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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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In this the first issue of THE AMICUS for the 2002-2003 year, I want to introduce you to each of the District Directors throughout the state as well as myself, your new Chairman of the Board. I am very excited about this new role with NCPA and I have big plans! I want YOU included in those plans and hope that you will feel free to contact me with any concerns and suggestions. Plan to take an active role in NCPA this year. We have a wonderful association. We want to take every opportunity to share our talents and support those who are entering this profession. We are only as strong as our membership. Get involved today!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Thank you for the confidence you have shown in re-electing me for a second term. I have learned a great deal during the past twelve months that will enable me to serve you better this year. It has been exciting getting members actively involved in this organization. They bring fresh ideas to the table and further ignite the passion in those already involved. It is truly an honor and a privilege serving you in this capacity. I talked with many of you at the annual seminar and encourage you to write, call or e-mail your concerns and suggestions. We have an energetic and talented group of Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs. The coming year is sure to be fun and prosperous!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

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| April 27, 2002 | E/C Board Meeting in Burlington, NC |
| May 15, 2002 | Deadline for July CLA/CLAS exam application to NALA |
| June 20-22, 2002 | NCBA Annual Convention, Wilmington, NC |
| July 10 - 13, 2002 | NALA Convention, Savannah, Georgia |
| July 19 - 20, 2002 | NALA CLA/CLAS Examination |
| August 15, 2002 | Meredith R. Pollette CLAS Scholarship essays due to COB |
| September 13-14, 2002 | <i>Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course at the
Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Asheville</i> |
| October 1, 2002 | Deadline for October CLA/CLAS exam application to NALA |
| December 6 & 7, 2002 | NALA CLA/CLAS Examination |
| March 20 - 22, 2003 | <i>Annual Meeting & Seminar / Wrightsville Beach</i> |

AROUND THE STATE

DISTRICT I

Beaufort, Brunswick, Carteret, Dare, Craven, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Tyrrell and Washington Counties

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Kennail has been a paralegal with Harris, Shields, Creech & Ward, P.A. in New Bern for almost 10 years. She has 15 years experience in law firms of varying sizes. She graduated from Carteret Community College in Morehead City in 1989, with an Associates Degree in Paralegal Technology; and from North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount in 1992, with a Bachelor's Degree in Justice and Public Policy. Kennail hopes to bolster interest in NCPA among the paralegal community in District I.

DISTRICT II

Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake and Warren Counties

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Sarah Hutchins, CLA, is proud to be serving you for a second year as Director for District II. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy and History. In January of 2000, she received the Certified Legal Assistant designation from the National Association of Legal Assistants. Currently, she is working at the Banks Law Firm in Research Triangle Park and prior to that she was employed for three years at a law firm in Durham. She primarily works in collections, litigation and affordable housing and economic community development law. Sarah has been a member of the North Carolina Paralegal Association since 1998 and has served as the Annual Seminar Co-Chair and District Director. She is also a member of the North Carolina Bar Association Legal Assistants Division and the National Association for Legal Assistants. She has taught the Certified Legal Assistant's Review Class at Meredith College. Sarah currently lives in Raleigh. Sarah enjoyed meeting everyone at the Annual Seminar and hopes to meet more of you at upcoming events and seminars. Please contact her by phone or by e-mail with any news from around the District or any questions or suggestions you may have. She looks forward to serving you again as you District II Director.

DISTRICT III

Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland Counties

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Trudy is serving as Interim Director for District III. She appreciates the opportunity to serve the District III members for another year, and invites those members to convey their ideas. If you did not get a chance to talk with her last year, please make a concerted effort to do so this year! We appreciate Trudy's continuing support of NCPA!

AROUND THE STATE

DISTRICT IV

Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Guilford, Randolph and Rockingham Counties

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Welcome new District IV Director for 2001-2003! Belinda is learning how to be District Director and Chairman of the Board at the same time. Talk about a challenge! She resides in Elon and works at the firm of Vernon, Vernon Wooten, Brown, Andrews & Garrett, P.A., in Burlington. She has been in domestic law since 1989. She is a member of the Alamance County Paralegal Association where she has served as President, Historian and Parliamentarian. She is a member of NALA and has been a member of NCPA since 1994. She is married to Edward Pruitt and has one son Ray and a daughter-in-law, Ruth.

DISTRICT V

Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Stanly and Union Counties

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Welcome new Interim District V Director! Reba is a freelance paralegal for two certified specialists in family law in Charlotte, I. Manning Huske and A. Marshall Basinger. She has a daughter, Sloane, who is 10 years old, three dogs and three cats! She secured her certification in January, 2001. She is the 2000 winner of the NCPA Meredith Pollette CLAS Scholarship which allowed her to take the CLA exam. She serves as Student/School chair for Metrolina Paralegal Association.

DISTRICT VI

Alexander, Alleghany, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties

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Welcome new Interim District VI Director! Patsy is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Wilkes Community College. She has been a paralegal for 15 years and is employed as a Project Manager - Stock Plan Administrator by Lowe's Companies, Inc. in North Wilkesboro since June of 1999. Patsy is a member of NALA and LAD in addition to NCPA. Patsy is excited about learning her duties as District VI Director.

DISTRICT VII

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Welcome new Interim District VII Director! Nicole was born 1971 in Baltimore, Maryland. She has a Bachelor of Arts, Legal Studies from the University of Central Florida. She was a personal injury, asbestos litigation paralegal for four years with Brayton Harley Curtis in Novato, CA. She has been a personal injury, bankruptcy, Social Security disability paralegal for four years with the Law Office of David Gantt in Asheville. Welcome Nicole!

AROUND THE STATE

DISTRICT VIII

Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Wayne and Wilson Counties

Director to be appointed. Office vacant at the printing of THE AMICUS.

DISTRICT IX

Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Lincoln, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Watauga and Yancey Counties

Director to be appointed. Office vacant at the printing of THE AMICUS.

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Marsha, as NCPA's most recent past President, is currently serving as Director-At-Large and will be serving as Interim District IX Director until such time as this directorship position can be filled. Members in District IX are encouraged to contact Marsha with concerns, suggestions and news from your district. NCPA appreciates Marsha's continued support!

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Welcome Teresa A. Stacey as NCPA's first (and to date, only) Affiliate Director! She has been employed in the legal field in Alamance County for 20 years, 15 of which have been at the Vernon firm in Burlington. Teresa looks forward to working with the Board of Directors, and establishing goals for the new Affiliate Director position. She encourages other paralegal associations throughout the State to join NCPA as affiliate members, just as Alamance County Paralegal Association has done, making it the first paralegal association in the State to pursue such an affiliation. NCPA thanks Teresa and the Alamance County Paralegal Association for their support!

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Welcome Susan H. McIntyre, JD of Carteret Community College in Morehead City, as NCPA's Paralegal Educator! We thank Susan for volunteering her time and efforts to NCPA.

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Teresa M. Brenner, Esquire and
Wiley P. Wooten, Esquire

Welcome to Teresa M. Brenner of Bank of America for agreeing to work with NCPA for another year as Attorney Advisor! We appreciate you volunteering your time and thank you for the help you have been to NCPA in the past.

Welcome Wiley P. Wooten of Vernon, Vernon, Wooten, Brown, Andrews & Garrett, PA, in Burlington, NC as NCPA's new Attorney Advisor! We thank Wiley for volunteering his time and efforts to NCPA.

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