

# THE AMICUS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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What a great time we had in Greensboro at the Mid-Year and CLA Review Course! Many thanks go to Anita Watts Wing, Teresa A. Stacey, Blanche S. Berkowitz, Angela S. Elliott, CLA, Kay H. Summers, CLA and Melissa Stockley Jones, CLA for a job well done. A special thank you goes to Mary F. Haggerty, CLA, who did a great job as always putting together the last minute items needed.

At our Long Range Planning Meeting on Friday morning, Yolanda Smith, Long Range Planning Chair, presented a wonderful summation of last year's meeting. We have met some of our goals and have several to keep working on! She then had us write about a special "pretend" NALA award and why NCPA should be chosen as winner. From that exercise, we have many ideas for the future to continue to keep NCPA the dynamic association it already is!

We have a talented and dedicated group of officers and directors who spend a great deal of their time volunteering for NCPA. The Declaration of Candidacy forms will be coming to you soon in the mail. Please consider taking a more active role in NCPA. We need you!

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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## EDUCATION UPDATE

Please see the calendar of events on the NCPA web site, this issue of the AMICUS and the NCPA FORUM. Seminars are being planned throughout the state and the Education Committee is going to "Wow" us all at the Annual Meeting and Seminar in March. Look for your registration brochure to arrive in early January.

## LEGISLATION UPDATE

In August 2003, the North Carolina State Bar appointed a subcommittee, the Legislative Study Committee on Paralegal Regulation to address the issue of paralegal regulation. The Alliance for Paralegal Professional Standards is in communication with the subcommittee and a full report by the Regulation Task Force will appear in the winter issue of the NCPA FORUM.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

NCPA currently has three affiliate members! Please welcome ~

*Alamance County Paralegal Association*  
*Greensboro Paralegal Association*  
*Pitt County Paralegal Association*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

November 8, 2003	District IX Meet & Greet Breakfast, <b>Hickory</b>
November 15, 2003	District II Seminar, <b>Raleigh</b>
December 5-6, 2003	CLA/CLAS Examination
December 19, 2003	Deadline for NCPA Officer Nominations
January 4, 2004	Deadline for NCPA District Director Nominations
January 10, 2004	Joint EC/Board Meeting, <b>Burlington</b>
January 31, 2004	Deadline for submission of essays to the Student Scholarship Program
March 25, 2003	Joint EC/Board Meeting, <b>Raleigh</b>
March 25-27, 2004	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Seminar, <b>North Raleigh Hilton</b>
March 27, 2004	Joint EC/Board Meeting, <b>Raleigh</b>
July 14-17, 2004	NALA Convention, Reno, <b>Nevada</b>
September 17-18, 2004	NCPA Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course, <b>Asheville</b>

### CHAIR CHATTER...

It is time to nominate Officers and Directors for the 2004-2005 year. Have you completed your nomination?

NCPA will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary in March 2005! Please call President Pruitt if you would like to be involved in planning this milestone event.

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### AROUND THE STATE

#### **DISTRICT I**

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

The Board was saddened to receive the resignation of District Director Teresa Smith due to personal reasons. Teresa has been a strong supporter of NCPA in District I and has held many NCPA positions in the past. We thank her for all her support and contributions and wish her well. We hope she will become active in NCPA again in the future.

District I currently has 33 members and three local paralegal programs.

#### **DISTRICT II**

## AROUND THE STATE

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

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District II has 145 members as of the end of October. Erin welcomes all new members. This year's Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review course in Greensboro were informative and enjoyable and Erin enjoyed meeting several District II members there.

District II is having a Meet & Greet on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Meredith College. Cost is \$15.00 and includes continental breakfast, refreshments and materials. CLA credit will be given. Many thanks go to **Document Technologies, Inc.** for sponsorship of the breakfast! Please thank them for their support! Please see the NCPA web site for more information.

It is often difficult to stay abreast of what is going on in District II because of all the members. Please keep informed by checking our website at [www.ncparalegal.org](http://www.ncparalegal.org).

Students, send us your essays! The deadline for the Student Scholarship Contest is January 31, 2004. Please see <http://www.ncparalegal.org/awards2003.htm> for information on entering this contest.

Please call or email Erin with any news from around the District or any questions or suggestions.

### DISTRICT III

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

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Trudy has just returned from a two week trip to Germany, her homeland. We are glad she is back safe and sound and look forward to hearing of her travels. District III has 23 members and three paralegal programs. Two local paralegal associations are found here, Cumberland County Paralegal Association and Sandhills Paralegal Association.

### DISTRICT IV

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

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District IV currently has 75 members. Ruth welcomes new members **J. Thomas Coolidge, Karen F. Alexander, Beverly S. Jones, CLA, Vicky Allison** and **Kimberly Stanley**. Both the **Greensboro Paralegal Association** and the **Alamance County Paralegal Association** are active and have a busy year planned. The Greensboro Paralegal Association just became a NCPA Affiliate Member! Welcome GPA!

### DISTRICT V

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

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Welcome District V Interim Director **Alison R. VanDyke!** Alison is a paralegal with **McGuireWoods LLP** in Charlotte, where she works in the Commercial Litigation Department and also performs substantive work for the firm's Labor & Employment Department. She has been working in litigation in North Carolina for almost nine years, with over three of those years being at McGuireWoods. Alison also serves as the editor of the **Metrolina Paralegal Association's** quarterly newsletter and as a member of their Board of Directors.

District V has 109 members and four paralegal programs.

## AROUND THE STATE

### DISTRICT VI

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

District VI has 59 members at this time. A warm welcome is sent to student **Christina Salisbury Hill**, our newest district member. This District offers two paralegal programs.

At the time of publication, the District Director office is vacant. **Please contact Theresa (Terry) Irvin, CLA at 704-388-7030 or [theresa.irvin@bankofamerica.com](mailto:theresa.irvin@bankofamerica.com) if you are interested in this position.**

### DISTRICT VII

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

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At the present time District VII is relatively quiet – except of course, the leaves are changing and it is a wonderful sight in the mountains. Marilyn would like to welcome as new members: **Amanda Renee Longoria** from Sylva, **Stasha Nicholson** from Whittier, and **Vickey A. Pittillo** and **Patrick G. Hojan** from Asheville. Marilyn is searching for a restaurant in the Asheville area to host a district meeting. If you should have any ideas on a venue that would be financially feasible, please contact Marilyn.

### DISTRICT VIII

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

District VIII has 17 members at this time. This District has three paralegal programs and one paralegal association, Affiliate Member **Pitt County Paralegal Association, Inc.** A successful Meet and Greet Breakfast was held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Greenville. Many thanks to PCPA President Judy Caldwell for all her assistance in planning this event. At the time of publication, the District Director office is vacant. **Please contact Theresa (Terry) Irvin, CLA at 704-388-7030 or [theresa.irvin@bankofamerica.com](mailto:theresa.irvin@bankofamerica.com) if you are interested in this position.**

### DISTRICT IX

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

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District IX has 21 members at this time. A warm welcome is sent to **Stephanie Michelle Gilliam**, our newest student member. Welcome to NCPA and District IX. Beverly looks forward to seeing District members at the Meet and Greet Breakfast Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>!

District IX is growing and if any of you should have any questions, suggestions or news from District IX, please contact Beverly.

### AFFILIATE DIRECTOR

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**Teresa** is recovering from her participation in the Mid-Year Seminar as Mid-Year Seminar Co-Chair along with **Blanche Berkowitz**, Mid-Year Co-Seminar, **Melissa Stockley-Jones, CLA**, CLA Review Course Chair and First Vice President **Anita Watts Wing**. Teresa, Blanche, Melissa and Anita all lead a very successful seminar and review course. Many thanks to all they have done and continue to do!

## AROUND THE STATE

### BAR LIAISON

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As the filing deadline for South Carolina CLE requirements approaches, the North Carolina State Bar CLE department gets inundated with requests for CLE compliance letters. The North Carolina State Bar would like to make this process easier for everyone and has created an online request system through their website at [www.nccle.org](http://www.nccle.org). Attorneys licensed in South Carolina may access this system.

### NALA LIAISON

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March 26-27, 2004	CLA/CLAS Examination
May 15, 2004	Application deadline for July CLA/CLAS exam
July 14-17, 2004	NALA Annual Convention, Reno, NV
July 23-24, 2004	CLA/CLAS Examination
October 1, 2004	Application deadline for December CLA/CLAS exam
December 3-4, 2004	CLA/CLAS Examination

NCPA congratulates the following new CLAs as of the July 2003 exam:

**Susan Kasek, CLA (NCPA Member)**  
**Heather D. Kinrade, CLA**  
**Josef H. Osterneck, CLA**  
**Kristen W. Rouse, CLA**

The Meredith R. Pollette Scholarship was recently awarded to **Darlene M. Patz**. Darlene plans to take the CLA exam in December. Best wishes Darlene!

If you or other paralegals you know would like information about NALA or the CLA/CLAS exams, please don't hesitate to call (919-474-9137) or e-mail me ([shutchins@bankslawfirm.com](mailto:shutchins@bankslawfirm.com)). For general information and updates about what is going on at NALA, log on to their web site ([www.nala.org](http://www.nala.org)).

**!!!!!! Special thanks go to April Gary and the people at Document Technologies, Inc. !!!!!**  
**For sponsorship of this issue of the AMICUS & the DISTRICT II SEMINAR!**  
**Please see their ad on the back page, thank them for their support of our profession**  
**and contact them for all of your document/copying/scanning needs!**  
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