal reimbursement for services you are currently providing. Use these funds to expand services to at-risk students.

Topic: An Adult-Student Mentor Program

Presenters: Janis Taylor, Merced High School, Richard Bernasconi, Mayor of Merced, and Susan Benes, Merced City Schools
Description: Matching an at-risk student with an adult mentor. Will this keep the student in school?

Luncheon

Installation of CASCWA Officers
Membership Award
Outstanding Section/State Awards

Session III Workshops

Topic: Community/Court Schools

Presenter: Ken Campbell, Fresno County
Description: What we are teaching the students you send us.

Topic: Healthy Start

Presenter: Pat Logan, Modesto City Schools
Description: Modesto's successful program.

Topic: School Uniforms Work!

Presenter: Jim Hamilton, Ahwahnee Middle School
Description: If it can work in this middle school, it can work at your school.

General Session

Phil Kauble is the first person that Child Welfare and Attendance administrators call when they need assistance. He and his staff are the foremost authorities within California. **He will have all the answers and sample policies for implementing AB 922, California's new expulsion law.** Phil Kauble is the Child Welfare and Attendance Administrator of the Los Angeles County Department of Education.

The Sharing Continues

President's Reception

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1996

Registration - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Sessions - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Session I Workshops

Topic: State Crime Report Update

Presenter: Pat Hanson, Butte County Office of Education
Description: The State Crime Reports have produced some interesting information.

Topic: Contraband Detection - Canines

Presenter: "Interquest, Inc." and Dave Hutton, Merced High School
Description: "Back by popular demand." These friendly dogs can smell gun powder, drugs and alcohol.

Topic: Legislative Update

Presenter: Lee Lundberg, San Leandro Unified
Description: Update on proposed Assembly and Senate Bills.

Topic: Waiver of Expulsion Hearings

Presenters: Darel Mehrten, Fresno Unified Student Services
Description: Too many expulsions? Fresno Unified has a legal way to waive the proceedings.

Session II Workshops

Topic: 504 Expulsions

Presenter: Jerry Panella, Student Support Services
Description: Pitfalls of expelling a 504 student.

Topic: Expulsion Findings

Presenters: Phil Kauble and Lillie Wilson, Los Angeles County Department of Education
Description: They're required! What are they? How do you use them?

Topic: Reinstating a Dress Code

Presenter: Bill Contente
Description: No more baggy pants at my school.

Luncheon -- Sharing with the Experts

General Session

John Burton - California's #1 Child Welfare and Attendance Consultant will provide you with **everything you need to know about the laws and legal precedents related to children.** John's handouts are the best resource you will ever need! John Burton is the Child Welfare and Attendance Administrator of the San Bernardino County Office of Education.

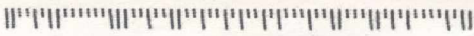
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