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NORTH CAROLINA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

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President’s Message

by Amy Brauser

Happy spring fellow court reporters!

For those wondering who’s in charge nowadays here at NCCRA, it’s me. How’d that happen? I’m asking myself that too! But regardless, we have a new board here at NCCRA and we are excited to welcome you to our spring conference here in Wilmington.

It has been a very cold winter and I’m sure we are all looking forward to welcoming the warmth of spring. Our last conference in Charlotte was in the fall of 2019. It’s been so long I had to really think about it.

Since we have not had to commute to our jobs, this has been an excellent opportunity to better ourselves as court reporters. What have you been doing with your extra time? Have you been exercising more? Have you been working on your writing continually learning

how to “write shorter”? Have you taken up a new hobby? We would love to hear what you have learned or experienced since March of 2020.

We have a great agenda planned for you to hit on all of these topics. IF you are not currently a member of NCCRA, now is the time to get your membership in. Please visit our website under the “about” tab for our membership form. We have such great things to offer you in April, you won’t want to miss this conference!

For those who are new to NCCRA, please visit our “leadership” tab to learn a little more about the NCCRA board. We are here for YOU!

Visit the website at:
ncreporters.org

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Join us in sunny Wilmington
April 9-10, 2022
for an *Inspiring Conference!!*
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Be the Best Reporter You Can Be!

Work Smarter, Not Harder

Change the icons of your file folders on your computer. It makes them stand out and easy to find.

Have a folder you need to stay at the top of the list? Rename with 1 (or 111) in front of file folder name.

Set up Quick Access for those folders you go to continuously.

What if ... you dropped your laptop after your job or someone snatches your bag on the way to your car and your files are gone!

Solution: Immediately upon conclusion of your job, back up your files to the cloud via Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, your software cloud, whatever you want to use.

Zoom Tip

Tired of seeing participants turn into 1-inch squares during screen share?

Use an external monitor and choose “extend display” in Windows settings and click dual monitor option in Zoom settings. This enables you to see your speakers on one screen and the exhibits on the second screen.

During no screen share you can have speaker view on one screen and gallery view on the other. Now you can see the person speaking on one whole screen.

Want to make quick edits during a pause in testimony without having to reach up to your laptop keyboard?

Use a mini keyboard and set it on top of your writer screen with a piece of nonstick cabinet liner between keyboard and screen. It's a game changer!



Seas the Day

Join us in Wilmington to network with your peers and learn so many more “work smarter” tips!

NCCRA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

We provide continuing education at a reduced cost for members:

- * Professional tips and tricks to enhance your skills
- * Networking opportunities with your peers
- * Renewed inspiration and enthusiasm for our great profession
- * Silent Auction and free giveaways

Current national court reporting information brought to you locally.

Facebook presence to answer your questions and provide information.

E/SKREUPT newsletter

We provide a voice at NCRA conferences and meetings.

Every member counts—strength in numbers.

We would love for you to join us!

Best bargain in town.
All of these benefits and more!

\$80/year Regular membership
\$40/year Associate membership
Students Free

Brief Corner

LHPS - left hand phrase starters:

that we	TWHAE
trying to	TRAO*
I'm trying to	STRAO*
I'm trying to go	STRAO*G
I'm trying to understand	STRAO*NDZ
I'm trying to recall	STRAO*RL
I'm trying to see	STRAO*X

in front of	FLOF
in front of you	FLOUF
in front of me	FLOFM
in front of us	FLOFSZ

lower right-hand corner	LORK
bottom right-hand corner	BORK
not that I know of	NOF
not that I'm aware	NAIR
not that I'm aware of	NAIFR

Do you have a brief for

RHPE - right hand phrase enders (some of Mark's, some of Amy's):

went	-RMT	thought	-LGT
want	-PT	thought about	-*LGT
would	-LD	put	-*PTD
understand	-NDZ	have	-F
understanding	-*NDZ	have been	-FN
did	-RMS	haven't	-*FT
did not	-RMSZ	never	*FRN
didn't	-*RMS	still	-FMD
recall	-RL	make	-JZ
told	-FRPG	made	-JD
took	-FRLDZ	find	-FD
may	-MG	found	-FND
may have	-*MG	keep	-*PG
may be	-FMG	figure out	-FGT
may not	-#MG	only	-RNL
realize	-RLZ	now	-RNLs
realize	-RLDZ	need	-FRB
actually	-*LTD	there	-FRL
had to be	-*BTD	their	-*FRL
also	-LSZ	might	-#MT
always	-LZ	might not	-*#MT
that is	-*GS	is that	-*SZ

Amy's comments about LHPS and RHPE:

It has taken me many months to learn but so worth it. Start with one or two. Many of these I had to memorize that shape instead of the letters. Learn them in shapes if the letters don't stick. Put the shape on an index card with the word on the back. These are just suggestions. If you have a conflict, find something else that works. I love to use my number bar as a wild card so to speak for any brief that is a conflict.

Notary News

As most of you are aware, we are still at a standstill with our remote oath notarization (RON) as of the time of this newsletter. RON laws have been enacted in 38 states, with legislation currently pending in additional states and the U.S. Congress. NCCRA has, fortunately, been able to partner with other members of a coalition that have a vested interest in the RON becoming permanent, i.e., transactional attorneys, mortgage industry participants, court reporters and other notaries. House Bill 776 passed the House 107-1 with favorable language. The bill is now before a Senate subcommittee. If passed, it will allow us permanent remote oath notarization, as well as transboundary remote notarization authority. Unfortunately, we don't have an exact timeline of when the committee will meet and/or when this will go for a vote, but we are expecting it to be considered this year. Keep an eye on the NCCRA Facebook page as we will update as soon as we get any new information.



Don't delay ... register today!

NCCRA Conference in Wilmington

April 9-10, 2022

You will not want to miss this!

****Note: Hotel room block held until
March 9, 2022**



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Embassy Suites by Hilton – Wilmington Riverfront

9 Estell Lee Place, Wilmington, NC 28401

April 9-10, 2022

Click these links to all conference related documents:

[Conference Agenda](#)

[Conference Registration Form](#)

[Hotel Room—Direct booking link](#)

[2022-2023 NCCRA Membership Application Form](#)

See you in Wilmington!!