

President's Message

Dear IDA Members:

It has been a busy year at the San Diego Branch of IDA. In August we were able to bring a Fellow from the Orton Academy to San Diego for an official training. This training was two weeks and the trainer was top-notch. The participants are completing the final requirements and will all have the opportunity to become Associate level members of the Orton Academy. This is the first Official Orton Academy training in California and we hope it will begin to proliferate throughout the region.

Dyslexia Awareness month is October and we are pleased to announce that Thomas S. Nelson, a local Special Education attorney will be our guest speaker. We chose to ask Mr. Nelson to speak in response to the requests from the community to help them navigate the school system and advocate for those who may be dyslexic in schools in San Diego. This event will take place at the Mission Valley Library on Tuesday, October 28th from 6:30-8:00. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

A parent support group is now meeting on a bi-monthly basis. For more information please contact Veronica at info@dyslexiasd.org.

The annual International Dyslexia Association conference is being held in beautiful Seattle, Washington this year. There is still time to register and hear some of the most prolific researchers in the field of dyslexia speak.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to contact the board if you would like to volunteer your time as a board member next year. We are looking for people with an expertise in accounting, marketing and fundraising.

Sincerely,

Kelli Sandman-Hurley
President, San Diego Branch
International Dyslexia Association

Now Accepting Nominations for Board Members!

The San Diego Branch of the International Dyslexia Association is accepting nominations to its 2008 Board of Directors. We specifically need people with accounting, marketing, or fundraising experience.

For more information please contact Kelli Sandman-Hurley at ksandmanhurley@sandiego.gov by November 15, 2008.

Elections will take place in early December of this year.

Join our Parent Support Group

We meet on a monthly basis

For more information please contact Veronica at

760-529-2557 OR
VeronicaNavarrette@
sbcglobal.net



*The San Diego Branch of
The International Dyslexia Association presents:*
Special Education Law & Advocacy

Do you have a child with learning disabilities?
Do you know what your rights are under California law?
The San Diego Branch of The International Dyslexia Association is sponsoring this workshop to provide information and answers to the many questions you may have about your rights and the rights of your special needs child.

Thomas Nelson, attorney for special needs children, will present on the following topics:

- 504/IDEA – Assessments and Eligibility
- 504 Plan vs. an IEP
- What is FAPE?
- Services and classroom accommodations
- Advantages/disadvantages of public vs. private schools
- Paying for private testing and/or private tutoring
- Parent's rights for reimbursements
- What is compensatory education?
- Question and Answer Session

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mission Valley Branch Library
2123 Fenton Parkway
San Diego, CA 92108

Fee: IDA Members - \$25,
Non-members - \$35 (FREE if you join IDA)

RSVP: 619-685-4413 or info@dyslexiasd.org

Calendar of Events

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**Special Education
Law & Advocacy**

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National IDA 59th Annual Conference

October 29-November 1, 2008

Washington State
Convention & Trade Center
800 Convention Place
Seattle, WA 98101

[http://www.interdys.org/
AnnualConference.htm](http://www.interdys.org/AnnualConference.htm)

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Dyslexia Support Group

We meet monthly to discuss topics such as:

- ❖ Dyslexia and our schools ❖
- ❖ Remediation Programs ❖
- ❖ Resources ❖
- ❖ Testing ❖
- ❖ Any other topics of interest ❖

Join our support group today! *

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**You must be an IDA member in order to join our Support Group. If you would like information about joining, please visit our website at dyslexiasd.org or speak to any of our board members. Benefits of joining IDA include access to chat groups online, the Perspective Newsletter, two volumes of the Annals of Dyslexia Journal, discounts on books and other resources and much more!*