

2004 Fall Seminar on Cape Cod

Massachusetts State Board 15, hosted a very informative and enjoyable Fall Interpreter's Seminar at the Sheraton Hyannis, in Cape Cod, MA. Under the leadership of cochairs Mike Hammond, IAABO Executive Committee, Secretary Bd. 27; Bill Loftus, IAABO Past President, Interpreter Bd. 26; and Bill Hendy, Interpreter Bd. 152, the organizing committee kept the sessions, hospitality suite, and other activities moving smoothly. The registration desk was always open to assist members and guests. The semiannual IAABO golf outing, with over 80 golfers, was held on Thursday, at the Hyannis Golf Course. The train the interpreter session conducted Thursday afternoon after the golf outing has grown in popularity and importance since its inception 2 years ago. Attendance has risen from 3 participants in 2002 to over 25 trainers and interpreters this fall.



IAABO takes in scenic Hyannis, MA

Friday morning, IAABO President, Jack Doyle, welcomed the interpreters and introduced Bob Johnson, Executive Director of Massachusetts Special Olympics. Mr. Johnson thanked IAABO for all it has done for athletes with intellectual disabilities and emphasized Special Olympics mission of inclusion by providing year round programs for training and competition. President Doyle pledged IAABO's continued support and participation in Special Olympics Basketball programs and began an initiative to create a partnership with Special Olympics by publicizing basketball events and advising local IAABO boards who to contact in each state.

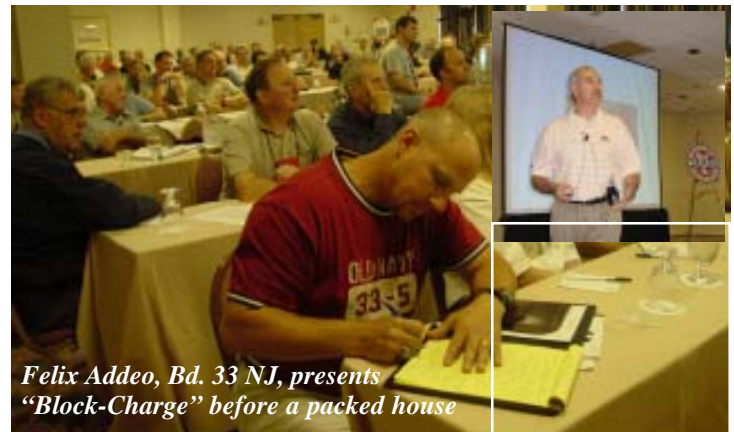
For the next 2 days, IAABO Interpreter's listened to some of the best presentations ever conducted by IAABO clinicians. Numerous

topics were enthusiastically presented, as well as an Interpreter's Roundtable discussion directed by IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters, Peter Webb. This forum gives interpreters an opportunity to give input, voice an opinion, and make recommendations for future rules and mechanics changes

On Saturday evening, a real New England clam bake was held at the shore on Hyannis Bay. Over 150 IAABO members and guests attended. The clam bake proved to be a highlight of the fall seminar.

Whether whale watching, sightseeing, excursions to Martha's Vineyard or dining at one of many superb restaurants, there was no shortage of social activities when time permitted.

Congratulations Massachusetts for a job more than well done!!



Felix Addeo, Bd. 33 NJ, presents "Block-Charge" before a packed house