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## Message from the Chairman

Hello all, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your Chairman of the Board for the 2011 – 2012 term. Throughout the next year, I look forward to knowing you all better and seeing you at future NCPA events! Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions, concerns or suggestions for NCPA. Have a safe, warm and wonderful summer!

Sincerely,  
*Stephanie Ivans, NCCP*  
wncparalegal@gmail.com

## Meet the Board for the 2011 - 2012 TERM

### District I

Welcome to District I. My name is Diane Morgan, and I am thrilled to be your District Director. Below is a summary of my academic background and my professional experience. Please send me any ideas that you have about pulling our District together! I look forward to hearing from you!

#### Academic

I have an Associates of Applied Science in Paralegal Technology (1988) from Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, North Carolina, and a Bachelors of Arts in American History (1991) from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. I earned an M.P.S.. in Paralegal Studies from The George Washington University School of Professional Studies in August of 2009. I am also a member of the GWU Chapter of Lambda Epsilon Chi.

#### Professional

I have worked in local government over 20 years – more particularly, as senior paralegal to the New Hanover County Attorney and Contract Administrator for the County. I have had the opportunity, during these many years of public service, to work in diverse areas of law, to include contracts, litigation, legal research, real property, and tax. I am a North Carolina State Bar Certified Paralegal. I am member of the North Carolina Bar Association Paralegal Division and the North Carolina Paralegal Association. I have an advanced paralegal certification through NALA (ACP) in Contract Administration.

#### Contact

You may e-mail me at anytime at: [dmorgan@nhcgov.com](mailto:dmorgan@nhcgov.com).

*Diane N. Morgan, ACP, NCCP*

District II

My name is Crystal L. Robinson and I am seeking to be District II's Director for the next 2 years. Last year I was appointed as Interim Director for District II and I have just completed 2 years as the Articles Editor for the FORUM. I have been an NCPA member since 2008. I earned my NCCP in 2007 and have worked mostly in the area of real estate law since 1997. I currently work at Levine & Stewart in Chapel Hill as a real estate paralegal. It is an honor for me to serve NCPA as a District Director and I look forward to continuing to serve District II's members

*Crystal Robinson, NCSB, CP*

ATTENTION DISTRICT III MEMBERS!!

If you are interested in filling the position as District III Director, please email Sylvia Erickson, Interim District III Director or Stephanie Ivans, NCCP for more information. You must have been a general member for (1) year and be able to attend board meetings since this is a voting position.

Stephanie Ivans, NCCP:  
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Sylvia Erickson, NCCP:  
[sylvia\\_erickson@fd.org](mailto:sylvia_erickson@fd.org)



District IV

District IV Director, Karen F. England, NCCP. I am originally from West Virginia. My husband and I have lived in North Carolina for 31 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 17 years. My supervising attorneys are Scott Wyatt and Kerri Sigler, and we work in the area of general litigation and complex business litigation. I have been Historian with NCPA for the past four years and District IV Director for the past two years. I am excited to serve for the 2011-2012 term as well. 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. In addition to being active in NCPA, I am also a member of Guilford Paralegal Association and currently serve as Vice President and NCPA Liaison. I have previously served as GPA's past Historian and past Parliamentarian. In my spare time I like to scrapbook with my friends, accompany my husband on nature photography trips and travel.

*Karen England, NCCP*

District V

My name is Roxanne Crouch, CP and I'm your interim District V Director.

*Roxanne Crouch, CP*

ATTENTION DISTRICT VI & IX MEMBERS!!

Currently Districts VI and IX do not have a local district director. Since I am in Wake County, this will make it difficult for me to be able to work with members in those districts. If you are interested in serving as a director, you must have been a general member for one (1) year and must be able to attend our Board meetings (this is a voting position). If you are interested, please email me for more information.

*Patti Clapper, ACP, NCCP*  
At-Large Director

Immediate Past President

[lglduck@aol.com](mailto:lglduck@aol.com)

### District VII

Greetings District VII! My name is Stephanie Ivans, NCCP and I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve as your District VII Director and Chairman of the Board for the 2011 – 2012 term. I have lived in Western North Carolina my entire life. I have been working for the Law Offices of Frank Lay, a small criminal defense firm in Sylva, NC since 2003. While working full time, I attended night classes at Southwestern Community College (SCC) in Sylva, NC. I graduated with an Associate in Paralegal Technology in early 2006 and became a North Carolina Certified Paralegal shortly thereafter. I was promoted to Office Manager in 2008. Our office primarily handles criminal defense cases in State and Federal Court.

On a personal note, I love to scrapbook and read in my spare time.

I just completed my third year as NCPA District VII Director. I am very interested in increasing membership in our district and welcome any ideas / suggestions of how we can grow. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns for NCPA. As district director, I am here to be your voice to the Board of Directors. Your voice counts! I look forward to seeing you all at future NCPA events!

*Stephanie Ivans, NCCP*

District VII Director  
Chairman of the Board  
[wncparalegal@gmail.com](mailto:wncparalegal@gmail.com)



District VII Ice Cream Social at SCC on April 21, 2011.

### District VIII

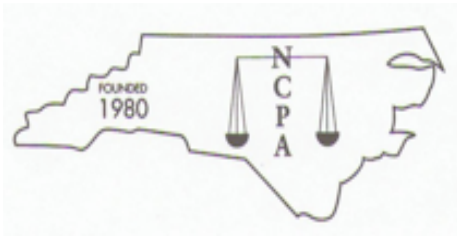
My name is **Regina Hargrove Newsome, CLA, NCCP**. I received my A.A.S. degree in Paralegal Technology in 1996 from Johnston Community College. I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Psychology at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. I have worked for over 15 years as paralegal (and sometimes office manager) for Arnold O. Jones, II, in Goldsboro, handling primarily family law cases. In November of 2008, I began working as a paralegal with the law firm of White & Allen, handling primarily collection cases from filing to completion. In August of 2010, I began working as a paralegal with the NC Department of Justice, Transportation Section, where I currently support five condemnation attorneys and 3 contract attorneys. I obtained my CLA designation from the National Association of Legal Assistants in January 1997, and my NCCP designation from the NC State Bar in September 2005. I currently live in Kenly with my husband, Mark. Mark and I have two children, Jessica and Jeremy, and one grandson, Noah.

*Regina Hargrove Newsome, CLA, NCCP*  
District VIII Director

*From your Affiliate Director*

I have been in the legal field for 30+ years with the last 25 years at the Vernon Law Firm. I have worked in all areas of law, but currently we mostly deal with commercial real estate, rezoning, litigation, estate planning and corporate. I have been an Affiliate Director or District Director for most of the time with NCPA and I really enjoy it.

*Teresa Stacey, NCCP*



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