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Tunes from the President

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“Summertime and the living is easy...” Though it’s a great old song, we in the paralegal profession know this is never the case. However, I hope each of you have been able to take a few days off to refuel. The demands on us at home and at the office can take its toll. Be sure to make time for yourself every day.

“I’ll see you in September...” is another oldie but goodie! Make plans to attend the Mid Year Seminar in Asheville. The Mid Year Seminar Committee and CLA/CP Review Course Chair are working diligently to make this a wonderful learning experience for each of you.

Chairman’s Report

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REGULATION UPDATE

As of July 6, 2004, the statutory amendments proposed by the North Carolina State Bar in April have been substituted in House Bill 356 of the North Carolina General Assembly. HB 356 passed the second and third readings in the Senate and now heads to the House for consideration. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Finance. You may view the proposed bill at <http://www.ncleg.net/html2003/bills/AllVersions/House/H356v2.html>

The State Bar will hold its quarterly meetings July 13-16. NCPA will continue to provide updates of the progress of the regulation.

You may view the Plan at:

<http://www.apps-nc.org/proposal.html>

You may also find answers to some of your questions at:

<http://www.apps-nc.org/faq.html>

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

NCPA currently has four affiliate members! Please welcome ~

Alamance County Paralegal Association
Cumberland County Paralegal Association
Greensboro Paralegal Association
Pitt County Paralegal Association

Coastal News

District I held luncheon meetings on Saturday, June 26, 2004 in New Bern and June 29, 2004 in Wilmington. A meeting is being scheduled for the Jacksonville area in the near future. There has been one new member joining District I since our last report. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact District I Director Shiley G. Carter, CLA at shirleyc@legalaidnc.org.

Mid State News

At **Cumberland County Paralegal Association's** May meeting, held as a dinner meeting at CODA's restaurant, the newly elected officers of the association for the 2004-2005 year were installed. The following is a list of the new officers:

- **Christine Rhodes**, President
- **Wanda Smith**, Vice-President and Education Chairperson
- **Carla Gibson**, Secretary and newsletter editor
- **Karen Kueny**, Treasurer
- **Monica Stoudt**, Parliamentarian.

On behalf of NCPA, District III Director, Trudy Rutherford, acknowledged the efforts of the out-going executive board and congratulated the new officers.

For those members who may need to know how to find the **Hoke County Register of Deeds Office**, that office has moved to 113 Campus Avenue in Raeford. This is a block from the courthouse behind the SPRINT office. The telephone number remains the same at (910) 875-2035.

Anyone in District III interested in reaching Trudy Rutherford, may call her at (910) 485-5171; or e-mail her at emr0128@aol.com. (Just indicate in the subject line something about District III or NCPA, so she will not delete it as spam.) For all of you who have made a trip to Virginia to buy a lottery ticket, GOOD LUCK !!!

Charlotte-Metro News

District V Director Alison Van Dyke reports the district currently has 88 general members, 6 associate members and 13 student members, totaling 107 overall.

District V held a Meet & Greet Breakfast featuring **Judge Wanda Bryant** of the North Carolina Appellate Court on May 27th, 2004 at the IJL Building in uptown Charlotte. This event was co-hosted by the Metrolina Paralegal Association and The Presentation Group. The breakfast was well attended and Judge Bryant was an excellent speaker. She is a very interesting woman and we would highly recommend having her speak at other Meet & Greets. A special thank you to Terry Irvin for all of her hard work assisting putting this Meet & Greet together.

Northern Piedmont News

District VI has 49 members at this time. A warm welcome is sent to the District's newest members – **Lisa Comatzer** of Blanco Tackaberry in Winston-Salem and **Joyce E. Carpenter** of the law office of D. Scott Turner in Mooresville. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the upcoming Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course September 24-25 in Asheville. Interested in Winston-Salem and the surrounding area? Contact District VI Director Michele A. Tuttle at 336-716-8138 or matuttle@wfubmc.edu.

Western North Carolina Paralegals take Note!

The **Asheville Area Paralegal Association** held a regular monthly meeting on June 3rd, and the topic was the North Carolina Paralegal Certification Program and the US Department of Labor's new mandates on overtime. Speakers included the administrator of a large Asheville firm, a representative of a legal placement company, a professor of a paralegal program and a labor and employment law attorney. A record number of approximately 45 people attended the meeting, with some being turned away because the meeting space was not large enough to accommodate more. The meeting was very informative and enjoyed by all. The AAPA plans a repeat presentation in the future for those who were unable to attend the June 3 meeting.

The AAPA has established a website at: www.appalachianmall.com/aapa. The association is actively soliciting submissions of items of interest, both of a professional and a personal nature, from its members and others.

The AAPA continues to grow and develop, and hopes to implement a job bank in the near future. The association extends a warm and hearty invitation to paralegals and legal assistants from Hendersonville, Black Mountain, Waynesville and other surrounding areas to join its membership and enjoy the benefits it has to offer. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the association will be held on August 5 at 11:30 a.m., Magnolias Restaurant, downtown Asheville. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and alternate between lunch and evening meetings.

If you would like information about the association and its meeting times, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact any of the following AAPA Steering Committee members: Christine Wallace at pisgahsprite@yahoo.com; Dorinda Watford at dwatford@dunganlaw.com, or Tara Blevins at tara@davidgant.com.

NALA News

NCPA extends its congratulations to **Mary Ann Colatuno** of Apex, **Ann Marie Gentz** of Raleigh, and **Rebecca H. Steen** of Charlotte for passing the CLA Exam given in March of 2004. Additionally, congratulations to **Phyllis L. Dunham**, CLA of Charlotte for passing the Corporate and & Business CLA Specialty Exam. Currently, there are 329 CLAs and 51 CLA Specialists in North Carolina.

Belinda T. Pruitt, CLAS, President, and Theresa "Terry" Irvin, CLA, Chairman of the Board of Directors, will join **NCPA NALA Liaison Mary Parrish Coley, CLA** in Reno, Nevada July 14-17 for NALA's 29th Annual Convention and Exhibition. Look for a full report from Mary Parrish in the next edition of the NCPA Forum and make plans to attend NALA's 30th Annual Convention and Exhibition in Kansas City next year!

NALA will offer a CLA Short Course October 21-23, 2004 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the Doubletree Hotel. For additional information, visit the NALA website at www.nala.org.

Questions about NALA? Please feel free to contact Mary Parrish Coley, CLA at mcoley@bbandt.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

July 14-17, 2004	NALA Convention, Reno, Nevada
July 24-24, 2004	CLA/CLAS Examination
August 15, 2004	Application deadline for Meredith R. Pollette, CLAS, Scholarship Awards
September 24-25, 2004	NCPA Mid-Year Seminar and CLA Review Course, Asheville
October 1, 2004	CLA/CLAS Application Deadline
November 6, 2004	Joint EC/Board Meeting, Burlington
December 3-4, 2004	CLA/CLAS Examination
January 8, 2005	Joint EC/Board Meeting
March 10-12, 2005	NCPA's 25th Silver Anniversary! Wrightsville Beach

Miscellany

Did you complete your survey?

Click here if you have not responded - it is not too late!

<http://ncparalegal.org/MISC/Survey%202004.doc>

Taking the CLA/CP or specialty exam?

Click here for NCPA scholarship information.

<http://ncparalegal.org/awards2004.htm>

Deadline for entries is August 16, 2004

Mid-Year Seminar and CLA/CP Review Course

September 24-25, 2004 Asheville

Click here for registration information

http://ncparalegal.org/education_files/2004brochure.pdf

Membership directories will be arriving in your mailbox in August - be on the look out!

Check out the new slide show on the NCPA website –

<http://ncparalegal.org/photos.htm>

Stay tuned for more shows!

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