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## SPECIAL 2006 CASCWA CONFERENCE PICTORIAL MEMORY EDITION PART 1

THIS SPECIAL PICTORIAL MEMORY EDITION OF THE 2006 CASCWA STATE CONFERENCE IS DEDICATED TO DENNIS WIECHMAN, 2005-06 STATE PRESIDENT, TOM NEEB, 2005-06 DELTA SECTION PRESIDENT AND ALL OF THE DELTA CASCWA EXECUTIVE BOARD WHO PUT TOGETHER A TREMENDOUS STATE CONFERENCE. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO BAY SECTION'S UPCOMING 2007 CASCWA STATE CONFERENCE IN NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APRIL OF 2007. [FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.CASCWA.ORG.](http://WWW.CASCWA.ORG)

# TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2006, GETTING IT TOGETHER





**Friday, April 28, 2006**

**7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Keynote: Jeff Eben**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. IDEA and 504 Discipline Issues**  
*Attorneys from the law firm of Lozano Smith*

**11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. CASCWA Final Business**  
*Swearing in New Officers, final raffle prizes, conference roundup*

### **CASCWA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

*After the State Conference the newly elected officers begin their terms -*

#### **2005-2006 Officers**

Dennis Wiechmann, *President*  
Jan Tarif, *President-elect*  
Sherman Garnet, *Vice President*  
Sheri Hanni, *Secretary*  
Jerry Hime, *Treasurer*  
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#### **2006-2007 Proposed Officers**

Jan Tariff, *President*  
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Sheri Hanni, *Secretary*  
Jerry Hime, *Treasurer*  
Dennis Wiechmann, *Past-President*

Phil Kauble serves as Past-President Emeritus, Rob Jacobsen and Joe Taylor as Legislative Liaisons. Tom Mangione, Tad Kitada, and Frank Boehler serve on special projects. CASCWA is divided into four geographical sections. These four sections are:

**Delta-Sierra Section – Joe Taylor, President:** *Includes the counties from San Joaquin to the Oregon border.*

**Bay Section – Jan Tariff, President:** *Includes the northern California "wine" counties and those surrounding the San Francisco and Monterey Bay area.*

**San Joaquin Section – Tom Neeb, President:** *Includes the San Joaquin central valley counties from Stanislaus to Tulare.*

**Southern Section – Dr. Donna Dalton Opoka-Agyeman, President:** *Includes the counties between Kern and the U.S.-Mexico border.*

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**Meet Old Friends and Make New Ones!**  
**Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm in the Presidents Suite**

*Welcome Conference Attendees! Join us for an informal gathering Wednesday evening hosted by the San Joaquin Section conference planning committee.*

**Co-Chairpersons:** *Tom Neeb & Dennis Wiechmann*

**Committee Members:** *Greg Bass, Phil Swearingen, Benita Washington, Karin Blasingame, Mike Robinson, Bill Stewart, Galen Wright, Joe Brucia, Jennifer Watson, Josie Rudino, Ann-Maura Cervantes, and the Fresno Unified Social Workers.*

Wednesday April 26, 2005

## Pre-Conference Training Academies

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Pre-registration required - both run concurrently)

### Academies

#### State--

#### Annual State CWA Leadership Academy

#### Salon A

**Presenters:** Tom Goluba, Bill Schuetz, Sharon Ormond of the law firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo in association with book authors Joe Brucia, Phil Kauble and their guests; Kevin Torosian, Fresno Unified School District's administrative hearing officer & Rob Jacobsen, Los Angeles COE.

This State academy is focused toward new, experienced, or prospective administrators **who want to implement the best legal and leadership policies and** to operate a quality CWA or student services office. Presentations are by California's most experienced CWA practitioners *and* attorneys who specialize in California CWA issues. Attendees will receive an abundance of information on the law and how to implement it. **Sponsored by Atkinson, Anderson, Loya, Ruud & Romo**

#### San Joaquin Section--

#### Drugs on Campus Academy

#### Salon D

**Presenters:** John Vigallon, Officer Rod Little & others from "Help Educate Loving Parents" (HELP)

This section-sponsored academy is geared toward anyone that works where they may encounter drugs on campus. It is for site and district administrators, campus supervisors, teachers, School Resource Officers and other interested staff. You and your staff will know how to identify drugs, recognize those under the influence, drug/alcohol symptoms and listen to students who have, or had a problem. You will see the real drugs. Lots of handout information. This section academy is open to all conference attendees.

### Thursday Sessions April 27, 2006

--General Session 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.--

#### H. Spees

H. Spees provides a powerful perspective when working with at-risk students. In 1993, his family moved with several other families into Fresno's highest crime, lowest income neighborhood where much transformation has occurred and more change is needed. He talks about making a difference and he does make a difference!

--Breakout Session #1--

9:45 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

#### Title: A Practical Approach to Bullying Prevention

**Presenter:** Randy Sprick

**Sequoia**

This session explores bullying interventions for four groups: Chronic bullies, chronic victims, and the 95% of students who aren't bullies or victims and staff. Randy is a nationally known consultant who, at our request, has flown in from Oregon to make this special "keynote session" presentation.

#### Title: May I Search Your Locker?

**Presenters:** Bill Schuetz, Sharon Ormond  
(attorneys from aalr) **Salon A1**

Learn the legal parameters of student searches and seizures from a practical and legal perspective. Attendees will be able to avoid common pitfalls to help maintain a safe school environment.

#### Title: Drugs on Campus

**Presenter:** John Vigallon

**Salon A2**

John, who works for many school districts, gives an overview of illegal drug use and trends on middle and H.S. school campuses. His effective intervention programs work! Expect to be surprised!

#### Title: Section 504 and the Education of Children with Disabilities

**Presenter:** Gayle Sakowski (OCR)

**Salon D1**

This session will provide an overview of Section 504 non-discrimination requirements, focusing on: (1) free and appropriate education and the differences between Section 504 and IDEA, (2) disability based harassment, and (3) access to electives and extra curricular activities. Cases from the Office of Civil rights will be reviewed.

**Title: Disciplining Students for Off-Campus Websites**

**Presenters:** Rob Jacobsen, Linette Hodson,  
Scott Smith Salon D2

This presentation is a primer on disciplining students for off-campus websites. How should schools balance a student's right to free speech versus administration's obligation for a safe learning environment?

**Title: Foster Youth and AB 490: It's Been Two Years, How are We Doin'?**

**Presenter:** Laura Tanner-McBrien Salon D3

From law-to-practice. If the 4<sup>th</sup> largest school district in California can effectively identify and serve these students, so can you!!!

**Title: Gangs 101: Awareness and Interventions that Work. A School Perspective.**

**Presenter:** Lawrence Fernandez Exhibit E1

This session, by an experienced presenter, will provide participants with gang awareness as well as gang history, trends and intervention activities that have had positive results in schools.

**Title: SARB-Just the Facts**

**Presenter:** Sherman Garnett Exhibit: E2

Are you doing your job in terms of legal requirements and exhausting all efforts to improve school attendance? This highly interactive workshop will discuss your legal requirements in relation to SARB and successful intervention strategies that you can implement in your district.

*--Breakout Session #2--*

11:10 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

**Title: The SARB Hearing: A Simulation**

**Presenter:** LACOE staff Sequoia

This presentation will use a "simulated SARB hearing" to provide participants with an example of how a successful SARB meeting can be conducted.

**Title: Reducing Suspensions & Expulsions with School Wide Prevention**

**Presenter:** Dr. Randy Sprick Salon: A1

This session provides practical strategies that reduce misbehavior while increasing student motivation. These procedures are at school-wide, classroom, and student levels.

**Please note:** Rooms identified with the term "Exhibit" are in the Exhibit Hall across the street to the left of the Radisson. Check your map

**Title: Beyond Zero Tolerance**

**Presenter:** Dr. Skager (UCLA) Salon A2

This session will present specific proposals for changing practice and policy relating to youth substance use. Participants will learn why conventional approaches have not been successful at eliminating widespread drug experimentation and how programs and policies may be inexpensively improved or related with developmentally appropriate measures.

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**Title: Attention-2-Attendance: Featuring eTruancy**

**Presenter:** Jeff Owen (SI&A) Salon D2

eTruancy is an easy to use web based product for attendance recapture. It allows attendance personnel to effectively manage attendance for ADA improvement, mandated cost reimbursement, and increased student learning time.

**Title: 504 Accommodation Plans**

**Presenter:** Gail Sakowski Salon D3

Gail Sakowski is an attorney for the Office of Civil Rights. She will describe what 504 accommodations mean to a school and how they affect student discipline.

**Title: Fighting Gangs, A Law Enforcement Perspective**

**Presenters:** MAGEC staff Exhibit E1

Law Enforcement Officers from the "Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium" (MAGEC) will cover the latest in gangs, including Asian gangs, and how they are fighting the war on gangs.

**Title: Student Records: The Answers**

**Presenter:** Sherman Garnett Exhibit E2

Sherman has compiled "The book" on student records. This is an interactive session that will provide you with the knowledge and background to comply with the law.

**GENERAL SESSION – LUNCHEON**

**RAFFLE AND STATE AWARDS**

**12:30-2:00 P.M.**

**--KEYNOTE ADDRESS--**

**LARRY POWELL** FRESNO COUNTY  
OFFICE OF ED. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

**--Breakout Sessions #3--**

**2:15 p.m. -3:20 p.m.**

**Title: Kids In Chaos: The Art of Strategic Discipline**

**Presenter: Ray Culberson** Sequoia

Ray Culberson's "Kids in Chaos" provides disciplinary techniques and strategies that can be implemented the minute you leave the presentation. Learn the new Art of Discipline in a changing work. This is a repeat session

**Title: Sexual Orientation/Bullying**

**Presenter: Lozano Smith** Salon A1

Attorneys will review the legal issues surrounding student harassment, sexual orientation, and bullying. This is the new frontier in student discipline. Where the education code falls short, the courts have picked up. Be knowledgeable and preemptive or be in legal jeopardy.

**Title: Expulsions from a District Perspective**

**Presenter: Kevin Torosian** Salon A2

Are you presenting the necessary types of evidence at expulsion hearings? What exactly is "hearsay evidence"? How does the Education Code help school district in presenting their cases? Learn the ins and outs of the expulsion process from an administrator/attorney.

**Title: Flaws in the Law/Legal Update**

**Presenters: Sherman Garnett, Joe Taylor, & Rob Jacobsen** Salon D1

Attendees will have an opportunity to give input regarding areas of the Education Code that need to be changed, updated, or clarified. This hands-on workshop will provide you with an opportunity to brainstorm with other CASCWA members as you examine CWA related laws that are "flawed". This input will then used to recommend changes to the legislator.

**Title: DA Truancy Mediation**

**Presenter: Lois Baer** Salon D2

This assistant D.A. for the Santa Clara District Office will outline the programs any District Attorney's Office can provide when students are habitually truant. Learn about this model intervention program to remedy students' truant habits short of going to court. This discussion will also address when it is necessary to prosecute parents and/or students for habitual truancy. Each year, CASCWA receives request to have Lois present their county's program.

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**Title: Character Counts in every corner of the school**

**Presenter: Kelly Petty** Exhibit E1

Make character development an integral part of your school's behavior plan. Whether students are in the classroom, the hallway, the office or on the playground, this session will help you build student character that really counts!

**Title: Drug Testing in School**

**Presenter: "Drug Testing Services"** Exhibit E2

This presentation will cover strategies and legal requirements to implement drug-testing programs (voluntary and involuntary). Drug testing programs, agree or disagree, are one of the most effective ways to reduce substance abuse among students. The presenters will also discuss steroids use and possible testing programs to address this growing problem.

**--Breakout Session #4--**

**3:35 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

**Title: Student Discipline a Legal Perspective**

**Presenter: Lozano Smith** Sequoia

Attorneys from Lozano Smith will cover discipline issues that relate to suspension, expulsions, free speech, search and seizure, and student rights. Come find out if your schools policies and procedures are current, or if your district is out on a limb.

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*Did you know...Since 1936, the CASCWA State Conference has been the only place to find California's top Child Welfare and Attendance Specialists sharing their successful strategies*

**Title: Ins & Outs of a Community Day Schools**

**Presenters:** Dennis Wiechmann, Debbie Morris, Dan Sackheim Salon A2

All aspects of community day schools will be covered. Topics Include: starting a community school and the everyday operation of the school. Learn about student transfers and the all-important campus safety.

**Title: Utilizing Social Workers in Schools to Address Truancy**

**Presenters:** Sonia Pranger, Gina Rios, Daren Miller Salon D1

A presentation highlighting an alternative approach to address truancy related issues that move beyond punishment and consequences. By utilizing a holistic approach, attendance barriers are removed and students are reconnected to school.

**Title: Emergency Operation Plans**

**Presenter:** Frank Boehler Salon D2

Are you prepared to handle an emergency? Nature will not wait for you to finish your plans. Disasters are not a question of "if." They are a question of "when". This presentation will provide the tools needed to upgrade and enhance your emergency plans.

**Title: Making Your School Safe & Secure via Digital Video Security**

**Presenter:** Andy Anderson (CCTV) Salon D3

This presentation will demonstrate how the application of digital video surveillance systems can provide an invaluable tool for increased school security. The discussion will address student and staff safety, reduction of theft and vandalizes, and the bigger picture of "securing the campus."

**President's Reception**

**5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.**

**Sponsored by Lozano Smith**

Come and meet the current and the incoming State Board, enjoy a great chance to network with others in the CWA field, and listen and dance to live music

*On Friday CASCWA is proud to present a very special and learning experience. You won't want to miss it.*

**Friday  
General Session**

**-- April 28, 2006 --**

**General Session  
8:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.**

**Featured Guest Speaker:**

**Jeff Eben**

Jeff, a promising high school athlete, overcame a paralyzing water skiing accident at age 16 and became a teacher, coach and administrator. His story of hope, perseverance and love, along with the message that a wheelchair is no impediment to a fruitful life, has inspired both national and international audiences.

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**IDEA and 504 Discipline Issues**

Attorneys from Lozano Smith will cover issues relating to the rights of student under the reauthorized Individual with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504. The most recent changes to IDEA will be covered as well as hearing outcomes and court cases that will potentially affect the way protected students can be disciplined. You can never be "too" informed regarding these issues.

**11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**Closing Comments, final (& best) raffle prizes and the swearing-in of new officers**

**CASCWA Scholarship Raffle**

This year's conference and raffle will provide **eight \$750 scholarship awards** to seniors who made personal and academic improvement within the San Joaquin Section of California. The award is named the "Anthony Brucia Success Award" in recognition of a former high school senior who "turned it around" and achieved personal success before he passed away. One or more recipients will be recognized at the conference. **Keep an eye out for Greg Bass and his raffle team!**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006 CASCWA Leadership ACADEMY – Hosted by Tom Goluba, Bill Schuetz & Sharon Ormond of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo [www.aalrr.com/](http://www.aalrr.com/)**



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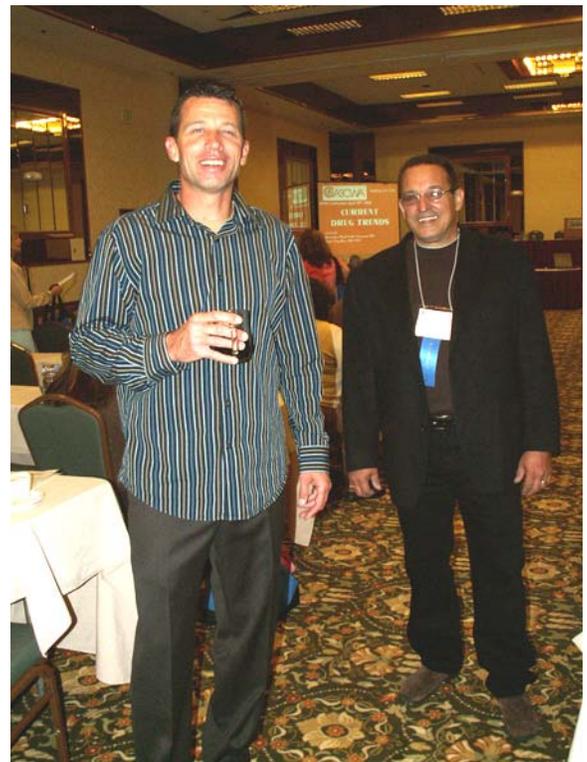
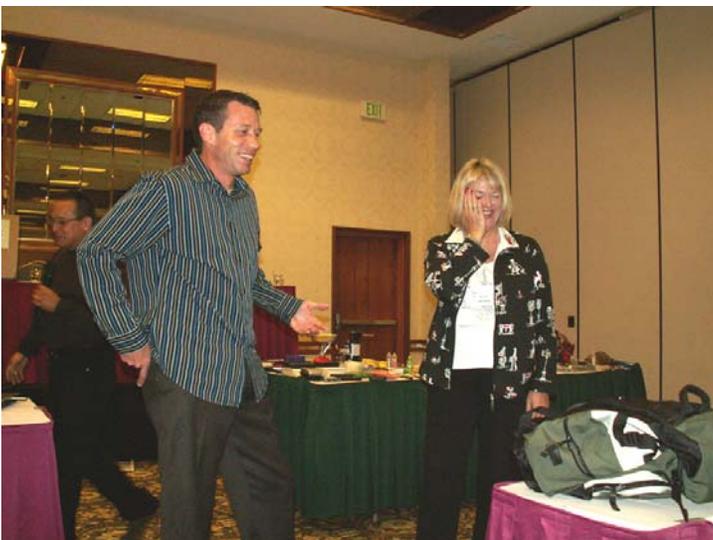
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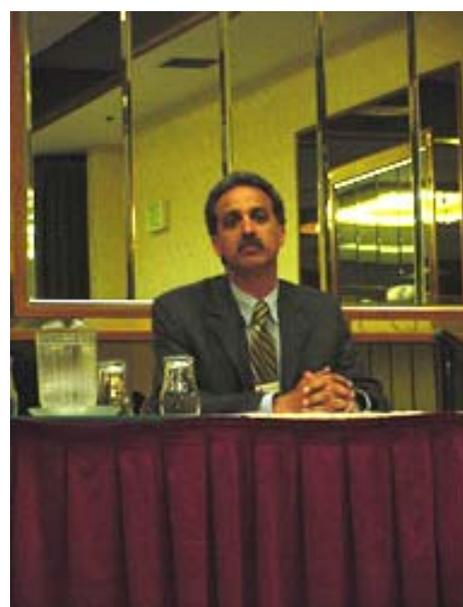
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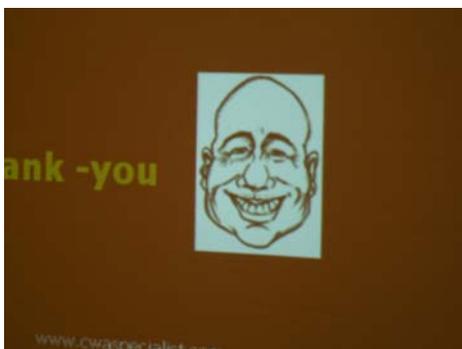
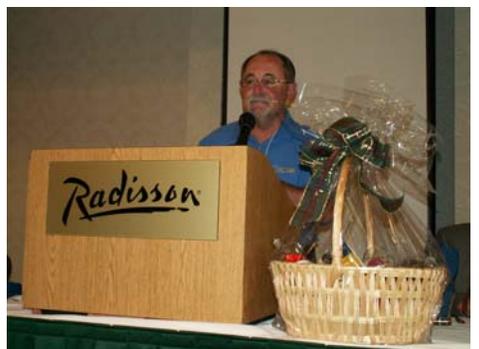


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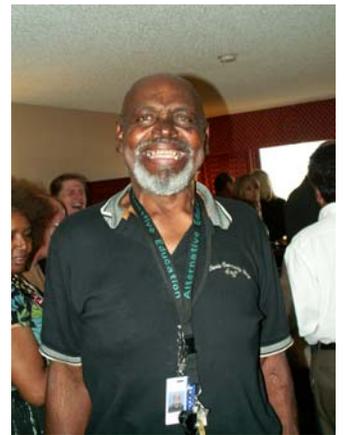


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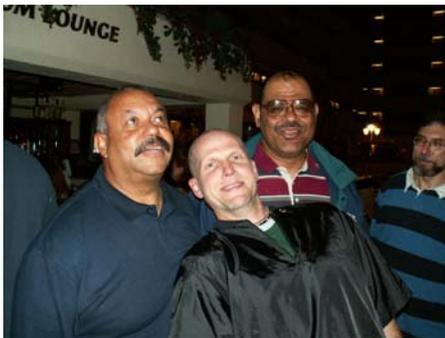
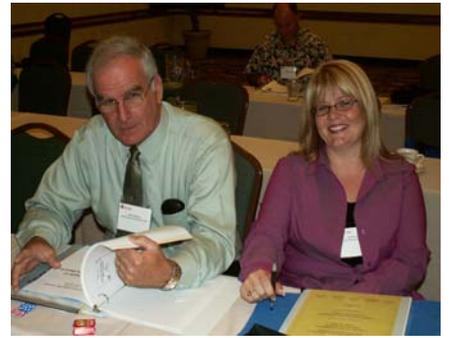




# WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 2006, MORE MEMORIES







# THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006 – CASCWA CONFERENCE MORNING PICTURES



# CASCWA CONFERENCE MORE PICTURES





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