



IN BRIEF

Nebraska Association of Legal Assistants
An Affiliate of the National Association of Legal Assistants

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30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ENDS WITH GRAND FINALE.

Recognition Breakfast – A Grand Affair

By Loretta Phillips

On Thursday morning, September 21, 2006, about 120 members, attorneys, judges and guests gathered together for the final celebration of NeALA's 30th anniversary year. The event was combined with our annual Recognition Breakfast; and grand it was! Walking into the room, one might have thought it an elegant dinner party. The tables were adorned with black tablecloths and were highlighted by beautiful silver and red floral centerpieces surrounded by glittering "diamonds," symbolizing the "Diamonds are Forever" theme. Also, in keeping with the traditional 30th anniversary symbol, "pearl" necklaces made by members of the Anniversary Committee were presented to each female guest. Each attendee received an elegant

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Fall Seminar Is Educational Opportunity

By Kim Clayton, CLA

The NeALA Fall Seminar and Annual Membership Meeting held at the Holiday Inn on September 21-22, 2006, had special meaning this year. Members heard from past president Janice Warm reflecting on NeALA's history and Nancy Mendenhall, Affiliated Associations Director from NALA, congratulating us on our accomplishments. It made me proud to belong to such a wonderful group of professionals.

The Annual Membership Meeting was held first. After election and installation of officers, the business meeting was held. Details of the meeting are found elsewhere in this issue. We are anticipating another great year.

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Installation of 2006-07 officers by Nancy Mendenhall, NALA Affiliated Associations Director



Diamond ring winner
Sara Christianson, CLA

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FROM YOUR NALA LIAISON

CLA, CLAS, CP, ACP...I'm soooooo confused!

With all these initials, you'd think it was a government program. NALA certifications have changed in the last few years; this is an attempt to bring you up to date and maybe clear some of the confusion.

The Certified Legal Assistant program began in 1976 and remains relatively unchanged. Those who successfully complete the 2-day exam may use the credential "Certified Legal Assistant" or "CLA®." The credential is renewable every five years by submitting the renewal fee and proof of 5 units of continuing legal education (the equivalent of 50 classroom hours).

In 2004, NALA registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "CP," (for Certified Paralegal) for those who prefer the use of paralegal instead of legal assistant. The "CLA" and "CP" designations are equivalent.

Those who passed a specialty exam earned the right to use the CLAS or CP Specialist after their names. The summer of 2006 saw a major change in the specialty program with the launch of the Advanced Paralegal Certification ("APC") program. The Web-based program focuses on information and education. After successful completion of a course and tests, the candidate receives a Certificate of Completion, provided the candidate was a CLA or CP at the time of completion or if the candidate achieves the CLA or CP credential within 1 year of completion of the APC course. Granting of the Certificate of Completion carries with it the right to use the "ACP" (Advanced Certified Paralegal) credential. NALA has made application to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for registration of the ACP and APC marks. It may help you remember APC is the program and ACP is the credential if you think of adding the "A" for advanced before the CP (certified paralegal) credential previously earned.

Those who previously earned their CLAS or CP Specialist designation may continue to use them. NALA issued new ACP certificates to those professionals and encourages the use of ACP. ACP will be the credential expected to grow and be recognized in the future.

Following are examples of the correct usage of the ACP credential:

Jane Doe, Advanced Certified Paralegal
Contract Administration

Jane Doe, ACP
Contract Administration Legal Assistant

Jane Doe, ACP
Advanced Certified Paralegal - Contract Administration

Rules and guidelines for use of these credentials are found at <http://www.nala.org/cert.htm> or http://www.nala.org/apcweb/ADV-2nd-credential.htm.

Always remember, your use of the credentials in firm letterhead, business cards, and promotional materials is governed by the rules governing attorneys and by the management of your firm.

FROM THE NeALA MAILBOX.....

From Nancy Mendenhall, NALA Affiliated Associations Director, dated September 23, 2006:



I would like to thank you, the NALA Board, and the entire membership for allowing me to share this very special time with you. The Breakfast was so organized and elegant, but yet brought members and lawyers together for a special time of relaxed sharing.

Thank you for the gorgeous earrings. I must say, your group really has it together. One of my favorite aspects of my position is the ability to go out and meet members of the affiliates. You have a great affiliate and I look forward to hearing of more great things from "up north." Again, thank you!

At right, Nancy Mendenhall, CLA; Ann Atkinson, ACP; and Stephanie Henson, CLA

FROM THE PRESIDENT

STONE SOUP: SMALL INVESTMENTS - LARGE DIVIDENDS

The Stone Soup Legend¹ is one of my favorite stories from childhood. Remember the tale of two tired and hungry travelers who visited a small village. The travelers built a fire and put a stone in a boiling pot of water. The curious locals asked the travelers why they were cooking the stone. The travelers announced they were making stone soup.

One by one, the village people contributed ingredients to the soup. The villagers provided what they had readily available, such as potatoes, carrots, cabbage and onions. Before long, the small donations became a large pot of tasty soup that everyone shared and enjoyed.

By now, you are probably wondering why I am sharing this story with you and how can it possibly be an appropriate topic for the *In Brief*. I am sharing this story to remind all of us that many small contributions collectively make a big difference. NeALA is a great organization with many talented people. It can become even greater if each of us invests a small amount of time and talent to enrich our "pot of soup." Our theme for 2006 - 2007 should be: "Small Investments - Large Dividends."

Each of us has unique talents and skills. Some of us write well and could easily contribute a short article or feature for the *In Brief*. Some of us are "techies" and would make valuable website committee members or team consultants. Some of us have great networking skills and can provide a long list of speaker recommendations. Some of us are good at managing files and could assist at registration tables or work on membership mailings and E-mail distributions. The list goes on and on.

Somewhere on that list of talents you will identify your comfort zone. Please invest a small amount of your comfort zone talent in NeALA. If we all make that small investment, each of us will benefit from the contributions of the other members.

To borrow a phrase from Emeril Lagasse, it's time to "kick it up a notch." Your talent is a key ingredient vital to NeALA's continued success. Volunteer a small portion of your talent today. Together we will see small investments become large dividends.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie M. Boswell, ACP
NeALA President

¹ The Stone Soup Legend: <http://www.kousi.gr.jp/kousi/syoukai/hp-siryou/stone-soup.html>

RECOGNITION BREAKFAST (continued from page 1)

tasseled program. Photos of 2006 NeALA activities including the Spring Seminar, the Birthday Luncheon, the signing of the Governor's Proclamation, and the NALA Convention, along with a board highlighting NeALA's history were displayed along the path to the buffet table. The awards table carried out the theme with diamond-shaped plaques individualized for each member of the Board of Directors. Also displayed was the full-carat diamond ring to be given away to a NeALA member at the conclusion of the breakfast.

We were honored to have in attendance Nancy Mendenhall, representing the National Association of Legal Assistants, who spoke to the audience about our successful affiliation with NALA. Nancy recognized our members who recently took positions in NALA: Ann Atkinson, ACP, Treasurer; Janie Boswell, ACP, Region VI Director; and Linda Hess, ACP, Certifying Board member. Nancy also gave a wonderful presentation highlighting the importance of our organization, its members and the legal community. We were also very touched and appreciative of the beautiful floral arrangement from NALA which adorned the buffet table.

After the President's address, Stephanie Henson recognized the dedication of NeALA's past presidents in attendance: Connie Kretchmer, ACP; Joyce Pardee, CLA; Janice Warm; Linda Hess, ACP; and Karen Boyd, CLA. Stephanie then presented awards to the officers, board and committee Members. She introduced Wendy Tolles, 2006 scholarship recipient, and Virginia Koerselman, Attorney at Law and Director of Paralegal Studies at Metropolitan Community College.

Our keynote speaker was the Honorable Theodore L. Carlson of the Nebraska Court of Appeals. Judge Carlson spoke with humor to the attorneys and paralegals in attendance to contrast the value and worth of the legal profession with the sometimes demeaning jokes and stories from the public and the media. Judge Carlson elaborated on the importance of the team approach to practicing law, with the attorneys, paralegals, secretaries and support staff working together to provide the best in legal services to the citizens of Nebraska.

At the conclusion of the celebration, Judge Carlson and Nancy Mendenhall drew the name for the stunning diamond ring, which was presented to Sara Christianson, CLA, of Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP, at the afternoon luncheon. Congratulations to Sara!

The Anniversary Committee worked very hard to make this "finale" the remarkable event that it was. It will long be remembered as a fitting tribute to an association as solid and shining as the diamonds that represented this landmark year. Thanks to each of you for your part in making this 30th anniversary such a success for NeALA!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY (continued from page 1)

Our first speaker was attorney Gary Batenhorst. He spoke on franchising law. He pointed out the huge economic impact of franchising in America. It is an area that is heavily regulated. He discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having a franchise and the laws that regulate them. Someone working in this area should be familiar with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 59-1701 through 59-1762, "Seller-Assisted Marketing Plan Act." in particular § 59-1722 regarding registration of franchises with the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance. You must also look at the Uniform Franchise Offering Circular a/k/a UFOC when starting a franchise. Attorney Batenhorst was very knowledgeable and interesting.

After a delicious luncheon, we heard from Rebecca Jackson, R.N., L.N.C., of Workfit, Inc., and her assistant regarding the essentials of medical record analysis. Jackson stated that their job is to uncover the truth about the medical status of a patient. When a person comes for an independent medical evaluation, there is no bias. They need to know what the case issues are before seeing the person. She went over some of the reasons for delays in getting medical records sent to attorneys. Sometimes records are missed because they are not kept in one place or because you were not specific in your request. We enjoyed hearing stories of interesting cases that they have handled. The bottom line is to read all medical records carefully. There may be an important detail that could support or refute your claim. Take nothing for granted, check everything, and double check.

Donna Colley, Esq., with LexisNexis spoke next on electronic discovery. Why do we care about electronic discovery? She said 99.9% of new corporate data is created electronically. The electronic version of a document contains additional information that its paper counterpart does not contain in the form of "metadata." This is the information you can't see behind what you can see. One of the advantages of electronic (continued on page 5)

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discovery is that it is less time consuming and cheaper. A disadvantage is that the costs are up front. Attorney Colley covered many aspects, including the Federal Rules. She discussed the importance of using a tagging memo for electronic discovery. The tagging memo insures that everyone follows the same procedure regarding the coding of documents. A resource Attorney Colley shared was The Sedona Conference at www.thesedonaconference.org/dltform?did=tsglossarymay05.pdf. It is clear to see that electronic discovery is something that will be more prevalent in coming days. The day ended with announcements and drawings for door prizes.

On Friday, we heard from attorneys Jackie Pueppke and Gretchen Twohig on construction lien law. Attorney Pueppke covered the preparation and filing of a construction lien. The Nebraska Construction Lien Act begins at Neb. Rev. Stat. § 52-125. Unique to Nebraska is the notice of commencement. This document is filed to establish priority. She discussed the elements of a construction lien and emphasized that without the correct legal description, your lien may be void. Attorney Twohig then addressed the litigation side of a construction lien. She covered the filing and pleading requirements. Also, she offered a helpful tip for those making improvements on residential property: Insist your general contract provides you with lien waivers from his subcontractors before paying the general contractor any money. Otherwise, you may end up paying twice for something.

Our last speaker at the seminar was attorney Karin Anderson. Her topic was "Estate Planning: Working with Wills and Trusts." She covered the requirements of making a will and laundry list, and various types of trusts. Trusts are generally used as an alternative to an outright distribution. The different kinds of trusts that she discussed were revocable, irrevocable, special needs, and animal trusts. I was not aware that there were so many different kinds of trusts. It was very informative.

The seminar ended with announcements and more drawings for door prizes. I would like to thank the seminar committee and everyone involved for all the time and effort put forth in making this seminar such a great success.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual membership meeting of the of Nebraska Association of Legal Assistants was held at Holiday Inn Central in Omaha, Nebraska, on September 21, 2006, commencing at or about 9:15 a.m. Stephanie Henson, CLA, President, called the meeting to order. Roll was taken and a quorum was established (57 members present by proxy and attendance).

The minutes of the May 5, 2006, mid-year membership meeting were presented. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the May 5, 2006, mid-year membership meeting are hereby approved.

Election of Officers

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the membership voted to forego the reading of all the duties of the officers to be elected, and Stephanie Henson conducted the elections.

President-Elect. Kaye Benak was elected by unanimous ballot.

Vice President. Vicki Gradowski was elected by unanimous ballot.

Secretary. Kimberly Brown was elected by unanimous ballot.

Treasurer. Joni Hickey was elected by unanimous ballot.

NALA Liaison. Linda Hess was elected by unanimous ballot.

District 1 Director. Teri Gibbons was nominated from the floor and accepted said nomination. Teri Gibbons was elected by unanimous ballot.

District 2, 3, 4, and 5 Directors. Vacant.

The 2006/2007 Board of Directors was sworn in by Nancy Mendenhall, ACP, NALA Affiliated Associations Director. (continued on page 6)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (continued from page 5)

Officer Reports

President-Elect / Student Services: We are very pleased to have a student scholarship recipient for the 2005-2006 year. A group will be visiting Metropolitan Community College. on October 2nd. Additional visits to Metro and College of St. Mary are being set up for this quarter/semester. If anyone is interested in serving on the Student Services Committee, please contact Janie.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Joni presented the Financial Report and proposed budget for the new year. Joni announced that NALA dues for the coming year were increased by \$25 to \$225, necessitating an amendment to the proposed budget. To offset the increased expense, she proposed increasing the income from initiation fees by \$25 to \$400.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Financial Report and the proposed budget were approved with the above referenced changes.

Official Publications Editor: Linda Hess reported that an *In Brief* newsletter was published every other month this year. The newsletters will now be sent out via e-mail to those who indicated e-mail delivery on their renewal forms. Others will still receive paper copies; however, they may not include full color photographs, etc. If anyone is interested in serving as editor or on the Publications Committee, please contact Linda.

NALA Liaison: Linda will be attending the 2007 NALA convention in New Orleans and is very excited about the upcoming convention. The new schedule for NALA Campus Live courses are now available. Please contact Linda for NALA membership and certification program information.

District 1 Director: Loretta Phillips reported that this has been a record year for attendance at luncheons and District 1 events. The Recognition Breakfast had 118 registrants. The diamond ring went to Sara Christianson of Lamson, Dugan and Murray, LLP.

Other Business

Board Actions: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the actions of the board for 2005-2006 were approved.

NALA Affiliation: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the membership voted to continue its affiliation with NALA for the 2006-2007 year.

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws & Standing Rules: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules were approved.

Website: Jodie reported that with the website re-design expense being approved in the proposed budget, we are now ready to move ahead with the design phase of the site development. We will be working with InfiNet Solutions to get the new site running as soon as possible. If you are interested in serving on the Website Committee, please contact Jodie.

Other: Vicki Gradowski mentioned that some members had received a petition regarding the NeALA Standing Rules and Active Member requirements. Vicki informed members that Mr. Pickette has withdrawn his petition with no further explanation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Vicki.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Dated as of the 21st day of September, 2006.

Submitted by Jodie Gardner-Grandberry, Secretary

NOTE: The foregoing is a draft only and may be revised before finalized. Please contact Secretary Kim Brown with any corrections. The official minutes for the meeting on September 21, 2006, will be adopted at the mid-year meeting in 2007, and copies of the official minutes may be requested after adoption.

FOCUS ON THE 2006-2007 ELECTED OFFICERS

JANIE M. BOSWELL, ACP, PRESIDENT

Janie is employed at Mutual of Omaha working in the securities, corporate and commercial real estate law areas. She earned her paralegal certificate in 1981 from the Lamar University Paralegal Institute, Beaumont, Texas. She earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree from Lamar University in 1991 and a Master of Business Administration degree from UNO in 2002. Janie has served NeALA as Treasurer, Secretary, and Parliamentarian, and has been especially active in student programs. She was elected NALA Region 6 Regional Director in July 2006.

KAYE BENAK, CLA, PRESIDENT-ELECT

A litigation paralegal, Kaye graduated with an Associate Degree - Legal Assistant/Paralegal from Metropolitan Community College in 1990, became a Certified Legal Assistant in 1992, and completed her Bachelor's degree from Bellevue University in 1993. She has been adjunct faculty at Metropolitan Community College since 1993 in the Legal Assistant/Paralegal program, teaching legal research and writing. She works for the law firm of Koley Jessen P.C.

In March 2006, Kaye married Chuck Benak, a retired Omaha Police Officer. In addition to her three children and three grandchildren, she now has two step-daughters and three more grandchildren. Kaye says, "I look forward to serving NeALA in the upcoming year as President Elect."

VICKI GRADOWSKI, VICE PRESIDENT

Vicki is employed with Gross & Welch, P.C. Her main area of practice is insurance defense (litigation). Vicki received her A.S. in paralegal studies from Metropolitan Community College in 1993.

Vicki will serve her second year as Vice President and chairperson of the CLA Scholarship Committee. Vicki previously served on committees for the spring and fall seminars.

KIM BROWN, SECRETARY

Kim has been a paralegal with Spencer Fane Britt & Browne, LLP since 2005, bringing 12 years of experience with her. She practices in the areas of workers' compensation and labor and employment litigation. Kim received her Bachelor of Science Degree (Criminal Justice, with Minor in Business Administration) from the University of Nebraska -

Lincoln in 1992. She also spent a year abroad at the University of England - Lancaster studying psychology and marketing. She served as District 2 Director for NeALA from 1998 to 2000, and served on the committee for the 2006 fall seminar.

JONI K. HICKEY, CLA, TREASURER

Joni practices in probate, trust and estate administration, estate planning, and real estate at Koley Jessen P.C. in Omaha. She earned a B.S. from the College of Saint Mary in paralegal studies, with a minor in computer information management.

This will be Joni's second term as NeALA Treasurer. She has been District 1 director and worked on various committees. She is also a member of NALA.

LINDA R. HESS, ACP, NALA LIAISON

Linda is a paralegal in the areas of estate administration and real estate at Baird Holm LLP in Omaha. She graduated from Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska, with a Bachelor of Arts degree; and from the legal assistant program at Metropolitan Community College with an associate's degree. Linda received the CLA designation in 1996 and the specialty designation in real estate in 2003. In July 2006, she was appointed to serve a 3-year term on the NALA Certifying Board.

TERI R. GIBBONS, DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR

An Iowa native, Teri is employed with Koley Jessen P.C., and has over 18 years of experience. Her areas of practice are bankruptcy and creditors' rights, construction law, litigation, real estate and workers' compensation. Teri is also a professional dance instructor.

STEPHANIE HENSON, CLA, PAST-PRESIDENT

Stephanie is Administrator of Corporate Legal Service of the Dial Companies, working mainly in the areas of real estate and corporate compliance. She has held a real estate license since 1977. Stephanie received her legal assistant training at Metropolitan Community College and received her CLA designation in January 2003. Stephanie has served as chairman of the seminar committee and NALA Liaison. She has been a paralegal for 19 years.

Her goal for 2006-07 is developing, with the assistance of Virginia Koerselman, customized workshops for intensive hands-on training to cover education gaps for students and members.

New members approved August 16 and September 13, 2006:

Active:

Lisa Hardy, Gross & Welch, P.C., Omaha
 Theresa Assmann, Stinson Morrison & Hecker, Omaha
 Melissa Laubenthal, McGrath North, PC, LLO, Omaha
 Angie Steffek, Koley Jessen PC, LLO, Omaha
 Annette Aughe, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha
 Maren Hanson, Lamson, Dugan & Murray, LLP, Omaha
 Jean Lamberson, Mutual of Omaha, Omaha
 Kristine Nelson, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha
 Charles Saylor, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha
 Angel Engman, Kutak Rock LLP, Omaha
 Kalisha Reed, Legal Aid of Nebraska, Omaha
 Rose Buttner, Baird Holm LLP, Omaha

Student:

Margaret Miller, Metropolitan Community College

Transfers to Active Membership:

Tammy Johnson, Marks Clare & Richards, Omaha (from Student)
 Theresa Hancock, Stalnaker, Becker & Buresh, PC, Omaha (from Student)

Membership numbers will be reported when renewal records are finalized.

TREASURER'S REPORT	
October 1, 2005, through September 12, 2006	
Beginning balance	\$24,868.27
Income	
Active Dues	6,045.00
Associate Dues	260.00
Student Dues	300.00
Initiation Fees	400.00
Interest Income	10.64
Seminar Income	<u>3,382.00</u>
Total Income	\$10,397.64
Expenses	
CLE Seminar	2,105.80
District 1 Director	264.02
In Brief Publication	884.24
Internet Web Site	50.00
Membership Expenses	1,441.15
NALA Dues	200.00
NALA Liaison	1,909.37
Nominations & Elections	73.57
Postal Expenses	486.42
Public Relations/30th Anniversary	2,434.99
Scholarship Expense	500.00
Stationery & Printing	100.00
Student Services	23.21
Treasurer's Bond	75.00
Treasurer's Expenses	<u>67.27</u>
Total Expenses	\$10,615.04
Ending balance	\$24,650.87
Unaudited Treasurer's Report. Full report available from Treasurer on request.	

NEWS FLASH!

If you missed the annual meeting, if you weren't at the August 2006 Board meeting, you did not have advance notice of changes in the delivery of information to NeALA members. Effective with this issue of *In Brief*, expect delivery of your newsletter via E-mail. We understand that some E-mail systems will reject messages with large attachments. To work around this restriction, you should expect 2 E-mails for each issue: one with the issue attached as a PDF document; the other, a message providing a link to the issue of *In Brief* on neala.org. If you have indicated on your application or renewal form that you do not want communications via E-mail, you will receive a black and white photocopy of the issue by regular mail.

Also planned is distribution of the membership directory in the form of a disk. It will contain the listings of members, the Bylaws and Standing Rules, just as you have received in previous years. Updates will be e-mailed.

These are big changes for NeALA and we ask for your patience and cooperation. The anticipated savings on postage and copying costs were built into the 2006-07 budget. We welcome your reaction and suggestions. Please send them to the attention of the editor, by E-mail, regular mail, telephone call, or in person. Communication among the members is vital to a healthy, active organization.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2006 CLASS OF CLAs (or CPs – see
page 2) We're proud of you!**

Jean M. Herman-Fehr, CLA, Omaha
 Terry L. Newquist, CLA, Omaha
 Brandi Shirley, CLA, Herman
 Sarah J. Moore, Omaha
 Kristine M. McMahon, CLA, Omaha
 Jean M. Ellis, CLA, Bellevue
 Greta K. Barrett, CLA, Omaha,

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2006 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

The winner of the 2006 NeALA Scholarship is Wendy Tolles. Wendy is taking paralegal classes part-time at Metropolitan Community College while working full-time at Primerica. She has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. After completing her paralegal studies, Wendy would like to earn a bachelor degree in criminal justice. Wendy is a busy mom with a 17 year-old son and a 14 year-old daughter. In her **spare-time** Wendy enjoys reading and scrapbooking. Congratulations, Wendy!

NALA Campus LIVE! SCHEDULE

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Successful Leadership Techniques and Meeting Strategies; Sharon G. Robertson, ACP	Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
What Do You Mean...Execute, Witness, Attest, Notarize & Apostille? Mary Willard, ACP, NCCP	Friday, October 20, 2006, Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Basic Business Organizations; Kelly A. LaGrave, ACP	Friday, November 3, 2006, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Workers' Compensation Law Overview; Mitzi Wortman, RNC, CCM, LNCC	Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tax-Exempt Installment and Lease Purchase Financing; Mary Parrish Coley, CLA, and Roxanne Crouch, Paralegal	Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Effective Use of the Internet for Paralegals; Karen Sanders-West, ACP, JD	Thursday, November 9, 2006, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Judgment and Legal Analysis; Virginia Koerselman	Friday, November 10, 2006, Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Fact Analysis and Interpretation for Paralegals; Patricia J. Gustin, CP, CFEI	Friday, November 17, 2006, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Product Liability Litigation for Paralegals; Patricia J. Gustin, CP, CFEI	Thursday, December 7, 2006, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
ALL TIMES LISTED IN THIS SCHEDULE ARE CENTRAL TIME. Dates and times are subject to change.	

Calendar of Events

October 17, 2006 (Tuesday, 5:45 p.m.) – Meeting of the Board of Directors. Baird Holm LLP, Omaha. You are advised to check with a Board member on day of meeting for any change of schedule or location. Dates and times for future meetings of the Board will be published after the October 17th meeting.

October 25, 2006 (Wednesday, 11:30 am) – NeALA District 1 meeting at Holiday Inn Central, Omaha. Speaker: Judge Vern Daniels on "Juvenile Court System."

November 15, 2006 (Wednesday, 11:30 am) – NeALA District 1 meeting at Holiday Inn Central, Omaha. Speaker: Sam DelSenno of Express Personnel Services, "Importance of Professionalism in the Job Market." Dessert compliments of speaker.

December 1-2, 2006 (Friday & Saturday)–NALA certification exams.

January 15, 2007 (Monday)–Application deadline for NALA certification exams to be held March 23-24, 2007.

Editorial Policy

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THE EVENTS IN PICTURES
30TH ANNIVERSARY/RECOGNITION BREAKFAST
ANNUAL MEETING
FALL SEMINAR



Breakfast greeters Teri Gibbons and Laurie Vik, CLA



Ann Atkinson, ACP, and Loretta Phillips chat with Judge Carlson



And a good time was had by all!



Familiar faces at the Koley Jessen table



Breakfast guests from Mutual of Omaha



Is this what everybody came for?



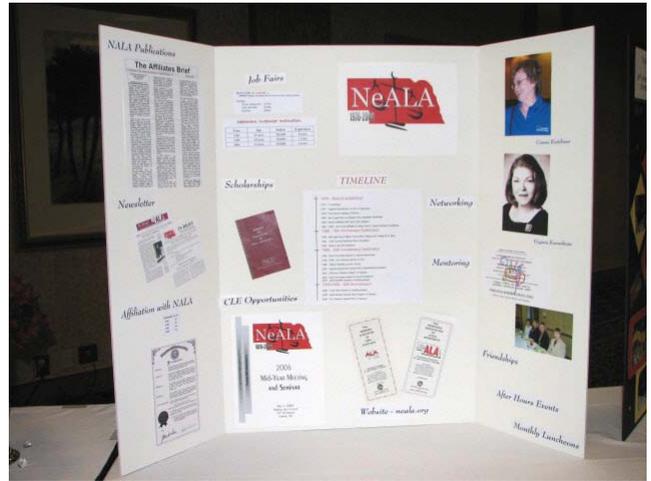
Past Presidents Janice Warm, Joyce Pardee, CLA; (attorney Christine Vanderford) and Connie Kretchmer, CLAS,



A deep breath and a smile before we start the show.



NeALA through the years



Nancy Mendenhall representing NALA (and Kansas) addresses those present at the Breakfast.



Keynote speaker, The Honorable Theodore L. Carlson, Nebraska Court of Appeals



President-elect Janie Boswell, ACP, presenting President Stephanie Henson, CLA, with gift of appreciation.



District 1 Director Loretta Phillips excelled as emcee for the Recognition Breakfast.



The big moment! the drawing for the ring!



Seminar registration with bonus gifts!



President Janie Boswell, ACP, leading the annual meeting



. Janice Warm, NeALA President, 1987-1988



Listening intently, concentrating hard on the presentation



Seminar luncheon



Speaker Gary Batenhorst, Esq.



Speaker Rebecca Jackson, RN, LNC, and assistant



Speaker Donna Colley, Esq.



Kim Grabenstein and Kim Brown draw for door prize winners



Speaker Karin Anderson, Esq.



Speaker Gretchen Twohig, Esq.