

1995-96

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JEA State Director:	Carmen Wendt
Area Coordinators:	Carol Carney, Romy Harder, Kathy Jennings, Eric Johnson, Jennie Madden, Cathy Parks, Micki Remos, Phyllis Stanfield

1996 Forest Martin Award: Micki Remos, Dobson High School

Fall Convention: ASU. Attendance: 40 schools, 510 students including 333 newspaper, 158 yearbook, 19 other students. Profit: \$860

Spring Convention: UofA. The focus was on a hands-on experience for the students. The sessions were set for newspaper, yearbook, photography and computer labs. Facilities and parking were problems, but Jim Patten worked closely with Cathie. Attendance: 33 schools, 385 students including 207 newspaper, 137 yearbook, 41 other students and 51 advisers. Profit \$1,327.

Spring Contest:

- General Excellence Newspapers: First, *The Crusader*; Salpointe Catholic; Second, *Wolver News*, Tolleson Union; Third, *The Demon Dispatch*, Greenway.
- Arizona Student Journalist of the Year: First, Kirsten Searer, feature editor, McClintock newspaper; Second, Kenny Stewart, editor-in-chief, Centennial newspaper

AIPA Summer Workshop: The 37th annual workshop was held at the Wyndham Metrocenter Hotel in Phoenix on June 23-27. Cost: \$355. Sponsorship money raised: \$7475. A total of 130 students attended including 44 newspaper, 57 yearbook, 6 photo, 11 computer and 12 advisers. They participated in special focus seminars, hands-on labs and school work sessions. They made a trip to Castles 'n Coasters, shopped at Metrocenter one afternoon, attended a press conference with the Mental Health Association of Maricopa County and attended a closing awards banquet. Teachers included: Tony Gomez, Pueblo High School, Tucson, AZ; Alyce McNerney, Cupertino High School, Cupertino, CA; Wayne Thallander, Tracy High School, Tracy, CA; Micki Remos, Dobson High School, Tempe, AZ; Pete LeBlanc, Center High School, Antelope, CA; Ron Cueba, W.C. Overfelt High School, San Jose, CA; Crystal Harding, Mountain View High School, Mesa, AZ; John Baab, Santa Rita High School, Tucson, AZ; Jim Nichols, Northern Arizona University senior; Carmen Wendt, Saguaro High School, Scottsdale, AZ.

Board Business:

- 124 schools are members
- An amendment was passed that will allow the board to fight for students' rights to a free press.
- Starting in the spring some officers will be elected for a two-year term, and the next year the rest of the officers will be elected for a two-year term. This was done for better continuity.
- A motion to pay the treasurer \$500 and convention coordinators \$200 passed.
- Student Journalist of the Year Awards were set at \$200 for first place and \$100 for second place.
- Steve Abaroa typed and updated the constitution.
- A motion passed to create a special recognition award called Friends of the Press Award for Diane Rutherford of Newspapers In Education at the Republic/Gazette for her help to AIPA. The award was presented at the spring convention.
- A new adviser award to be named "The Freeman Hover Award" was created for outstanding advisers with less than five years of experience.
- The board voted to change the AIPA logo.
- Two student positions on the board were created—one representing newspaper and one representing yearbook. Brian Gregory from Greenway High School was appointed by Steve to serve until the first election in the spring. The first representatives who were elected were Jessica Brisson of the Santa Rita Talon and Elizabeth Fleming of the Scottsdale Saguaro Sentinel.
- \$3,500 was approved for scholarships to AIPA Summer Workshop.

National Recognition: Greenway High School *Demon Dispatch*, Gold Crown; Globe High School, Gold Circle; Dave Cosgrove, Salpointe Catholic High School, Distinguished Adviser.

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1996 Freeman Hover Award: Troy Thomas, Dysart High School

1997 Forest Martin Award: Steve Abaroa, Highland High School

Fall Convention: Oct. 28, ASU. Theme: Youth Has Its Day. An emphasis was placed on students teaching students. Attendance: 49 schools, 761 students including 442 newspaper, 162 yearbook, 86 other and 71 advisers. Profit: \$3,515

Fall Contests: Entered: 14 yearbooks, 17 newspapers, 7 literary magazines. Tribune Newspapers judged. General Excellence for Yearbooks: First, Gilbert High School; Second, Globe High School; Third, Salpointe Catholic High School.

Spring Convention: Downtown Phoenix. Theme: Can You Take the Heat? Carmen Wendt was the local chair for the national JEA/NSPA convention in Phoenix. Other committee members included: Steve Abaroa, Micki Remos, Faith Harris, Mindi Kugler, Patti Duncan, Trish LaDue, Tina Cleavelin, Bob Snider, Cathie Parks, Dee Hunt, George Alper, Karen Cure, Mary Kay Devner, Margie DiCeaser, Irene Frias, Crystal Harding, Bert Reynolds, Troy Thomas, Mary Sverdrup, Jane Fredlock and Mary Titus. State contests were held separately at the convention site. Profit from JEA: \$3,011.11

Spring Awards: Arizona High School Journalist of the Year: Stephanie Conner, Corona del Sol. General Excellence, Newspaper: First, Horizon; Second, Salpointe Catholic; Third, Westview; HM, Canyon del Oro
General Excellence, Broadcast: First, Mountain Pointe; Second, Highland; Third, Moon Valley.

AIPA Summer Workshop: The 38th annual workshop was held at the Wyndham Metrocenter Hotel in Phoenix on June 22-26. Cost: \$355. Sponsorship money raised: \$9,750. A total of 121 students attended including 41 newspaper, 65 yearbook and 15 advisers. They participated in special focus seminars, hands-on labs and school work sessions. A complete computer lab was made available for student classes and to publish *The Workshopper*. They made a trip to Castles 'n Coasters, shopped at Metrocenter one afternoon, attended a press conference with Senator Joe Eddie Lopez and attended a closing awards banquet. Teachers included: Tony Gomez, Pueblo High School, Tucson, AZ; Alyce McNerney, Cupertino High School, Cupertino, CA; Wayne Thallander,

Tracy High School, Tracy, CA; Micki Remos, Dobson High School, Tempe, AZ; Pete LeBlanc, Center High School, Antelope, CA; Ron Cueba, W.C. Overfelt High School, San Jose, CA; Mary Kay Devner, Gilbert High School, Gilbert, AZ; Jay Barwell, Catalina Foothills High School, Tucson, AZ; Carmen Wendt, Saguaro High School, Scottsdale, AZ.

Board Business:

- 117 schools are members
- Gary Lentz resigned for personal reasons; Jackie Romey resigned due to her husband's new job out of state. Steve made new appointments.
- Membership dues: \$60/school or \$25/publication before fall convention. \$30/publication after fall
- Board supported Senator Joe Eddie Lopez' bill before the state legislature that would eliminate prior review by administrators and would add some security to adviser positions. The bill did not make it out of committee.
- Board reaffirmed that the Forest Martin Award is a once in a lifetime award.
- Conventions should be standardized to fall near the end of October and April.
- \$3,500 was approved for scholarships for the AIPA Summer Workshop
- Greg created a new database for the membership records.
- To increase membership and promote incentives to join AIPA yet streamline mailings, the board decided to send spring mailings to newspaper, yearbook and broadcast advisers with fall mailings going to the above as well as photo and literary magazine teachers.

National Recognition:

Arizona's High School Journalist of the Year, Stephanie Conner of Corona del Sol earned a national finalist certificate.

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Area Coordinators:	Tina Cleavelin, Mary Kay Devner, Deanne Hutchison, Cathie Parks, Marianne Moriarty, Tony Gomez, Bob Snider, Irene Frias
Student Reps:	Ben Thomson, Highland; Elizabeth Fleming, Saguaro

1997 Freeman Hover Award: Kelly Munoz

1998 Forest Martin Award: Cathryn Parks, Sabino High School

Fall Convention: Oct. 20, ASU. Theme: Catch the Wave of Change Keynote speaker: Kimberly Crockett, a senior editor of *The Arizona Republic*. Troy Thomas, chair; Cathie Parks, schedule. Attendance: 39 schools, 921 students including 456 newspaper, 315 yearbook, 81 photojournalism, 52 broadcast, 17 literary magazine and 66 advisers. Profit: \$7,406

Fall Contests: Entered: 524 (a record)

General Excellence, yearbook: First, Marcos de Niza, Second, Mountain Ridge; Third, Tolleson
General Excellence, literary magazine: First, Corona del Sol; Second, Tolleson; Third, Mountain Pointe

Spring Convention: March 27 (because of facility availability), Pima College, Tucson. Special speakers: George Ramos, Pulitzer Prize winner with *The Los Angeles Times*, Laura Schaub, John Cutsinger, Linda Putney, Kathy Daly.

AIPA Summer Workshop: The 39th annual workshop was held at the Wyndham Metrocenter Hotel in Phoenix on June 21-25. Cost: \$385. Sponsorship money raised: \$10,450. A total of 95 students attended including 36 newspaper, 50 yearbook and 9 advisers. A complete computer lab was made available for student classes and to publish *The Workshopper*. They made a trip to Castles 'n Coasters, shopped at Metrocenter one afternoon, attended a press conference with George Ramos, Pulitzer Prize winner with *The Los Angeles Times* and attended a closing awards banquet. Teachers included: Tony Gomez, Pueblo High School, Tucson, AZ; Amy Hall, Apollo High School, Phoenix, AZ; Patti Duncan, Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix, AZ; Micki Remos, Dobson High School, Tempe, AZ; Pete LeBlanc, Center High School, Antelope, CA; Ron Cueba, W.C. Overfelt High School, San Jose, CA; Mary Kay Devner, Gilbert High School, Gilbert, AZ; Carmen Wendt, Saguaro High School, Scottsdale, AZ.

Board Business:

- 145 member schools
- Dave Cosgrove created a membership/informational brochure.
- Committee formed to restructure contests after concern about judging for fall contests.
- John Fearing, Executive Director of the Arizona Newspapers Association, met with the board during a meeting at the AIPA Summer Workshop and offered the services of his group to AIPA. Board members mentioned concerns for journalism programs in schools and the need for a central headquarters and executive director to handle general AIPA business.
- Membership fees raised: \$30 early, \$35 late, \$75 school wide, association—same as individual publication.
- ANA's response to board requests: AIPA may use ANA address as a central communications point; some staff time can be used to help with mailings (postage not included), will work with AIPA and Arizona Board of Regents, AIPA president should become a regular part of ANA's annual meeting, will help with speakers for meetings when asked, will sponsor some scholarships, are interested in sponsoring or helping to sponsor contests for high school journalists.

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1998-99
50th Anniversary of AIPA 1999

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Contests:	Tom Mihalchick
Fall Convention:	Tina Klecka
Spring Convention:	Tony Gomez
Workshop Directors:	Peggy Gregory Dave Cosgrove
ANA Liaison:	Paula Casey
JEA State Director:	Carmen Wendt
Area Coordinators:	Tina Cleavelin, Mary Kay Devner, Patti Duncan, Cathie Parks, Stephanie Sapakie, Tony Gomez, Bob Snider, Jill Farkas, Sheila Carter
Student Reps:	Vinita Anahotri, yearbook; Michael Linton, newspaper, Sahuaro

1998 Freeman Hover Award: Bob Snider

1999 Forest Martin Award: Greg Anderson, Sedona Red Rock High School

Fall Convention: Oct. 19, ASU. Theme: From the Ground Up. Keynote speaker: H.L. Hall; Attended: Total, 936; 461, newspaper; 305 yearbook; 47 photo, 71 broadcast, 52 advisers. Profit: \$5,991.76

Fall Contests: Tina helped Tom with the contests.

Entries: 313 with 11 yearbooks; 11 newspapers, 7 literary magazines

General Excellence, Literary Magazines: First, Salpointe Catholic; Second, Safford, Third, Mountain Ridge

General Excellence, Yearbooks: First, Salpointe Catholic; Second, Gilbert; Second, Sabino; Third, Mountain Pointe; Third, Westwood; Honorable Mentions: Sunnyslope, Tolleson, Highland, Mountain Ridge

Spring Convention: March 27, Pueblo Magnet School in Tucson. Attendance: Total 468; 35 schools, 279, newspaper; 109 yearbook; 6 lit mag, 15 photo, 8 broadcast, 51 advisers. Profit: \$7,403.87. Keynote speaker: Barbara MacDonald, local TV anchor. Sessions centered around hands-on experience with Photoshop, the internet and page design and were held in Pueblo's 12+ computer labs. Lunch was served on-site and advisers were treated to a Mexican buffet and mariachi music. Several Pueblo clubs including a printing club helped with preparations for the conventions; AIPA sent a donation to thank them.

Spring Contests: Included honorable mentions; a write-off contest was held and judged on-site by board members, and scholarships of \$500 to the UofA were awarded in each category—news, feature writing and editorial writing— for first place.

Entries: 556; 490 newspaper entries, 14 broadcasting, 58 yearbooks

Arizona JEA Journalist of the Year: Rebecca Michael, Corona del Sol High School
General Excellence, Newspapers: First, Salpointe Catholic; Second, Chandler; Third, Shadow Mountain; Honorable Mention, Greenway

AIPA Summer Workshop: June 16-20. The 40th annual workshop was moved back to NAU in Flagstaff with the invaluable help of Professor Josie Weber. The tuition was lowered over \$100 to \$275. Sponsorship money raised: \$9,800. A total of 160 students attended including 75 newspaper, 70 yearbook and 15 advisers. A complete computer lab was made available for student classes and to publish *The Workshopper*. The opening speaker was Dave Fitzsimmons, the editorial cartoonist from *The Arizona Daily Star*. Students attended a news conference with Tim Delaney, Chief Deputy Attorney General of Arizona; entertainment included a trip to the movies, the pizza and arcade parlor and the annual No Talent, Talent Show with a special slide show of workshop. The Awards Banquet brunch ended the workshop. Teachers were Tony Gomez, Pueblo High School, Tucson, AZ; Patti Duncan, Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix, AZ; Alyce McNerney Stanwood, CJE, Cupertino High School, Cupertino, CA; Yvonne Johnson, Westwood High School, Mesa, AZ; Micki Remos, Dobson High School, Tempe, AZ; Tina Klecka, Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix, AZ; Ron Cueba, W.C. Overfelt High School, San Jose, CA; Cathie Parks, Sabino High School, Tucson, AZ; Carmen Wendt, Saguaro High School, Scottsdale, AZ; Pete LeBlanc, Center High School, Antelope, CA.

Board Business:

- 132 members; three lifetime members: Freeman Hover, Phyllis Stanfield, Jan Watson
- 179 associates added to database by Greg Anderson
- New job descriptions and guidelines for Area Coordinator notebooks done by Greg Anderson.
- AIPA bylaws were amended to authorize ANA to conduct mailings and correspondence from their central office. A formal liaison was thus established with ANA.
- Student rep, Michael Linton, recruited 30 students to form committees—workshop, spring convention, communication—to help AIPA.
- \$3,800 used for half scholarships to the summer workshop
- Committee formed to revise contests and create judging criteria
- Carmen Wendt created a quilt square for Arizona for the JEA 75th anniversary quilt.

National Recognition:

NSPA Pacemaker, Corona del Sol, yearbook

Pacemaker Finalists: Mountain View, Salpointe Catholic

CSPA Gold Crown: Newspaper, Salpointe Catholic; Yearbook, Naylor Middle School

CSPA Silver Crown: Yearbooks, Dobson, Salpointe Catholic, Corona del Sol, Gilbert

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Area Coordinators:	Mary Jo Case, Tina Klecka, Mary Kay Devner, Patti Duncan, Cathie Parks, Stephanie Sapakie, Bob Snider, Jill Farkas,
Student Reps:	Frank Lewis, Chandler, yearbook; Mary Kate Sullivan, Deer Valley, newspaper

1999 Freeman Hover Award: Jim Nichols, Glendale High School

2000 Forest Martin Award: Tony Gomez, Pueblo High School

Fall Convention: Oct. 18, ASU. Keynote speaker: Richard de Uriarte, reader advocate, *The Arizona Republic*. A historical newspaper display was one of the exhibits. Attendance: 799 including 435 newspaper students, 266 yearbook students, 62 advisers and 11 lit mag, 20 broadcast and 5 photo students. Profit: \$12,375.73

Fall Contests: Entries: 652. Judging was done by AIPA board members and any other AIPA member interested as well as two professionals for the first time. The committee (Tina Klecka, Cathie Parks, Mary Kay Devner, Tom Mihalchick, Bob Snider, Yvonne Johnson, Dave Cosgrove, Stephanie Hutsell, Mary Jo Case, Greg Anderson) to revise contests gathered a great deal of material. Contest coordinator Tom Mihalchick did preliminary rubrics which were formatted and edited by Peggy Gregory with material also taken from the descriptions for the contests done by Dave Cosgrove. The board was generally pleased with the usefulness and better consistency created by the rubrics. Also, awards were changed to Superior (no more than 10% of entries in the category), Excellent and Honorable Mention with the idea that more students' work could be honored with multiple awards for each category. Finally, the contests were broken down by large school (4A & 5A) and small school (1A-3A) at the urging of Yvonne Johnson who has taught and advised in both types of schools.

General Excellence, Magazines, 4A-5A: First, Salpointe Catholic; Second, No Award; Third, Highland; 1A-3A: First, Safford; No Second or Third

General Excellence, 4A-5A: First, Salpointe; Second, Gilbert, Third, Sabino; 1A-3A, No First or Second; Third, TseHo Tso Middle School

Spring Convention: March 22, Pueblo High Magnet School, Tucson. Keynote speaker: David Levy, amateur astronomer and author of 19 books and writer for *Parade* magazine, and Larry Labofcki. Attendance: 90 Students again took advantage of the many computer labs at Pueblo included in the 40+ sessions. The schedule broke from tradition to try to accommodate bus schedules. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. with the keynote speaker at 10:30 a.m. Awards were before lunch for those who had to leave early with two sessions after lunch. Profit: \$9,745.

Spring Contests: Entries: 700. Over 600 newspaper entries were judged by *The Arizona Republic* staff; yearbook judged by board with general excellence sent out of state for judging; lit mag judged by board.

AIPA Summer Workshop: The 41st annual workshop was held at NAU in Flagstaff on June 14-18. Cost: \$285. Sponsorship money raised: \$9,400. Again Professor Josie Weber was our liaison. A total of 129 students attended including 46 newspaper, 68 yearbook and 15 advisers. Students worked in the *Lumberjack* offices to publish *The Workshopper*. The opening speaker was Dave Fitzsimmons, the editorial cartoonist from *The Arizona Daily Star*. Students attended a news conference with Dennis Joyce of the *Arizona Daily Citizen* and entertainment included a trip to the movies, the pizza and arcade parlor and the annual No Talent, Talent Show with a special slide show of workshop. The Awards Banquet brunch ended the workshop. Teachers were Tony Gomez, Pueblo High School, Tucson, AZ; Patti Duncan, Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix, AZ; Yvonne Johnson, Westwood High School, Mesa, AZ; Kelly Muñoz, Skyline High School, Mesa, AZ; Micki Remos, Dobson High School, Tempe, AZ; Mary Kay Devner, Gilbert High School, Gilbert, AZ; Tina Klecka, Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix, AZ; Cathie Parks—Sabino High School, Tucson, AZ; Carmen Wendt, Saguaro High School, Scottsdale, AZ; LeBlanc, Center High School, Antelope, CA

Board Business:

- 145 members
- Far more meetings were held with board consensus to get business back to normal; some meetings were for committee work.
- The board published a first-ever 36-page, soft cover booklet (conceptualized and created by Yvonne Johnson) containing all convention and contest information for the year as well as membership forms, nomination forms for awards and many pages of information about the organization. The idea was to have everything in one place for advisers across the state, to hopefully increase membership and to cut down on other mailings. Board members devoted many hours in June and August to help with the completion of the project.
- One meeting was devoted solely to judging the entries for the fall contest (see above).
- More specific guidelines were set for conventions for programs, vendors and sponsors. New formats were also tried for the conventions.
- Nancy Philipovich from ANA attended most meetings to help with the creation of a “home base” for AIPA. Executive Director John Fearing downloaded our database in the summer to help with mailings and Executive Assistant Paula Casey took over most of the financial records and tax preparation. ANA donated countless hours to help get AIPA back into good shape with records. Paula attended conventions and helped with and then took over registration again to ease work loads and give our organization a more professional demeanor with the schools in the state.
- ANA sponsored a Student Journalist of the Year through AIPA.
- Goals: to work with ANA to communicate with the Arizona Board of Regents on the dilemma facing journalism programs in the state—we need to be recognized as a fine/performing art to be counted toward graduation other than as an elective; to create a web site; to update the history; to revise the constitution
- The board moved to honor all “retiring” board members with a plaque
- Troy enlisted the help of Yvonne, Faith and Mary Kay to help update the AIPA history.

- Mary Jo and Greg worked on general editing and small revisions on the constitution to bring before the membership at the fall convention.

National Recognition:

NSPA Yearbook Pacemaker Finalists: Mountain View, Dobson, Horizon, Sabino

NSPA Newspaper Pacemaker Finalists: Westwood, Salpointe Catholic

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