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North Carolina Paralegal Association

MEET THE BOARD

Chairman: Diane N. Morgan, NCCP

I am very honored to be your new Chairman of the Board for the upcoming year. I also serve as Interim District I Director. Please feel free to call on me in either capacity!

It is an exciting time to paralegal, and the upcoming year is full of potential for NCPA! Email your District Directors with any ideas, comments or suggestions. Take part in District Meet and Greets. Rally your colleagues to become members of NCPA. Together we can make 2009/2010 the best year ever for NCPA!!

District I: Diane N. Morgan, NCCP (Interim) dmorgan@nhcgov.com

I have been a paralegal with New Hanover County for over 18 years. I currently serve the citizens of New Hanover County as Contract Administrator. This summer, I will graduate from The George Washington University with a MPS in Paralegal Studies.

I look forward to my second term serving the members of District I; however, for our District to be successful, I need YOUR feedback! Please feel free to let me know your thoughts and suggestions!

District II: Beverly H. Johnston, NCCP (Interim) beverlyj@corplawoffice.com

My name is Beverly Johnston and I am your Interim Director for the upcoming year. This is my first term so be patient with me. I have a number of ideas that I hope will make this a successful year for each of you as well as the entire Association membership. I have been in this profession for over twenty-years. I have had the opportunity to see first-hand the power of this group, and watch the wonderful changes made within our profession based on the hard work of its members. I hope to be an inspiration for new members, a mentor for existing members; and I hope to motivate those of you who are no longer members to renew your membership and be a part of this exciting time. It is a new year, and there is a new voice on the Board....yours! Currently I work in the capacity of Law Office Administrator for a health care corporation. I have been very fortunate to work with great attorneys who were never shy about making research and drafting assignments and by doing so, taught me valuable lessons of law. As your District Director, I will challenge you to expand your area of practice, commit to your education and invest in yourself and your career. We are moving and shaking at the Association and I invite you along for this exiting ride. I welcome the opportunity to serve as your voice to the Board, and I hope that you will make your voices heard!

District III: Sylvia L. Erickson, NCCP (Interim) Sylvia.Erickson@fd.org

I have lived in the Fayetteville area most of my life. I graduated with an associates degree in paralegal technology from Fayetteville Technical Community College in 1985. I have had the pleasure of working with several extremely talented attorneys since graduation in various areas of the law.

I worked in a commercial real estate office and earned my North Carolina real estate broker's license in 2005. I have been employed with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the past two years. I married John Erickson in August, 2008. We recently completed a boating class and joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxilliary. We enjoy trips to the beach and working in our yard.

District IV: Karen F. England, NCCP (Interim) Kengland@wehwlaw.com

I am originally from West Virginia. My husband and I have lived in North Carolina for 28 years. We have two children and one granddaughter. I began my career as a legal secretary in 1978, and have worked in several law firms through the years in different capacities, from a small four attorney firm to a firm with over 50 attorneys. I have been with the High Point firm of Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler for 15 years. My supervising attorney is William E. Wheeler, and we work in the area of litigation, with an emphasis on will caveats and complex business litigation. I am entering my third term as Historian with NCPA and am excited to serve for the 2009-2010 term as its District IV Director. I hope to do what I can to be of assistance to the paralegals in our district and to promote more awareness of NCPA in our local area.

District V: Vicki Sgro, NCCP (Interim) vicki.sgro@clariant.com

My name is Vicki Sgro, NCCP. I am your Interim Director for District V.

District VI: Patsy Anne Blackburn, NCCP (Interim) Patty.A.Blackburn@Lowe.com

My position reports directly to the Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer of Lowe's Companies, Inc. I manage the Lowe's Legal Department, and my position has direct contact and communication with the Board of Directors, Executive Management, law firms, and various federal and state regulatory agencies. I have a total of 3 direct

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reports and 16 indirect reports. My duties include interviewing prospective new employees; management of the Legal Department; personnel issues; assist in the development and control of our budget; coordinate legal functions between attorneys, legal secretaries, and paralegals; management of the Legal Library, Martindale Hubbell, and Corporation Service Company, our service of process-agent; coordinates logistics and assist the Corporate Secretary with all Board Meetings and Board related activities.

District VII: Stephanie Ivans, NCCP stephanieivans@ncmtnlaw.com

My name is Stephanie Ivans and I am your new district director. I am in the planning stages of a Meet and Greet session and I will be sending out letters in the near future with the specifics. I look forward to meeting all of you! As your district director I am here to be your voice to the Board, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

District VIII: Beth Falgout, NCCP (Interim) bfalgout@invtitle.com

My name is Beth Falgout, NCCP, and I am your new District Director. Please contact me at bfalgout@invtitle.com or 252-908-5860 if you have any suggestions or comments. I hope to have a couple of "Meet and Greet" lunches or dinners in the near future and look forward to meeting and working with each of you.

District IX: Beverly King, NCCP (Interim) bev@tissuelaw.com

Beverly King, NCCP is employed at Tissue Law Offices, PLLC in Charlotte. She works mainly in real estate and business organizations.

Aside from her membership in NCPA, Beverly is an active member of the Catawba Valley Paralegal Association. She has also been active in Metrolina Paralegal Association where she has held such offices as Third Vice-President, NALA Liaison, Patron Membership Chair and Social Committee Chair. In her spare time, she is Woodwind Instructor with North Lincoln Marching Band.

Beverly is excited about serving as Interim District IX Director. She welcomes your calls and emails!!

Catawba Valley Paralegal Association is offering the following CPE:

BANKRUPTCY IN NORTH CAROLINA- AN OVERVIEW May 12, 2009 from 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm CVCC East Campus* Presented by: Barrett Crawford, Esq. North Carolina Bankruptcy Trustee, North Carolina Bankruptcy Attorney 2.0 Hrs CPE Credit Approved by NC State Bar Free to members - contact Leah Poovey (lpoovey@phd-law.com) for details!

DISTRICT II NEWS:

There will be a district meeting on May 18th at 6:30 pm at the Golden Corral in Garner. Email Beverly for more details!

NALA 34TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXHIBITION

NALA Annual is scheduled for July 8-11, 2009 in San Diego, CA. Please see the website at www.nala.org for full details!!

GET INVOLVED WITH NCPA!

From our Affiliate Director....

All NCPA Members, if you belong to a local association, please contact me for information on your local association becoming an Affiliate Member of NCPA. I am Teresa Stacey, the Affiliate Director for NCPA. I was nominated and elected from my local association, Alamance County Paralegal Association ("ACPA"), to be the representative from our organization to NCPA. ACPA was the first Paralegal Association that joined NCPA as an Affiliate Member. Now, we have a total of four (4) affiliate members. I feel very honored to be the Affiliate Director and have learned many things about NCPA through this Directorship. Please contact me for any information on your local association becoming an Affiliated Member of NCPA. Have a great Spring and Summer.

- Teresa Stacey
TAS@vernon.law.com

DISTRICT IV NEWS-

News around the District
On Saturday, May 2, Guilford Paralegal Association, an NCPA affiliate, will hold its 3rd Annual Spring Seminar at the Doubletree Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina. Participants will receive six hours of CPE credit, including one hour of ethics. Topics will include nursing home negligence and criminal prosecution and criminal defense law.

Guilford Paralegal Association, an NCPA affiliate, holds informative monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM.

GPA held its April 14th meeting at the firm of MacCord Mason, 300 N. Greene Street in Greensboro. The speaker was Art MacCord who discussed Dealing with Initial Client Inquiries Involving Intellectual Property.

On May 12th GPA will hold its regular meeting at Logan's Roadhouse in Greensboro, and the agenda will include nomination of officers for the upcoming year. On June 9th, GPA will conduct its election of officers at the Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler firm, 1912 Eastchester Drive in High Point. The speaker for this meeting will be District Court Judge Susan R. Burch who will speak on How Judges Approach Family Law Cases.

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 also holds regular meetings and seminars.

ACPA had their April meeting on the 21st with Karen Russell, Director of the Guardian Ad Litem Program in Alamance County speaking. The next meeting of ACPA will be held on May 19th at 12:30 with the speaker to be announced.

For information on ACPA please contact Teresa Stacey at tas@vernonlaw.com.