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CALL TO ACTION!

CATRINA MITCHELL, NCCP

CALL TO ACTION: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS The Value of Service

You have heard the old expression "What goes around, comes around." If you value NCPA for the service it provides you, here is your chance to make the same meaningful contribution to the lives and careers of other paralegals. Consider serving as an officer or director in the 2010-2011 membership year. Not only will it give you insight into the workings of NCPA, but it will improve your leadership

skills and broaden your network of important contacts – and you might just have a lot of fun, too!

Following this article, (beginning on pg. 6 of this publication) you will find a "Declaration of Candidacy for Office" form and a "Recommendation for District Director" form for some districts. If you are interested in becoming more involved in NCPA, or know of someone who you believe would be good for the organization, please complete the appropriate form and return it to the address listed on the



form. The deadline for returning the "Declaration of Candidacy for Office" form is December 19, 2009. The deadline for returning the "Recommendation for District Director" form is January 4, 2010.

I HAVE CHOSEN TO BE PARALEGAL....

NCPA is sponsoring its annual Student Scholarship Program. Any student enrolled in an accredited North Carolina paralegal educational program is eligible to submit an essay on the topic:

"I Have Chosen to be a Paralegal."

The essays must be typed, double spaced, and on letter sized paper. They may not exceed two pages in length. Please be aware that spelling, grammar and punctuation will be taken into consideration, so please review your work before submitting. The essays will be judged anonymously, so do not reference your name or your para-

legal program within the body of the essay.



Visit the our website: www.ncparalegal.org for more details!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

2010

ANNUAL MEETING & SEMINAR

Holiday Inn
Sunspreet Resort

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

MARCH 18-20

For more information:

Contact: Stephanie Elliott-Park

Email: education@ncparalegal.org
Or

Check out our website at
www.ncparalegal.org

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DISTRICT 1—DIANE MORGAN, NCCP



LET'S MEET AT THE BEACH IN 2010!

CALLING ON ALL DISTRICT 1 MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING & SEMINAR which will be held in our district at the **WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH HOLIDAY INN- SUNSPREE RESORT!!**

What a great opportunity for District I to get together for fellowship and support of our organization!

Please email me at dmorgan@nhcgov.com with any suggestions for a Meet & Greet at Annual

Welcome New District I member Sandra Blount, a student member from Leland!



DISTRICT II—BEVERLY JOHNSTON, NCCP

As long as I have any choice, I will stay only in a country where political liberty, toleration, and equality of all citizens before the law are the rule.

-Albert Einstein



News From District II

***District II Regular Meeting November 16, 2009 6 PM**

Guest Speaker—M. Michele Atchison, Esq.

Allscripts Corporate Counsel and HIPAA Privacy Officer will discuss HIPAA, Red Flag, and State data breach laws among other topics. The location has not been chosen, but it will be in or near the Cary area.

District II First Annual Christmas Social December 11, 2009 7 PM

Music provided by Tim Tyson - DJ

25 District II members and guests have reserved their places at the first annual **District II Christmas Social to be held December 11, 2009 at the Wyndham Hotel on Miami Blvd. in Durham. The cost is \$25 per person, and there will be a DJ providing our music.**

All members are invited to attend. The Wyndham Hotel has agreed to offer rooms at a discounted rate for those who may want to stay overnight.

District II Regular Meeting December 21, 2009 6PM

Our December regular meeting will also be held at the Wyndham Hotel on *December 21, 2009 at 6 pm. Guest speaker will be Attorney Catherine Stuart, of the Stuart Law Firm in Raleigh. She was a presenter at our Annual Meeting in New Bern and received rave reviews. Ms. Stuart is a very engaging speaker and one I'm sure you don't want to miss!

SPECIAL AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Debby Sawyer, CP is the winner of the Meredith R. Pollette, CLAS Scholarship. Debby plans to take the ACP exam in the near future. She is a member of our District and is currently serving as Region II Director of NALA.

Angelica E. Koelling, CP and Andrea L. Morano, CP both of them passed the CLA/CP exam!

Congratulations to Debby, Angelica and Andrea for jobs well done!

New Members:

Patrick William St George
Caulfeild, NCCP
Peggy Kline
Anjeanette Lavern Ward,
Kathryn Flynn
Jennifer L. Larocco
Elizabeth Claire Ellington

* Indicates potential for CPE Credit

DISTRICT III —SYLVIA ERICKSON, NCCP

District III is proud to announce three new members since July, 2009. They are **Christopher Benjamin Smith** of Richmond County, **Denise Dickey Chavatal** of New Jersey and **Ramon C. Rodriguez, Jr.** of Cumberland County. Welcome!

The Cumberland County Paralegal Association (CCPA) held a bake sale on October 26, 2009 in the

Cumberland County Courthouse. A grand total of **\$565.00** was collected. All of the proceeds will benefit the **Teddy Bears for Officers Program** through the **Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.**

CCPA has announced its annual seminar will be held on **Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 8am to 5pm in Fayetteville.**

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 District III Director
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DISTRICT IV-KAREN ENGLAND, NCCP

DISTRICT IV NEWS-- News around the District

Guilford Paralegal Association (GPA) held its October 13 meeting at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler. The Honorable Susan R. Burch, District Court Judge of Guilford County, spoke to the members on How Judges Approach Family Law Cases.

On September 8, 2009, GPA held its annual ice cream social and, in conjunction with it, a fundraising event ("Gold and Silver Party") to help support Legal Aid of North Carolina. Participants brought old gold or silver jewelry and other items which were appraised and sold. **GPA was ultimately able to donate \$500 to Legal Aid.**

Members of GPA are also participating in helping with a Greensboro Bar Association Habitat for Humanity project, and they have adopted the family who will be moving into the home as a project in conjunction with its December Holiday Dinner.

GPA, an affiliate member of NCPA was invited to set up an exhibit table during NCPA's Mid-Year Seminar in Winston-Salem on September 18 and 19th. GPA had one new member sign up at Mid-Year and several others took membership applications and asked questions about GPA. It was a good networking tool for GPA, and I would encourage any other affiliate association to participate when invited to do so by NCPA.

Details about these meetings and all of GPA's events are available on the website. <http://www.guilfordparalegalassociation.org/>.

Alamance County Paralegal Association (ACPA), an NCPA affiliate, will began meeting again after their summer break on September 15 at 12:30 p.m. (lunch) at Carvers in Graham with John Vernon speaking on Ethics.

For information on ACPA please contact **Hattie Sheets** at hss@vernonlaw.com or **Teresa Stacey** at tas@vernonlaw.com.

We make a living
 by what we do,
 but we make a
 life by what we
 give.

—Winston Churchill



DISTRICT VII-STEPHANIE IVANS, NCCP



District VII has 2 new members. We had a meet and greet at Speedy Pizzeria in Sylva, NC on Thursday October 15, 2009 at 6pm. We had one member and 5

non-member's in attendance. Our speaker was Attorney Virginia Song and she spoke about Legal Aid of NC.

Next month's meet and greet will be held at the Cracker Barrel on Tunnel Rd. in Asheville at 6pm on Thursday November 19, 2009.

DISTRICT VIII-BETH FALGOUT, NCCP

District VIII Report

Fall is finally here which means that the holidays must not be far behind. As a community service project for District VIII, I would like to collect non-perishable food items for donation to the Food Bank

of Eastern North Carolina. Please place a collection box in your office and encourage everyone to contribute.

Email me prior to December 7th and I will pick up the items and deliver them to the

Food Bank.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

Beth Falgout

Interim District VIII Director

bfalgout@invtitle.com

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
— Margaret Mead, anthropologist

DISTRICT IX-BEVERLY K. MOORE, NCCP

Greetings District IX

2009.

Members. I am interested in having a meet and greet and would like to hear from you! Please email me at bev@tissuelaw.com and give me some suggestion on locations and what would be a good activity. Social or educational – you make the call!!

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 officers:

President -
Cyndy Adams

Vice-President & Treasurer-
Leah Poovey

Secretary -
Cheryl Barker

Asst. Secretary -
Peggy Hallman

Asst. Treasurer -
Judith Glasscock.

Upcoming CPE offered by Catawba Valley Paralegal Association:

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 @ 6:00 pm
CVCC Auditorium
CPE: "Criminal Law"
Presented by: Wes Barkley, Attorney at Law
1.0 CPE Credit Approved by NC State Bar

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Social at Zanders in Newton
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
More details to follow.



Catawba Valley Paralegal Association held officer elections on October 13,

- President:** Represents the needs and concerns of the membership before the Board of Directors, supervises the work of other Officers and Committee Chairmen, and keeps the membership advised. [See Bylaws Article VIII.1. and Standing Rule VIII.A.1.]
- First Vice President:** Responsible for planning seminars, workshops and other educational events and is the Chairman of the Education Committee. [See Bylaws Article VIII.2. and Standing Rule VIII.A.2.]
- Second Vice President:** Is the Chairman of the Membership Committee and is responsible for the compilation of the Membership Directory. [See Bylaws Article VIII.3. and Standing Rule VIII.A.3.]
- Secretary:** Responsible for keeping a permanent record of all meetings of the membership. [See Bylaws Article VIII.4. and Standing Rule VIII.A.4.]
- Treasurer:** Responsible for the deposit of funds and makes disbursements as provided for in the budget; is the Chairman of the Finance Committee and prepares the budget for the ensuing fiscal year to be approved by the Board of Directors. [See Bylaws Article VIII.5. and Standing Rule VIII.A.5.]
- NALA Liaison:** Is a NALA member who is familiar with the NALA Bylaws and Standing Rules, represents NCPA at the NALA Annual Meeting of Affiliated Associations and makes quarterly reports to NALA concerning NCPA's activities; coordinates with the CLA Review Course Subcommittee
Chair on planning and presentation of CLA Review Course. [See Bylaws Article VIII.6. and Standing Rule VIII.A.7.]
- Parliamentarian:** Attends all membership meetings and gives opinions on parliamentary procedure and interprets NCPA's Bylaws and Standing Rules; is the Chairman of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. [See Bylaws Article VIII.7. and Standing Rule VIII.A.6.]

For those district members who are electing new District Directors, a "Recommendation for District Director" form follows this article. Your Director, as a member of the NCPA Board of Directors, is responsible for the promotion of NCPA within his or her own district. This includes the recruitment of new members and assisting with the development of educational events within your district. [See Standing Rule IX.C.5.] This position gives you a great chance to network with other paralegals in your own geographic district and it gives you the opportunity to find out how other areas in North Carolina are educating and promoting paralegals in their districts. Please return the "Recommendation for District Director" form by **January 4, 2010**.

If you have any questions about any position, Officer or Director, please do not hesitate to contact Nominations & Elections Committee Chair Catrina Mitchell at 919-560-1647 ext. 34229 or catrina.mitchell@durhamnc.gov, or contact one of the current NCPA Officers or Directors. Their names can be found on the NCPA website. Go to www.ncparalegal.org. Rest your pointer on "About NCPA" on the left to see a drop-down menu for "Board of Directors" or "Officers and Executive Committee."

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR THE OFFICE OF:

OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
2010-2011

The undersigned hereby declares that he/she is actively employed as a Paralegal or Legal Assistant; is legally competent to enter into contracts; and is currently a General Member in good standing of the North Carolina Paralegal Association, Inc., and has been so for at least one (1) year.

Qualifications for Office:

Having read and understood Articles VII and VIII of the Bylaws of the North Carolina Paralegal Association, Inc. pertaining to officers, I hereby declare myself a candidate for the office of _____, subject to election at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

Date: _____ (Print/Type Your Name)

(Sign Your Name)

Candidate's Address and Telephone Number:

Send to: NCPA Nominations and Elections Chair
NCCP North Carolina Paralegal Association
Catrina Mitchell,
Post Office Box 36264
Charlotte, NC 28236-6264
info@ncparalegal.org

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR
FOR DISTRICT ____ OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of ARTICLE IX.3 and .5 of the Bylaws of the North Carolina Paralegal Association, Inc and Section IX.C of the Standing Rules, the position of District Director for District I, III, V, VI and IX (one-year interim position), and II, IV, VI, and VIII (two-year term position), will be elected by the members of their respective regions and announced at the Annual Meeting in Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington, North Carolina on March 20, 2010.

If you are a member of District I, III, V, VII, or IX, and wish to nominate a candidate for the Directorship of your District, please complete the following form and mail it, together with a letter from your nominee expressing his/her interest in the position and a copy of the nominee's resume, in accordance with the following instructions.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT BY ELECTIONS CHAIR IS JANUARY 4, 2010

Send to
NCPA Nominations and Elections Chair
North Carolina Paralegal Association:
Catrina Mitchell, NCCP
Post Office Box 36264
Charlotte, NC 28236-6264
info@ncparalegal.org

FROM: _____
(Print/Type Your Name)

Address: _____

With his/her permission, I hereby recommend for election to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Paralegal Association, Inc. as Director of District _____, subject to the provisions of Article IX of the Bylaws:

(Print/Type Name of NOMINEE)

Address: _____

Employment: _____

Telephone No.: _____

This will certify that I am a member in good standing and that my nominee is a General Member in good standing the North Carolina Paralegal Association, Inc., and has been so for at least one year as of this day, is employed as a paralegal, and is a permanent resident of the State of North Carolina.

Dated: _____
(Signature of Nominator)

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Dated: _____

(Signature of Nominator)