

# 2002 Annual Meeting – San Diego

The Horace Mann League  
Annual Meeting – San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina  
Saturday, February 16, 2002

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(125 estimated attendance)

Welcome and Introduction of Officers and Directors by Jack McKay

Introductions of Past Presidents Ben Canada: Ken Bird and Cleveland Hammonds

Invocation: Ben Canada

**Call to Order** – Ben Canada

**Report on Legal Issues:** (-Fred Hartmeister (Zelman v. Simmons-Harris))

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**Presentation of Awards:** -Ben Canada

**Service on the Board of Directors of the Horace Mann League –**  
Presented by Larry Dlugosh

Dr. David Berliner, Phoenix, AZ  
Dr. Paul Houston, Arlington, VA

**Ambassador Awards** – Art Stellar and Walt Warfield  
Presented by Colleen Wilcox

**Friend of the Horace Mann League Award** – Chad Woolery, Former President,  
HOSTS Corporation, Dallas, TX, Introduced by Ken Bird

**Outstanding Friend of Public Education** – Mr. Richard Rothstien, Education columnist for The New York Times, Washington Bureau. Introduced by John Simpson

**Outstanding Educator Award** – Dr. Gerald Bracey – Researcher and author of The War Against Public Schools: Privatizing Schools, Commercializing Education, Introduced by Art Stellar

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**Nomination and Election of Directors and Officers:** Reported by Ken Bird, Past President

**Director for reappointment**  
John Simpson, VA

**New appointments:**  
Cryss Brunner, WI  
George Garcia, CO  
Susan Purser, MS

**Vice President**  
Spike Jorgensen, AK

**President – elect**  
Larry Dlugosh, NE

**President**  
Art Stellar, MI

Motion made and seconded. Passed

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**Passing of Gavel and Award**  
Art Stellar, Presented by Ben Canada