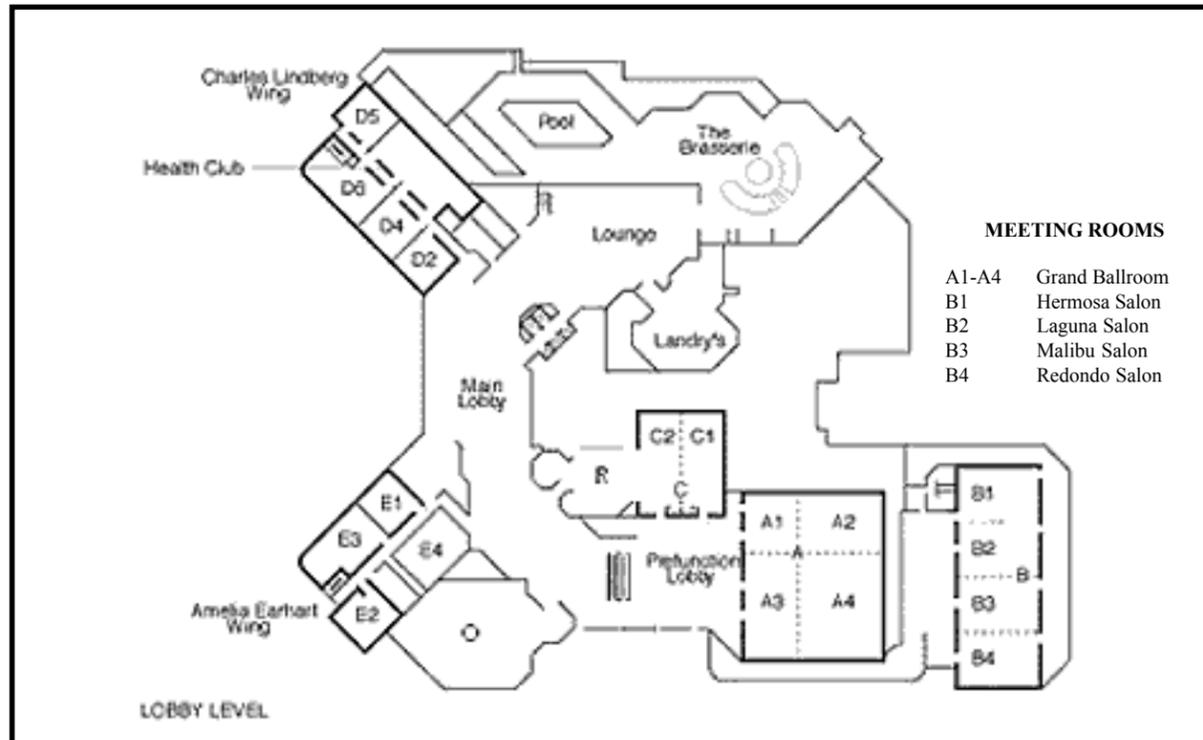


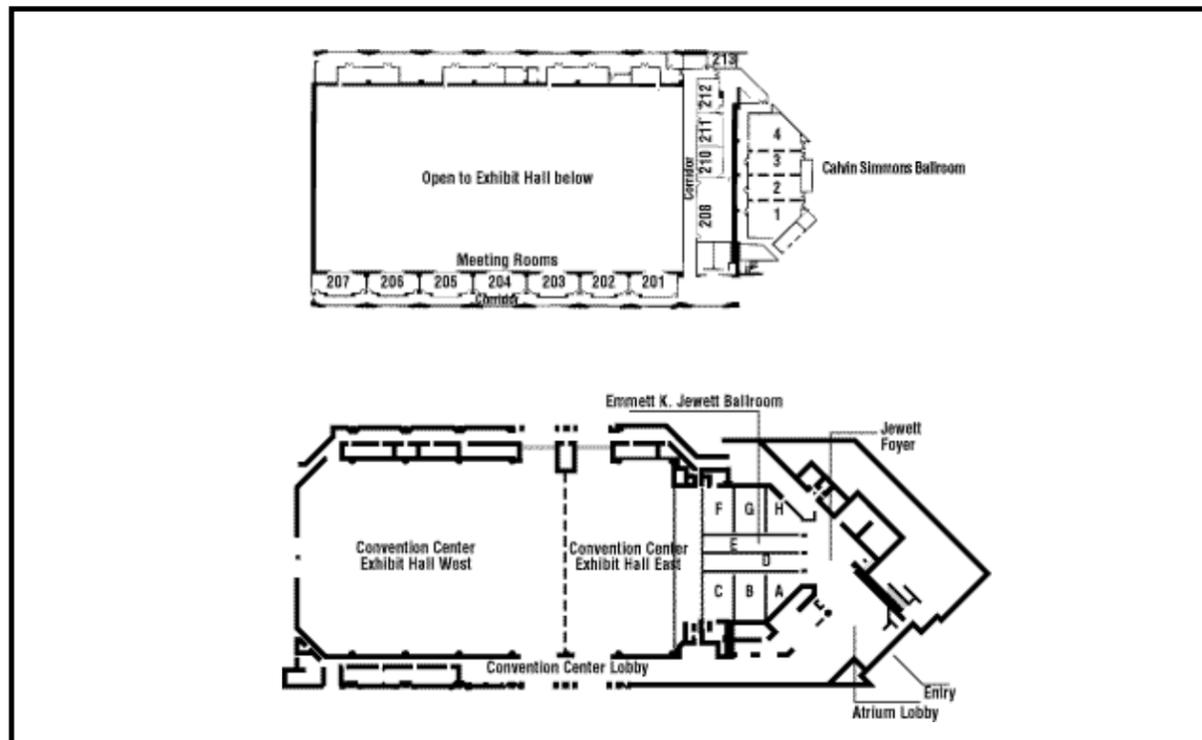
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Division of Workers' Compensation

11th Annual Educational Conference

Oakland Marriott City Center



Los Angeles, CA
February 18 & 19, 2004

Oakland, CA
March 1-2, 2004



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Day 1	February 18, 2004 Los Angeles March 1, 2004 Oakland
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Registration
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	General Session
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions (See Day 1 Grid)
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Reception – No Host Bar

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DWC Outstanding Employee Awards – 1996

Barry, Craig
Black, Rosemary
Castellano, Gay
Collins, Sharon
Fujisaki, Susan
Hamilton, Susan
Lee, Cora
Lytel, Robert
Parker, Kimi
Urbano, Amadeo
Wong, John

DWC Outstanding Employee Awards – 1997

Carreon, Guia
Cromartie, Bonnie
Cuevas, Leon
Ehrhardt, Dennis
Giomi, Daniela
Henderson, JoAnn
Jordan, Louise
Lujano, Sonia
Nelson, Timothy
Ortiz, Betty
Pearsall, Denise
Pineda, Joseph
Posey, Laurel
Rosa, Rick
Udkovich, Nikki
Wilson, Donna
Wilson, Helen
Wood, Larry

DWC Outstanding Employee Awards – 1998

Albany, Janis
Alvizo, Maria
Asio, Lyn
Byrd, Norma
Carr, Jackie
Choy, Rosanna
Drakulich, Robert
Faragasso, Judy
Giomi, Diana
Harrell, Elisa
Hernandez, Nancy
Hong, Wendy
King, Christine
Montealegre, Leticia
Moreno, Teri
Morgan, Linda
Rawlings, Karen
Snaer, Tess
Strickland, Deborah
Toukhlandjian, Haig
Wolfe, Stella

DWC Outstanding Employee Awards – 1999

Calvin, Emily
Clark, Sandra
Cooley, Barbara
Cruz, Jill
Dietterle, Keith
Gallaher, Betty
Harter, Joel
Honor, Sue
James, Shirley
Kirby, Pat
McMichael, Patricia
Rabb, Dorring
Rodriguez, Luisa
Salmer, Gussie
Vera, Ramiro
Webster, Stephen
Williams, Sherry
Wong, Karen
Zulveta, Maria Luisa

DWC Outstanding Employee Awards – 2000

Barnett, Craig
Bass, Allan
Becker, Sandi
Boline, Beverly
Brown, Linda
Castronova, James
Cleland, Barbara
Cohen, Bert
Correio, Ray
Cortes, Sandy
Crews, Paul
Faina, Annalisa
Feldman, Mark
Garcia, Elizabeth
Hernandez, Michael
Kerstan, Joyce
Lee, Larry
Lyons, Mary
Marshall, Eviana
Milton, Robin
Montoya, Alana
Moton, Wilann
Murray, Steve
Ong, Audrey
Quezada, Tonia
Railsback, Tony
Rice, Jewell
Sakovich, Jan Maureen
Stephen, Cindy
Taffola, Lorraine
Tierney, Barbara
Walensa, Bob
Walker, Shelly

DWC Outstanding Employee Awards – 2001

Chapman, Denise
Cummings, Joan
Dervin, Kathy
Doongursee, Shardool
Gunn, Suzanne
Hjelle, Robert
Huntington, Michelle
Kazaryan, Merv
Llamas, Elda
Mays, Ken
Patterson, Kathy
Ramonette, Tammy
Scott, Carolyn
Skoff, Caran
Tague, David
Thomas, Edith

DWC Outstanding Employee Awards – 2002

Aguirre, Lucy
Brown, Jane
Carter, Naomi
Donaldson, Charles
Ebenstein, Bob
Flowers, Jessica
Fung, Minnie
Gonzales, Debbie
Greenwald, Lisa
Moffat, Mary
Myers, Pamela
Nelson, Sandra
Norris, Shannon
Null, David
Orcullo, Normita
Perry, Diane
Pompa, Jacque
Rodriguez, Jeannette
Salenga, Albert
Santiago, Abbie
Sarcinella, Laura
Sprague, Nola
Shor, Glenn
Slate, Ken
Viceral, Tess
Zamudio, Ralph

DWC Outstanding Employee Awards – 2003

Ahlbrecht, Bronwyn	James, Valerie
Borrero, Etna	Jones, Kim
Buerhaus, Cathy	Madrid, Bob
Calcote, Tori	McConnie, Jacqueline
Cardone, Jackie	Masl, Sydney
Diaz, Aida	Mason, George
Evans, Mark	Tucker, Tammy
Cacad, Maria	Villalon, Rosana
Gonzales, Lucela	Welsh, Robert
Greaves, Diane	Wilson, Raine
Hernandez, Nancy	Chang, Jackie

PRESENTERS

Aaron McKenzie is the Supervising Criminal Investigator with the Department of Insurance Fraud Division in Sacramento. His work experience includes investigation of workers' compensation, auto, and property/casualty insurance fraud. He has an B.A. in accounting.

T. Blair Megowan graduated from UCLA with a degree in Physical Sciences and Mathematics. He entered the workers' compensation field as a claims examiner for State Fund. At DWC he has worked as a Rehabilitation Unit Consultant and Supervisor. In 1993 he was appointed manager of the Disability Evaluation Unit.

Linda Morgan received her B.A. from the University of Washington and J. D. from the San Fernando Valley College of Law. She practiced law for 21 years before her commencing her judicial duties with the WCAB in 1991. Appointed Van Nuys Presiding Judge in 1995, she currently acts as Assistant to Associate Chief Judge Mark Kahn

George Parisotto holds a B.A. from Loyola Marymount University and a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He began his legal career in the private sector, specializing in labor and employment law. George joined the DWC Legal Unit in 1998.

Merle Rabine received a B.A. from Cornell University, M.A. in English from Stanford, and J.D. from the People's College of Law in Los Angeles. He was president of the California Applicant's Attorneys Association in 1988-89. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Law Center of Orange County from 1988 to 2000 and was president of the board in 1993-95. Merle represented injured workers in workers' compensation cases for 20 years. In April 2000 Governor Gray Davis appointed him as Chair of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

James Robbins received his B.A. in 1978 from UC Santa Barbara, M.P.A. from Golden Gate University and J.D. from the University of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. He began his DIR career in 1984 as an attorney in the Office of the Director's Legal Unit. In 1990 he transferred to DWC's Legal Unit.

Anne Searcy received her B.A. from UC San Diego and M.D. from UC Davis. She is board certified in family practice and conducts FAA examinations. In 1993 she transferred to the Industrial Medical Council as an Assistant Medical Director.

Adel Serafino received her M.S. in vocational rehabilitation from San Francisco State University. In 1988 she joined DWC as a rehabilitation consultant and was promoted to area supervisor in May 2000. In 2003 she was appointed the Division's ADA coordinator.

Barbara Shogren Lies received her BA from Purdue and MA (Psychology) from the University of Northern Colorado. A former Peace Corps volunteer (1975-79), Ms. Lies has a CRC, NCC and Teaching Credential, and is a member of CARRP. She is the principal of Shogren Ombudsperson Services.

Bob Walensa studied Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Illinois. He has more than 30 years of insurance experience. Bob has worked for the Audit Unit since its inception and was appointed Supervising Workers' Compensation Consultant in 1991. In 2002, he was appointed as the Audit Unit Acting Manager.

Larry Wood graduated from Long Beach State University with a B.S. degree. His state career began in 1974 and he has worked as a Special Investigator (1974), Deputy Labor Commissioner (1984), Training Consultant (1989), and Audit Unit Compliance Officer (1991). He currently is a Senior Compliance Officer in Anaheim. Larry was awarded a DWC Outstanding Employee plaque at the 1997 Educational Conference.

Barbara Wynn is a senior health analyst at RAND and has nearly 30 years of experience dealing with health care financing and delivery issues. Ms. Wynn recently completed a CHSWC-commissioned study examining the issues and considerations for California to adopt a Medicare-based fee schedules and provided technical assistance on fee schedule issues after SB 228 was enacted. Before coming to RAND in 1999, she had 24 years of service with the Health Care Financing Administration (the predecessor agency to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services).

DWC 11th Annual Educational Conference

Day 2

February 19, 2004 Los Angeles
March 2, 2004 Oakland

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions
(See Day 2 Grid)

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote Presentation

1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions
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Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Credits are available at the registration counter.



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Day 1	Breakout Session I	Breakout Session II	Breakout Session III	Breakout Session IV	Breakout Session V
12:30 to 1:00 PM	Welcoming/opening presentation <i>Dick Gannon</i>	Welcoming/opening presentation <i>Dick Gannon</i>	Welcoming/opening presentation <i>Dick Gannon</i>	Welcoming/opening presentation <i>Dick Gannon</i>	Welcoming/opening presentation <i>Dick Gannon</i>
1:00 to 2:00 PM	Workers' Compensation Info System Update <i>Kahley</i>	Fee Schedules An Overview <i>Honor- Vangerov, Wynn</i>	ACOEEM and the California WC System <i>Searcy, Glass, WICALJ</i>	PD Schedule Issues <i>Megowan, Snaer, Patterson, Faina</i>	Audit Unit 2003 in Review AB 749 Reforms <i>Walensa, King,</i>
2:15 to 3:15 PM	VR Settlement & Suppl. Job Displacement Ben. <i>Byrd, Crews, and Cortes</i>	Fee Schedules I Inpatient Hospital and Hospital Out-pt <i>Honor- Vangerov, Wynn</i>	Case Law Update I <i>Kahn, Kutz</i>	PD Procedures Update & Advanced PD Issues <i>Megowan, Ehrhardt</i>	<i>Lee, Wood, Faragasso</i> Audit Unit Update More Reforms, Statutes, and Audit Regulations
3:30 to 4:30 PM	Worker' Comp Fraud <i>McKenzie, Dugo, Gibbons</i>	Fee Schedules II (cont) DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics <i>Honor- Vangerov, Wynn</i>	WCAB Rules, P & P, and Accomodations <i>Morgan, Rabine Serafino</i>	ACOEEM and the California WC System <i>Searcy, Glass, WICALJ</i>	Audit Unit: Wage statements, TD/PD/ SII Indemnity , Q & A

Day 2	Breakout Session I	Breakout Session II	Breakout Session III	Breakout Session IV	Breakout Session V
8:30 to 9:30 AM	SB 228/AB 227 Overview <i>Coulter, Cohen</i>	SB 228/AB 227 Overview <i>Coulter, Cohen</i>	SB 228/AB 227 Overview <i>Coulter, Cohen</i>	SB 228/AB 227 Overview <i>Coulter, Cohen</i>	SB 228/AB 227 Overview <i>Coulter, Cohen</i>
9:45 to 10:45 AM	VR Settlement & Suppl. Job Displacement Ben. <i>Byrd, Crews, and Cortes</i>	Fee Schedules An Overview <i>Honor- Vangerov, Wynn</i>	Case Law Update II <i>Kahn, Kutz</i>	Audit Unit 2003 in Review AB 749 Reforms <i>Walensa, King,</i>	ACOEEM and the California WC System <i>Searcy, Glass, WICALJ</i>
11:00 to 12:00 AM	ABC's of Carve Out Plans <i>Gallagher</i>	Fee Schedules III Q & A <i>Honor- Vangerov, Wynn</i>	WCAB Reconsideration Process <i>Murray, Brass, Capalane, Cuneo</i>	<i>Lee, Wood, Faragasso</i> Audit Unit Update More Reforms, Statutes, and Audit Regulations	Claims Adj. Certification Electronic Rate Information White
12:00 to 1:30 PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:45 to 2:45 PM	PD Schedule Issues <i>Megowan, Snaer, Patterson, Faina</i>	Fee Schedules IV (cont) Physician Services Fee Schedule <i>Honor- Vangerov, Wynn</i>	CIGA Update <i>Hurd</i>	Audit Unit: Wage statements, TD/PD/ SII Indemnity , Q & A	Lien Claim Filing Fees <i>Siemers, Peterson, Ortiz</i>
3:00 to 4:00 PM	PD Procedures Update & Advanced PD Issues <i>Megowan, Ehrhardt</i>	HCO Update <i>Dervin</i>	Change of TX MD <i>Parisotto, Robbins</i>	Audit Unit: Unsupported denials Notices and other issues	Robbins, McConnie Medicare Set Asides <i>Bosserman, Rabine</i>

PRESENTERS

Larry Gallagher is president of Gallagher Consulting and has over 25 years of experience in risk management. He has represented owners in negotiating with labor unions in carve out construction projects. He is a graduate of the University of Redlands and is a member of RIMS.

Richard "Dick" Gannon is a former sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and Vietnam Veteran. Before his May 1999 appointment as the Administrative Director of DWC, he was a commissioner with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for seven years. Dick graduated from Harvard University's Trade Union Organization in 1974 and received his J.D. degree from San Francisco Law School.

Stephen Gibbons is the Assistant DA in charge of the Economic Crimes Unit of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. He has been a DA 15 years and was previously a tax auditor for ten years with the State of California. He received his B.A. from California State University in Sacramento and J.D. from McGeorge Law School (University of the Pacific).

Lee Glass is an acknowledged expert and author on the ACOEM Guidelines and is employed by the State of Washington.

Richard Hurd, CPA is Controller of California Insurance Guarantee Association. Prior to coming to the Association in 2000, Mr. Hurd was a partner in the firm of M.D. Rosenberger and Company, a local CPA firm. He is a member of various professional organizations including the National Conference of Insurance Guaranties Funds and the IASA.

Suzanne Honor-Vangerov received her B.A. from California State University at Hayward. Her insurance career began with State Fund where she was a claims adjuster and vocational rehabilitation coordinator. Suzanne was an I&A officer in Van Nuys before transferring to I&A Headquarters. Sue supervised the Walnut Creek Call Center from 1999 to 2001. She was appointed IMC Manager in 2003.

Bill Kahley manages DWC's Workers' Compensation Information System. He has a Ph. D. in Economics from Penn State. He has been the Director of Research at the National Council on Compensation Insurance and the California Workers' Compensation Institute.

Mark Kahn graduated from Cal State Northridge (B.A.) and Southwestern Law School (J.D.). He began his workers' compensation career as State Fund attorney in 1978. He later became a workers' compensation judge (1981) and the Presiding Judge (1988) at the Van Nuys board. He was the Assistant Chief of DWC from 1992 to 1995. He is currently a Regional Manager for DWC.

Christine King is a Senior Workers' Compensation Compliance Officer for the Audit Unit. A graduate of the University of Santa Clara, her state career began in 1966 as a State Fund adjuster. She was a private sector claims adjuster from 1984 to 1990 and returned to the state as an Audit Unit Auditor in 1990. Christine was awarded a DWC Outstanding Employee plaque at the 1998 Educational Conference.

Robert Kutz received his B.A. from UC Berkeley and J.D. from University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. His state service began in 1978 with State Fund as legal counsel. He was the Presiding Workers' Compensation Judge of the Eureka Board from 1992 to 1995 and was the Acting Assistant Chief of DWC from 1990 to 1992. He is currently a DWC Regional Manager.

Cora Lee graduated from Cal Poly with a B.A.. She has 19 years of workers' compensation experience. Cora has worked for the Audit Unit since its inception and was appointed Area Supervisor in 1996. Cora was awarded a DWC Outstanding Employee plaque at the 1996 Educational Conference.

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Thomas Bosserman is a Health Insurance Specialist for the Division of Medicare Financial Management of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He has a BA from the University of Iowa and MPA from Golden Gate University.

Frank Brass is a graduate of the University of San Francisco (B.S. and L.L.B.). He has specialized in the practice of worker's compensation law since 1966. He represented injured employees for 17 years. He represented employers and carriers for 18 years. He has served as a commissioner for the Appeals Board since September 2001.

Otis Byrd graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.A. and M.S. He began his workers' compensation career in 1977 as a rehabilitation counselor. He joined the Rehabilitation Unit in 1983, was promoted to Rehabilitation Unit Area Supervisor in 1993, and Unit Manager in 1995.

Ronnie Caplane graduated with Honors from the University of Wisconsin and received her JD from Hastings College of Law. Besides her law career, she has taught, is a published journalist and columnist, and is the current President of the Piedmont USD Board of Education. She is WCAB Commissioner in San Francisco.

Bert Cohen received his B.A. and J.D. from UC Berkeley. In 1982 he joined DWC as a workers' compensation judge in Oakland and is currently Presiding Judge at the Stockton Board. Bert received the CAAA/CDAA Workers' Compensation Judge-of-the-Year in 1985 and was awarded a DWC Outstanding Employee plaque in 2000.

Sandra Lee Cortes received her B.A. from Loyola Marymount in Political Science. Her state career began in 1981 as a State Fund Examiner. She transferred to the Rehabilitation Unit in 1985 and in 1993 was promoted to Area Supervisor.

Janet Coulter is a Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge at the Anaheim WCAB. She received her B.A. from the State University of New York and J.D. from Southwestern School of Law. She is the training officer responsible for the quarterly judge's and new judge training.

Paul Crews is a graduate of Cal State Long Beach (B.A.) and San Diego State (M.S.). His career in vocational rehabilitation spans over 20 years. He started with the Rehabilitation Unit in Long Beach in 1987 and was promoted to Area Supervisor in 1995.

James Cuneo received his B.A. from University of Notre Dame and J.D. from Golden Gate Law School. He was employed for almost 10 years with Hanna, Brophy before founding his own law firm in 1984. He was appointed as a commissioner with WCAB in San Francisco in 2001.

Kathy Dervin is a graduate from UCLA (B.A.) and the University of Michigan (M.P.H.). She has worked as a health educator since 1982. She joined DWC in 1993 as a Senior Health Consultant for the Managed Care Unit. She is the principal author of the Division's Employer's Guide to Workers' Compensation.

Dominic Dugo received his B.A. and J.D. from DePaul University. He has worked for the San Diego District Attorney's Office since 1986 and is currently the Chief of its Insurance Fraud Division. He has made numerous presentations on insurance fraud and received the IASIU Insurance Fraud Prosecutor of the Year Award in 1999.

Dennis Ehrhardt started as claims adjuster with State Fund in 1974. He transferred to DEU as Administrative Assistant and then became a DEU rater in 1982. He was promoted to Area Supervisor of DEU in 2000.

Annalisa Faina has been a Permanent Disability Rating Specialist with the Division of Workers' Compensation Disability Evaluation Unit in San Francisco for 14 years.

Meet the Keynote Luncheon Speaker

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Christine Baker is the Executive Officer of the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation (CHSWC) in San Francisco since its inception in 1994. She has served in several management capacities in the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) since 1984, including Chief of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research and Deputy Director for the Division of Workers' Compensation. Previously, Ms. Baker worked at various research organizations and taught college courses on US military bases in Japan and Korea and at the

Confucian and Catholic Universities in Seoul, Korea. Under her leadership, CHSWC has grown into its role of overseeing the health, safety and workers' compensation systems in California and recommending administrative and legislative changes for improvement. CHSWC from the start has based its recommendations on findings from studies conducted by independent researchers, with the involvement of the entire community. Ms. Baker currently chairs the Prevention, Benefit Adequacy and Cost containment committee of the International Association of Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC). She Chairs the Safety and Prevention committee and is a member of the IAIABC Council of Chairs; a member of the Northern Advisory Committee for the Center for Occupational Environmental and Health (COEH) University of California, a member of the policy advisory committee for the Worker Immigrant Safety and Health (WISH); a member of the National Advisory committee for the Injured Worker Survey (IWS), Workers' Compensation Research Institute; a member of the Department of Insurance's Fraud Advisory Committee, a member of the advisory board for John Burton's Workers' Compensation Policy and Review. She is also a member of the steering committee for the Workers' Compensation Research Group. In 2000, she was awarded the Frances Perkins Award in recognition for her outstanding efforts in furthering accident prevention and safety in the workplace. In 2001, IAIABC awarded Christine the Award of Merit for an outstanding contribution of leadership and commitment in furthering the goals of the association. Most recently has been nominated to the National Academy of Social Insurance to be a member, as well as selected to be on the Steering Committee on Workers' Compensation. Ms. Baker earned a Masters Degree and achieved Ph.D. candidacy at the School of Education, University of California, Berkeley.

Breakout Sessions

AB 227 and SB 228 Overview	At this session you will hear about the Division's plan to implement the provisions of AB 227 and SB 228, the two major workers' compensation omnibus bills of 2003.
ABC's of Carve-outs	Carve-out or alternative dispute resolution (ADR) programs were first introduced in 1993 to certain designated industries. Learn more about carve-outs and changes to this program through passage of SB 228.
Administrative Request for Change of Treating Physicians	A practical and comprehensive overview of the Petition for Change of Treating Physician process before the Administrative Director. The session will include a review of circumstances where it is appropriate to pursue a petition to remove the treating physician, as well as the procedures for properly filing and responding to these petitions. Common and avoidable pitfalls will be discussed.
ACOEM Guidelines and the California WC System	Controlling medical utilization is one of the center-pieces of the 2003 reforms. Learn more about DWC's medical treatment utilization schedule, utilization review statute, and DWC Rules and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) guidelines as they will be applied in the workers' compensation arena.
Audit Process	This presentation will discuss the changes in the program as the result of Assembly Bill 749 including changes in the regulations including civil penalty investigations, targeted audits, and complaint tracking. Wage statement analysis, investigations/unsupported denials, benefit notices and other audit issues will also be discussed.
Case Law Update	This session will consist of a synopsis of workers' compensation cases, both substantive and procedural, with Supreme Court decisions, reported Court of Appeal decisions, WCAB en banc decisions, and selected writ denied and WCAB panel discussions issued in 2003.
Current PD Schedule Issues	DEU will provide values supporting approaches for upper extremity subjective disability, and upper extremity work restrictions, including typing limitations.
Department of Insurance (CDI) Update	Legislation passed in 2003 bestow additional responsibilities to CDI including online rate information and claims adjuster certification. Learn more about CDI's progress and plans in these areas at this session.
Fee Schedules	This series of workshops will begin with an overview of fee schedules on both days. On Day 1, the second and third fee schedule sessions will concentrate on a. inpatient hospital and hospital outpatient/ambulatory surgery centers and b. durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies, diagnostic laboratory, ambulance, and pharmacy. On Day 2, the second and third fee schedule sessions will have a Q & A session and physician services fee services discussion..

Breakout Sessions

HCO Program Update	The Division of Workers' Compensation has 16 approved HCOs. Enrollment is 450,000 employees and is growing rapidly. At this session learn more about HCO rules and issues in using an HCO. There will be time for questions and answers.
Permanent Disability Procedures Update	Learn about significant rating-related events of 2003 and an overview of the procedures for requesting summary and consultative ratings. Values and supporting approaches for subjective disability of the lower extremities, and for a combination of work restrictions with weight-bearing limitations will be discussed.
Vocational Rehabilitation Update	This session will include an overview of the rehabilitation unit procedures and processes. Discussions of VR settlement for dates of injury on or after 1/1/03 and implementation of the supplemental job displacement benefit for dates of injury on or after 1/1/04 will be discussed.
WCAB Rules/DWC P&P/Accommodations	Learn more about the rules and regulations of the California Code of Regulations governing procedures at the WCAB District offices. There will also be a discussion of the DWC P&P Manual and the WCAB Accommodations Policy and Procedures.
WCAB Reconsideration Process	Update of Board's current status and workload statistics, summarization of en banc and significant panel discussions, updating cases and issues pending before the appellate courts, and an overview/description of the reconsideration process, highlighting areas of recurrent problems and issues.
WCIS Update	This session will provide attendees with an update on the goals and performance of the System. WCIS began collecting information on Employers First Report of Injury (FROI) and Subsequent Reports of Injury (SROI), or benefits notices in 2000. Information that will be shared at the session will include data on the growth of the number of contributors to, and the size of, the comprehensive WCIS database; uses of the database to date; review of selected ad hoc and pre-programmed WCIS reports; and a discussion of current WCIS development issues.
Workers' Compensation Fraud	A Department of Insurance Supervising Fraud Investigator will moderate this panel that will include local district attorneys. There will be a discussion of fraud funding, Department of Insurance and DA coordination, employer and employee fraud discussions, and coordination with a claims administrator's Special Investigation Unit (SIU).