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HIGH VOLUME PROCEEDINGS

Highlights of the 1983 Annual Meeting

The Ninth Annual Meeting and Seminar was held in Reno, Nevada from October 30 to November 4, 1983 — the longest and most intensive training session the Association has conducted to date. A regular resident course of the National Judicial College was dovetailed with business meetings under the chairmanship of President M. Brent Oldham. Here follows a brief summary of the principal events.

Proceedings

Based on the minutes prepared by
Honorable Stanley J. Cygan, Sec-
retary of the Association.



Secretary
Stanley J. Cygan

President
M.E. Thompson

Past-President
M. Brent Oldham

By unanimous vote of the Board of Governors, the National Headquarters of the Association was transferred from Two World Trade Center to Midwest City, Oklahoma, where incumbent President Thompson maintains the Association's computer and word processing equipment. The move was designed to expedite communications with members and others. It is expected that Association Headquarters will remain in Oklahoma beyond President Thompson's term of office. The Board thanked former President Agatstein for maintaining the central office in New York City for many years.

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San Antonio, Texas, was selected as the site of the 1984 Annual Meeting. Newly-elected Vice President Judith L. Telecky of Texas will serve as Convention Chairperson, under the direction of President-Elect Anthony Kazen. President Thompson and Treasurer Beigle were also appointed to the Convention Committee.

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Four members who have not previously held office in the Association were elected to the Board of Governors. The new officers are Judge Donald Beigle of Oklahoma, Treasurer, and Vice Presidents Barbara J. Kovarovic (Kansas), Judith L. Telecky (Texas) and J. W. Deese (Kentucky). Judge Anthony Kazen of Texas, a Vice President of the Association since 1979, was elevated to President-Elect. The newly-elected officers are listed on the inside rear cover.

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The Constitution of NAALJ was amended by reducing, from one-third to one-tenth, the quorum of members required to transact business at a general membership meeting. The change reflects the present status of NAALJ as an international organization.

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The President, upon recommendation of the Board of Governors, publicly commended Judge Stanley J. Cygan for his continuing, extraordinary service to the Association.¹ Judge Agatstein was awarded a plaque for his activities on behalf of NAALJ. The general membership, by acclamation, gave a special commendation to Judge Lawrence R. LaPolla, since deceased, for his exceptional contributions to the welfare of the Association. (see obituary p. 11).

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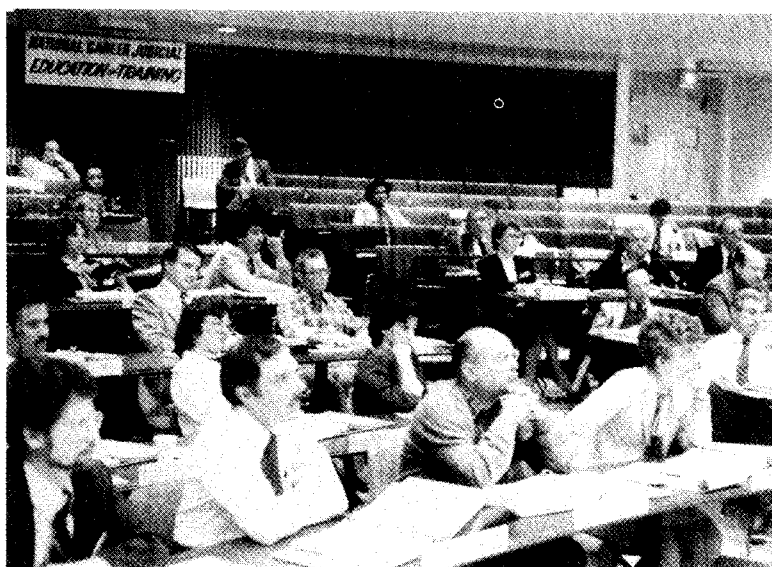
The Board of Governors authorized the President to communicate with other associations of Administrative Law Judges to explore the possibility of joint efforts to address common concerns.

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The report of Treasurer J. F. McClanahan, who declined on grounds of health, to seek reelection, was accepted with thanks (see p. 18). After the transaction of much other business by the general membership, the Board, and a Special Committee on Unemployment Insurance chaired by Past President Paul Wyler, the Annual Meeting was adjourned.

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¹ Reference to this commendation was (no doubt inadvertently) omitted from Judge Cygan's report to the Journal. — Ed.



NAALJ
Balance Sheet*
October 31, 1983

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$1,074.98	
Receipts	<u>8,863.22</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$9,938.20</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities (Disbursements)	\$8,058.23	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>\$8,058.23</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>\$1,879.97</u>

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS TO DATE

INCOME:

Dues	\$7,560.00	
1982 Convention Receipts	697.11	
Essay Contest Enrollment	40.00	
Subscriptions to Journal	465.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>101.11</u>	
	<u>\$8,863.22</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$8,863.22</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

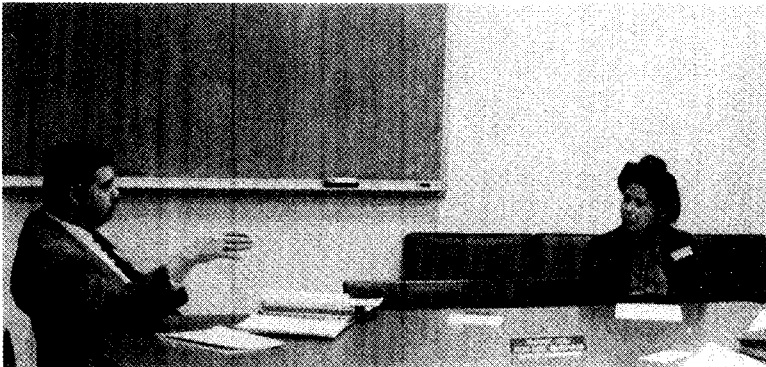
Postage and Mailing	\$ 493.30	
Journal	5,268.25	
Newsletter	756.09	
Stationary	66.49	
Statements	232.79	
Clerical	653.06	
Corporate Fees	75.00	
Mailing Permits	80.00	
Telephone	317.94	
Bank Checks and Stamp	30.13	
Association Handbook	26.36	
1983 Convention	25.68	
Award Plaque	<u>33.14</u>	
	<u>\$8,058.23</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$8,058.23</u>

* Prepared by Stanley J. Cygan from Treasurer's and President's Reports.

Seminars

Difference in perception among Judges or witnesses, exposed to the same information, is a phenomenon which continues to intrigue the Editors of this Journal.¹ Is the sketch on p. 14 that of an old woman or a young woman? Among the attendees of the Association's Training Conference on High Volume Proceedings, approximately one-third saw a young woman, one-third saw an old woman, and one-third saw both.²

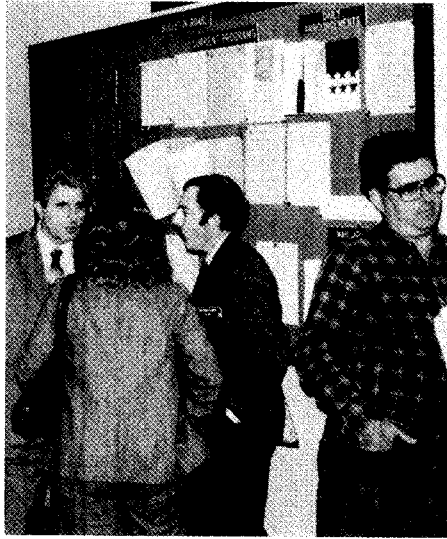
The implication of such startling differences in fact perception was explored, along with a wide range of other topics, in a training session designed to assist Judges who must hear and decide many cases quickly. Hon. Donald R. Fretz of the Superior Court, Merced, California, Hon. Tom D. Capshaw (SSA), Hon. Richard W. Reynolds (Public Welfare, Mass.), and Hon. W. W. Trovillion (Workers Compensation, Ca.) comprised the faculty of the program, which was developed by Judge Mary Lou Berry on behalf of the National Judicial College. Judge Berry, an active member of NAALJ for many years, was herself prevented from participating in the program by illness. Dean E. J. Watts and Associate Dean V. Robert Payant also participated in the program.



Newly elected officers J.E. Deese and Judith L. Telecky.

¹ See "Unrebutted Evidence" 11 Jol. NAALJ, No. 1, p. 31 (Spring, 1982).

² Both an old woman and a young woman are portrayed. The left jawbone of the young woman, who is looking away to her right, is also the right nostril of the old woman, who is portrayed on a larger scale; the left ear of the young woman is the right eye of the old woman.



Right: President-Elect Kazen campaigning for office. Below:
(left to right) Judge Agatstein, Mrs. Trovillon, Judge Trovillon,
Judge Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds.

