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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

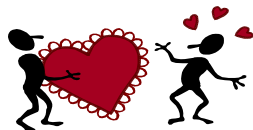
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Happy New Year!

Congratulations to our very own Terry Irvin - for the outstanding article in the January/February 2002 issue of Legal Assistant Today!

If you haven't already, make plans now to head to New Bern, March 14 - 16, 2002, for NCPA's Annual Meeting & Seminar. Much effort has gone into the planning of this seminar, and I know you will benefit from attending. See you there!

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

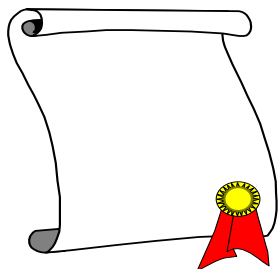
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"Snow, Snow, Snow, Snow, Snow! It won't be long before we'll all be there with snow." Those were the lyrics the Executive Committee and Board members were singing the first week in January when we had to postpone our meeting until January 12th. I took advantage of the rescheduling and headed to Appalachian for snow skiing. If you can't drive in it, you might as well ski in it!

When we did meet, it was a power meeting. Reports were given, motions made, discussions ensued, and votes were taken. We started at 10:00 a.m. and ended at 2:00 p.m., and yes, we even broke for a quick lunch. The Board and Executive Committee have worked hard all year and are wrapping matters up for the March meeting. Make sure you register early for the Annual Meeting and Seminar. Misplaced your brochure? No problem! Visit our web-site at [www.ncparalegal.org](http://www.ncparalegal.org) and download it!

See you in March!

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PARALEGAL WEEK 2002  
BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

MARCH 10 - 16, 2002

Heartbroken because you haven't yet received your registration brochure for the upcoming Annual Meeting and Seminar? Give NCPA Coordinator, Mary Haggerty, CLA, a call at (800) 479-1905, and she'll be happy to assist you, or check out our website at [www.ncparalegal.org](http://www.ncparalegal.org) and download the brochure!





## MAKE A NOTE...

- February 14, 2002 Metrolina Paralegal Association Annual Seminar, IJL Financial Center, Charlotte  
February 15, 2002 Central Carolina Community College Seminar, Dennis Wicker Civic Center, Sanford  
February 23, 2002 Cumberland County Paralegal Association Annual Seminar, FTCC Campus  
March 14 - 16, 2002 Annual Meeting & Seminar at the Sheraton Grand in New Bern  
March 22 - 23, 2002 CLA/CLAS Examination  
April 30, 2002 NCBA LAD Annual Meeting, NC Bar Center, Cary  
May 15, 2002 Deadline for July CLA/CLAS exam application to NALA  
July, 2002 CLA/CLAS Examination  
July 10 - 13, 2002 NALA Convention, Hyatt Regency, Savannah, Georgia  
September 13 - 14, 2002 Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course at Holiday Inn Sunspree, Asheville  
Fall, 2002 NALA CLA Short Course (location and date to be determined)  
October 1, 2002 Deadline for December CLA/CLAS exam application to NALA  
December 6 - 7, 2002 CLA/CLAS Examination  
March 20 - 22, 2003 Annual Meeting & Seminar at Holiday Inn Sunspree, Wrightsville Beach

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## AROUND THE STATE

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### **DISTRICT I**

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

N. Kennail Humphrey-Wilkerson  
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District I holds steady at 30 members! Kennail welcomes you to District I for the upcoming Annual Meeting and Seminar!

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### **DISTRICT II**

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

Sarah M. Hutchins, CLA  
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District II now has 156 members! Calls continue to pour in from paralegals moving from out-of-state who are relocating to the area, as well as from students inquiring as to NCPA membership - we're hopeful of continued growth in District II!

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### DISTRICT III

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

Trudy Rutherford  
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District III holds steady at 30 members! The Central Carolina Community College is hosting a seminar on February 15, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to be held at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center in Sanford. The cost is \$20.00 for students with student ID, and \$40.00 for all other attendees. Breakfast, refreshments and lunch cost is included in the registration fee. Registration deadline is February 8. Contact Lisa Duncan at (800) 682-8353, ext. 7335, for information. The Cumberland County Paralegal Association annual seminar will be held at the FTCC campus on February 23, 2002. Contact Trudy for information.

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### DISTRICT IV

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

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District IV holds steady at 76 members! Regretfully, we've not seen a growth in our District membership since September! Get out there and recruit friends and coworkers to join NCPA! Plans are underway by the Alamance County Paralegal Association, for an Equitable Distribution Seminar to be held in February or March, 2002, with Belinda T. Pruitt, CLAS, as the speaker. Contact Teresa Stacey, NCPA Affiliate Director, at [tas@vernonlaw.com](mailto:tas@vernonlaw.com) for details. Please note the following change of email address of Mary L. Clausen, CLA, President of the Greensboro Paralegal Association - [Maryclausen@cs.com](mailto:Maryclausen@cs.com).

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### DISTRICT V

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

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District V now has 119 members! Welcome our 2 newest members - Joyce Ammons and Sheila M. Gask! The Metrolina Paralegal Association holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of every month. For information, contact Kathy Morgoch at (704) 373-8985, or email [kmorgoch@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:kmorgoch@mcguirewoods.com). The Metrolina Paralegal Association will hold its annual seminar on Thursday, February 14, 2002, at IJL Financial Center in Charlotte. The Metrolina Paralegal Association will be co-sponsoring a seminar with the Mecklenburg County Bar on e-filing with the NC Court of Appeals in the next few weeks. For further information on both seminars, contact Kathy Morgoch as indicated above. Congratulations to Mary Willard, who's in the process of moving into her new home!

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### DISTRICT VI

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

Martha K. Aldridge  
[paralegaleve@juno.com](mailto:paralegaleve@juno.com)

District VI now has 41 members! Check out NCPA's Job Bank Bulletin Board for job postings in District VI!

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### DISTRICT VII

Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain and Transylvania Counties

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District VII holds steady at 14 members! We regret to report that the Mountain Area Paralegal Association recently disbanded; however, we are grateful for their donation of \$1,202.56 to the NCPA Meredith R. Pollette CLAS Scholarship Fund. We appreciate their support of NCPA!

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### **DISTRICT VIII**

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

Carol B. Woodall  
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District VIII holds steady at 26 members! Pitt County Paralegal Association, Inc. formed in September, 2001! For information, contact Lucy Fortescue at (252) 341-0491 (mobile), or via email at [hydelucy@yahoo.com](mailto:hydelucy@yahoo.com).

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### **DISTRICT IX**

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

Marsha L. Johnson, CLAS  
Director At-Large  
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District IX holds steady at 18 members! We are still seeking a General member from within the district to fill the directorship position for the coming year - step forward and represent your District!

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### **NALA LIAISON**

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NALA President, Pat Elliott, CLAS, will be speaking at the CLA/CLAS breakfast on March 16, 2002, at the Annual Meeting and Seminar! All CLA's are encouraged to attend.

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**BE ON THE LOOKOUT IN THE COMING WEEKS  
FOR A "DISTRICT NEWS" BULLETIN BOARD ON THE NCPA WEBSITE!  
GET THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM YOUR DISTRICT!**

**ALSO, LOOK FOR THE NEW "PUBLICATIONS" PAGE,  
WITH LINKS TO ARCHIVED ISSUES OF THE NCPA FORUM AND THE AMICUS.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The IRS mileage reimbursement rate has increased to \$0.365.

House Bill 108 passed on November 13, 2001, amending the current NCGS 161-31 regarding tax certification, requiring the register of deeds in certain counties (as specified in the statute) not to accept any deed transferring real property for recording unless the county tax collector has certified that no delinquent taxes are owing. Be sure to check out this revised language.

The fees payable to the Register of Deeds for recordation have increased effective January 1, 2002. New formatting standards have also been established, effective July 1, 2002. Contact your local Register of Deeds Office for information.



WEARY OF JUGGLING PHONE CALLS, APPOINTMENTS  
AND PAPERWORK?

WELL...

JOIN US ON MARCH 15th FOR AN EARLY ST.  
PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION, AT THE ANNUAL  
MEETING & SEMINAR IN NEW BERN! FRIDAY EVENING'S  
ENTERTAINMENT WILL HAVE A "JIMMY BUFFET" THEME,  
WITH A DJ TO PROVIDE FANTASTIC MUSIC! COME  
RELAX, KICK UP YOUR HEELS & HAVE A GREAT TIME!



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