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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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I hope you've enjoyed your summer thus far! Hopefully you're not over-exerting yourself with all that strenuous yard work! Your NCPA officers, directors and committee chairs have definitely been hard at work, getting us ready for the upcoming Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course. Kudos to each of them for their dedication!

I realize that summer is a time for long lazy days where little, if any, energy is expended, but I need to bring you back to reality and remind you that this fall NCPA will be seeking out individuals to serve in the various officer and directorship positions for the coming year. Feel free to call upon the director from your respective district, any of the current officers, President Terry Irvin or me, with any questions you may have, or to express your interest in holding a position. You may get a call this fall from Martha Aldridge, Chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee, in her efforts to recruit individuals to serve in these various positions. Relax and refresh yourself this summer, then come forward in the fall to volunteer your time and energy to NCPA and your paralegal profession.

Have a great summer and we'll see you in September in Boone!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Well we made it through the first official EC/Board meeting! It was held in Charlotte on May 12th. I would like to thank all who attended. You, the members, have a dedicated group of professionals serving you and it was most evident that day by all who donated their Saturday. We held an orientation session that explained the policies and procedures of NCPA, and then held the business portion of the meeting. No time was wasted as we covered a lot of material and finished by 2:30 p.m., and that included a lunch break! The next EC/Board meeting will be held September 21st in conjunction with the Mid-Year Seminar/CLA Review Course. We will hold a long range planning meeting in the morning starting at 10:00 a.m. and will hold the business meeting in the afternoon starting at 1:00 p.m. We received several responses to the long range planning question that was asked on the survey sent out early in the year. We will be discussing those responses as well as assessing how well NCPA is performing in meeting its goals. If you should have any comments on long range planning, please contact Chair Anita Wing. If you are interested in finding out more about how NCPA conducts its day to day business, or you are unsure what that business is, I would encourage you to arrive early for the Seminar and attend the meetings on Friday.

On a side note – NCPA has a storage facility in Raleigh. We are in the process of collecting old files and shipping them to storage. Files are usually passed on to the succeeding officer, director or chair, but if you should have any NCPA files buried in your closet or attic, please contact me and we will take them off your hands. Full amnesty will be granted! Just give me a call. Thank you!

Heartbroken because you haven't yet received your registration brochure for the upcoming Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course? How about the Summer issue of the NCPA FORUM? Give NCPA Coordinator, Mary Haggerty, CLA, a call at (704) 372-5616 ext. 105, and she'll be happy to assist you.





MAKE A NOTE...

- July 27 - 28, 2001 NALA CLA/CLAS Examination
August 4, 2001 Meeting of the Alliance For Paralegal Professional Standards (APPS) at 10:00 a.m. at Highwoods Properties in Raleigh (contact Sharon Wall, CLAS, Chair, at (919) 875-6786 (w) , if you'd like to attend)
August 15, 2001 Deadline for submission of essays for Meredith R. Pollette CLA Scholarship
September 11, 2001 Deadline for Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course registration
September 21 - 22, 2001 Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course at Quality Inn Appalachian in Boone
October 1, 2001 Deadline for October CLA/CLAS exam application to NALA
November 30 - December 1, 2001 NALA CLA/CLAS Examination
March 14 - 16, 2002 Annual Meeting & Seminar at the Sheraton Grand in New Bern

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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District I now has 30 members! NCPA would love to see more activity in your district. If you have ideas or suggestions for mini-seminars, socials, and so forth, contact Kennail. She'd love to hear from you! Take a break from that beautiful beach weather and come enjoy the gorgeous mountains in Boone in September - hope to see you there!

DISTRICT II

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

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District II had 147 members as of the end of June. We have gained 20 new members and 1 renewal since the Annual Seminar in March! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new members to District II and encourage you to contact me with any questions, suggestions or news from the District. In the near future I hope to be able to send updates, news and other happenings via e-mail to all District members. Due to the large numbers of District members, I want to make sure everyone is informed. Please utilize the NCPA website, and more specifically, the Seminar, News and Job Bank Bulletin Boards for updated NCPA news. I want to encourage any one who plans to take the CLA exam in the upcoming months to attend the CLA Review Course in Boone in September. There will also be a CLA Review Course offered through Meredith College's Paralegal Program beginning September 17, 2001, which will meet every Monday night for six weeks. If you are interested in this course please contact Meredith College's Paralegal Program or contact me. I hope everyone who came to the Annual Seminar in Wrightsville Beach enjoyed themselves and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course in Boone!

AROUND THE STATE

DISTRICT III

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

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Trudy is recuperating from knee surgery, and we wish her a speedy recovery! She hopes to plan a mini-seminar within the District for the fall. If you have any suggestions or would like to assist her in any way, give her a call. She also has a goal to recruit potential members in Scotland, Richmond, Bladen, Duplin, Sampson and Columbus counties where there currently are no NCPA members - help her achieve this goal by spreading the word in these counties!

DISTRICT IV

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

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Hello to District IV's 73 members! Congratulations to Katherine Kuczkowski, the newly-elected President of the Alamance County Paralegal Association! Katherine can be reached at P.O. Drawer 2958, Burlington, NC 27216-2958, (336) 227-8851. A double dose of congratulations goes to Mary L. Clausen, CLA, the newly-elected President of the Greensboro Paralegal Association, who also just recently attained her CLA! Mary can be reached at mclausen@accessandersonkorzen.com, or (336) 993-7958. We're in the talks and planning stages of either hosting a social for our district members, or assisting one of our local paralegal associations with a mini-seminar within our district. If you have suggestions or ideas, or wish to assist in coordinating either of these events, please contact Barbara Booker.

DISTRICT V

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

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District V now has 105 members! NCPA is proud of its actively involved members in your district - keep up the good work! Congratulations to Cheryl W. Smith, who was installed for a second term as President of Metrolina Paralegal Association ("MPA")! MPA also celebrated its 20th anniversary this year!

DISTRICT VI

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

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Hello District VI members! Our membership is growing. We have had 7 new members since our Annual Seminar in March! I hope to have a chance to speak with each of you at the upcoming Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course in Boone. Plan to attend and represent our district!

DISTRICT VII

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

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District VII now has 14 members! We're looking forward to being in your neck of the woods in September for the Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course! Hope to see each of you there!

AROUND THE STATE

DISTRICT VIII

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

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District VIII now has 25 members! Carol would love to see more activity in your district. Give her a call today with your ideas and suggestions for mini-seminars, socials, or other events that would unite your district members all the more!

DISTRICT IX

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

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District IX now has 18 members! We are still seeking a General member from within the district to fill the directorship position. In the interim, members are encouraged to contact Marsha with concerns, suggestions and news from your district. We hope that each of you are planning to come to Boone in September - invite a non-NCPA member to join you!

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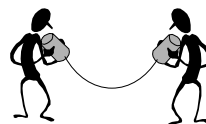
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NCPA congratulates new CLAs and CLAS as of the March 2001 exam: Mary L. Clausen, CLA; Ruth H. Goodman, CLA; Robin Smith Hill, CLA (NCPA member); Marilee M. Patton, CLA; Pamela A. Shirley, CLA; and Sarah Lynette White, CLAS (Civil Litigation)! Information about the Meredith R. Pollette Scholarship was included with the Mid-Year Seminar/CLA Review Course registration brochure that you should have received by mail. This scholarship is available to any NCPA member and award recipients receive either the CLA exam or specialty exam fee. Essays are due by August 15. Please call me with any questions or if you need further information. I also have materials available concerning the CLA/CLAS exams, if you are interested. Also, it has been confirmed that the NALA Convention for 2002 will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, Georgia, July 10-14 - make plans now to attend.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can be found guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if you hold yourself out to the public as a notary or perform notarial acts without a commission; a Class 2 misdemeanor if, as a notary, you take an acknowledgment or perform a verification or proof without personal knowledge of the signer's identity or without satisfactory evidence of the signer's identity; a Class I felony if you take an acknowledgment or perform a verification or proof knowing it is false or fraudulent; and a person can be found guilty of a Class I misdemeanor, if he or she knowingly solicits or coerces a notary to commit official misconduct. (N.C.G.S. Section 10A-12.)

If you have newsworthy items to share, please email a complete description of those items to bbooker@triad.rr.com, including dates, times, means of contact, and all other pertinent details.





Hot and humid lazy days of summer wearing you down? Register today to attend the Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course to be held at the Appalachian Quality Inn in Boone in September, where you'll enjoy beautiful fall foliage and COOLER weather, as well as attend sessions on current substantive legal issues and mingle with mentors in your profession. You'll leave feeling rejuvenated and excited about the wealth of knowledge and information you attained, and the lasting friendships you made!



LEGAL IN-SITES

WWW.LIBRARYSPOT.COM	Encyclopedias, maps, online libraries, quotes, dictionaries
WWW.LAWINFO.COM	Expert witnesses, court reporters, trial consultants, process servers
WWW.HOOVERS.COM	Corporate information, business news, stock quotes
WWW.ENVIROBIZ.COM	Access to press release relating to environmental issues
WWW.SEARCHBUG.COM	Locate people and businesses
WWW.AMA-ASSN.ORG	Verify physician credentials
WWW.FSMB.ORG	Federation of State Medical Boards - links to state licensing boards
WWW.GLOBALYP.COM	Phone directories from around the world
WWW.ONLINENEWS PAPERS.COM	Access to 10,000 newspapers online
WWW.USPS.GOV	Zip code lookup and address information
WWW.NASS.ORG	Nationwide links to offices of Secretary of State
WWW.RELIANCEMEDICAL.COM	Information relating to medications
WWW.USCOURTS.GOV	Federal Judiciary homepage with links to multiple resources

WANTED -- LIVE ONES

The Technology Committee is looking for "live ones" with knowledge of computer lingo and the ability to apply the lingo to our website. We are also looking for those "techie-impaired" people who have really good ideas too. Our Committee currently consists of four members: Virginia M. Burrows, CLAS; Jann G. Lund; Dennis Embo; and Johnna Givens. Next year two members will be rotating off. We are soliciting now for additional committee members to join us (they can join us before the turnover next March). Anyone interested in working on the website, especially anyone with experience using FrontPage or similar software, is invited to contact either Jann Lund or Virginia Burrows. Our e-mail addresses are:

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