

TWO HOUR WORKSHOPS

Friday, April 16, 2010

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Workshop 33 - Title	The Brown Act
Speaker:	<i>Michelle L. Cannon</i> <i>Kronick Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard</i>
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:	Trustees and Superintendents will want to attend this Workshop to learn about these Government Code regulations and interact with Ms. Cannon on what it all means and how to avoid troublesome activities related to The Brown Act.
Workshop 34 - Title	2010: Student Rights Odyssey: E-Discipline and E-Student Issues in Today's Technological Age
Speaker:	<i>Sloan Simmons</i> <i>Lozano Smith</i>
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:	In today's E-World, where students increasingly communicate and socialize by way of new technologies and electronic communications, school districts struggle with the precarious balance between maintaining order, encouraging student speech and expression, and maneuvering the legal issues that arise in this context. This presentation will cover the wide range of issues that school districts face under these circumstances.
Workshop 35 - Title	Troublesome Budget Areas
Speaker:	<i>Joel Montero</i> <i>Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT)</i>
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:	Mr. Montero continually receives rave results from his presentation on critical issues to school budgets in small school districts. His presentation covers areas within the budget where districts often have problems. He will discuss issues related to fiscal accountability and improving fiscal competency and knowledge. His presentation is based on FCMAT's work in the field and collaborative work with state professional associations, private organizations and other public agencies.

Workshop 36 - Title	Whose Meeting is it Anyway? Tips on Running an Effective Board Meeting
Speaker(s):	<i>Sandra Woliver</i> <i>Dannis Woliver Kelley (formerly MBD); and</i> <i>Richard Whitmore, Superintendent</i> <i>Los Gatos Union Elementary School District</i>
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:	In a public board meeting, a balance must be struck between the fundamental purpose of the meeting, conducting the agency's business by addressing and dealing with the agenda, and the public's right to access and participate in the process. This session will provide practical tips for running an effective board meeting.
Workshop 37 - Title	Safe Schools: Utilizing Youth Development Strategies to Build School Climate
Speaker:	<i>John Vandenburg</i> <i>Peer Leaders Uniting Students</i> <i>(PLUS Program)</i>
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:	One of the many goals of the presentation is for participants to develop a strong understanding of the impact group identity has on individual adolescent behavior, particularly with gangs, violence, and bullying. Educators must understand the importance of developing programs that foster relationships among youth and developing a sense of belonging for youth to a group. Our youth are simply growing up in a violent culture that invests itself in a code of silence. As educators we must counter this and develop a culture of communication, where students feel connected to one another and responsible for the outcomes of their campus culture.

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