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Dear MCRA Members,

As I get older, my list of priorities is becoming more narrow as I focus on things that are most important to me. On the top of my list are causes that I feel are important, as well as my work, family and good friends. If I were a court reporter, topping my list would be MCRA. Not only is it important to reporters, but it's a close group of friends that share a common value — their career.

This year, make MCRA an even greater priority by participating in some way: serving on a committee; writing an article for Progress; serving on its board; spending time with MCRA members; and attending the 2010 MCRA Convention.

The convention will be held October 1 and 2 in St. Louis. Registration forms are included in this issue, as well as the convention agenda.

Include MCRA on your list of priorities — and register now for convention.

Marian Rein



President's Message

Greetings from sunny San Diego! I'm visiting family and friends on our annual pilgrimage to my California birthplace, something we like to call "family vacation." It's here that I always realize how lucky and blessed I am to have the life I do and so many people in it who love and support me. This year, spending time in California also makes me realize how lucky and blessed we Missourians are to live in a state that values court reporters, our professionalism, our product and our skill.

Many states, including California, have been forced to take drastic measures to save court reporting jobs, while other states haven't even fared that well. It made me really start thinking about the state of things, so to speak, and how thankful I am. We should all be thankful to work and live in Missouri. It is not a small coincidence that this is a direct result of YOU—MCRA members, the best lobbyist we could ever ask for, and a hard-working MCRA board—that we work in one of the BEST states at this time. Thank YOU for all your efforts this past year and putting your faith in our associa-

tion and lobbyist, David Klarich, to do what is best for us all. It paid off.

Now is the time to continue the momentum for the upcoming legislative year by becoming pro-active. If you haven't yet met or familiarized yourself with your representatives, this is the time to do so. I was never exposed to nor familiar with the legislative process or what matters to our lawmakers until two years ago. I thought, like so many others, that my sole voice or vote didn't count for much. I was wrong. Our lawmakers care and listen to their constituents and, for lack of a better term, "work" for us—the folks they represent at the Capitol.

While attending NCRA's Legislative Boot Camp in Washington D.C., we learned that lawmakers prefer a face-to-face meeting or anything on a personal level, such as personal letters and e-mails when a face-to-face meeting isn't possible. The squeaky wheel, or court reporter, does indeed get the oil. Please visit senate.mo.gov/lookup/leg_lookup.aspx to locate your representatives and make friends with them on your home turf. The old adage "you can never have too many friends" is never more true than in these times of budget crisis.

We are honored and excited to have David Klarich join us on October 2 for MCRA's 65th convention in Clayton. It will be a great opportunity for every member of MCRA to meet our lobbyist and hear what he has to say about the past Legislative year and, more importantly, what lies on the horizon in the upcoming session. Diana Taylor and Angie Culler will be pre-

senting a Legislative Boot Camp for convention attendees, minus the camouflage and sore muscles. It's invaluable training we can all apply to talking to our representatives and public speaking in general. I can say from personal experience that Boot Camp changed me for the better, professionally, and built confidence in many areas of my life. It will do that same for everyone in attendance.

This will be my last president's message and I want to take this opportunity to say what an awesome year and experience this past year has been for me! I wouldn't trade it for anything. It has gone by fast and I certainly couldn't have done it without the backing of our board of directors and you—the membership. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am passing the torch on to Joanne Martin—who has had the torch before—with the confidence that we could not be in better hands than hers for the year ahead. She sets the gold standard in court reporting and board service.

I look forward to seeing and visiting with you all at convention October 1 and 2 in Clayton. You'll find convention registration forms and seminar descriptions located herein, so sign up by August 31 and get discounted room block rates. Meet you in St. Louey for Alllll Thaaaat Jazzzzz!

Your friend and colleague

Tiffany M. Thompson
MCRA President 2009-2010



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Region I News

by Shana Crane, Region VP

Region I held their annual business meeting on Tuesday, June 15 at Hacienda Restaurant. Approximately 25 members were in attendance.

As an added bonus, this trivia night has been approved for two Missouri CEU credits and .2 NCRA credits.

Some of the topics covered were the upcoming legislative session, convention, and the slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year.

I was also voted in for another term as Region VP. Thank you for putting your trust in me as your liaison between you and the board. This year has been a hectic one between planning convention and my pregnancy, but I truly enjoy serving as Region VP.

On the convention note, I want to take a minute to thank my convention co-chair, Faith Olliges, for all

her hard work and picking up my slack while I've been pregnant. Faith has planned convention before, so she has been a wonderful person to learn from this past year. All of the convention committee members have really put a lot of time and effort into this convention to make it great. I can't say enough about my fabulous committee and all of their support!

Lastly, I want to thank all of the region members who have sent in their \$35 convention assessment fee. If you still have not sent me your check, there's still time. This fee is essential to off-set some of the costs of convention and the fee is only assessed to our region every three years.

The convention committee thanks you for your support and can't wait to see you in October!



Summer board meeting, held June 26, 2010, Crowne Plaza, Clayton, Missouri

Trivia Night In St. Louis

Region I will hold a trivia night on Saturday, September 18, 2010, at the Crestwood Community Center located at 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane in Crestwood. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the trivia will start at 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Carbery, trivia columnist for the *Suburban Journals*, will be hosting the event. The funds raised will go toward MCRA's legislative support to protect the profession of court reporting in Missouri.

The next two years are pivotal to the profession of court reporting in Missouri. Please bring your friends and family to our trivia and help strengthen court reporters in Missouri.

Region I Members A Reminder!

Send in your \$35 convention assessment check today! Please make check payable to: MCRA Region I

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818 Aston Way Dr.
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Region III Holds Annual Meeting, by Julia Hunt, Region VP

Region III held its annual meeting on June 5 at Panera Bread in Jefferson City. With six members and one guest in attendance, we spent just under two hours discussing the current state of the reporting profession here in Missouri.

There have been several changes for officials this year, including the recent suspension of temporary court reporter support. We were happy, however, to note that there were no

legislative changes affecting officials or freelance reporters at this time.

Budget concerns for the upcoming year were discussed, as well as how imperative it will be for each reporter to contact their legislative representative and be active participants in safeguarding our profession. In order to assist in this regard, seminars will be conducted at MCRA's October convention, teaching reporters how best to advocate for

our profession when dealing with legislators.

The MCRA annual convention will be held in Clayton on October 1 and 2, preceded by the NCRA convention August 4-8 in Chicago.

Thanks to each person who attended. As always, I welcome any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding topics affecting the membership. Feel free to contact me at any time.

2010-2011 MCRA Slate of Officers

by Faith Olliges

The Nominating Committee would like to submit the following nominees for election to the MCRA Board of Directors:

- President: Joanne Martin
- President Elect: Dawn McTeer
- Vice President: Rozann Brancato
- Treasurer: Lisa Hennon
- Secretary: Gayle Wambolt

The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 2, 2010, during the MCRA Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located in Clayton, Missouri.

Anyone wishing to be nominated from the floor or anyone wishing to make a nomination from the floor for an officer position must notify the President in writing of the person who will be nominated and the position they are being nominated for at least 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting. A nomination for President Elect made from the floor at the Annual Meeting may be made only for a person then serving as an officer or member of the Board of Directors.

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Mail this application form and copies of all professional certifications with credit card information or check made payable to MCRA, to
Gayle Wambolt, MCRA Secretary
 5423 NW Foxhill Rd.
 Parkville, MO 64152

This membership application is also available online at mocra.wildapricot.org.



Rule Changes Help To Trim Courts' Budget

Transcripts, switching judges are affected

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At a time when Missouri's courts must slash \$5 million from a budget that hasn't even taken effect yet, every little bit counts. So, new state Supreme Court rules have been approved to make the courts more efficient and with at least an eye toward the bottom line.

The Supreme Court revisions of several criminal procedure rules are scheduled to take effect January 1. A key one changes the standard for producing court transcripts. Another, in response to a Supreme Court decision, spells out the requirements for seeking a change of judge in probation violation hearings.

Under today's rules, court reporters produce transcripts for every case in which a person pleads guilty to an A, B or unclassified felony charge. The lower-level C and D felonies aren't routinely done. The change in Supreme Court Rule 24.03 puts all levels of felonies on the same footing. Court reporters no longer will produce any transcript automatically when the defendant pleads guilty. If later the person files a motion for post-conviction relief, a transcript will be made at that point.

But the thought is that with plea agreements, many times the person is satisfied with the result and won't seek to have changes made. And there's a hefty price tag for tran-

scripts paid for by the state. Court reporters are typically state employees who get a state salary. But when they produce a transcript, they charge an extra fee, amounting to \$2.70 per page for the original plus two copies of each sheet, the minimum number required by law.

In fiscal 2009, the state spent about \$200,000 on transcripts stemming from guilty pleas in more serious felony cases, according to the Office of State Courts Administrator. That year, more than 4,500 A, B or unclassified felony cases resulted in guilty pleas, and 1,500, or one-third, of them sought post-conviction relief, the administrator's office estimated. If those numbers hold true in the coming year, the state could save more than \$100,000 by not bothering to have transcripts made in the two-thirds of cases that don't see further court action.

The Missouri Court Reporters Association supports the change despite the fact that it expects reporters statewide to lose \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year in collective income as a result. Association President Tiffany Thompson said court reporters realize the courts are in a budget crunch. Last year, the association held meetings around the state with members to get ideas for cost savings, and this rule change was among the proposals.

State Courts Administrator Greg Linhares said it's hard to know how many people will leave their case closed, but he expects the courts could see notable savings from the adjustment. He hasn't budgeted any savings for the fiscal year that starts

in July, but he said the first half of 2011 should give the courts a sense of what to expect when the next budget cycle starts.

"There's a definite potential for savings there," Linhares said.

The courts' Committee on Criminal Procedures recommended the change. Chairman and Buchanan County Circuit Judge Patrick Robb said judges realized the courts could save money and that notes from court proceedings are preserved so transcripts can be produced even years down the road if the need arises.

"The technology's improved so much with retention of records and making of records, the committee felt comfortable that procedures are in place to keep the record even if a transcript wasn't prepared," he said.

The other change is in response to a recent Missouri Supreme Court ruling. The driving force wasn't cost, but it could at least keep court operations from slowing down or spending more to keep cases moving.

The Supreme Court in February ruled in the case of Skylar M. Manion v. The Hon. R. Brent Elliott. Manion had sought a change of judge in his probation revocation hearing.

Elliott, the Daviess County judge, denied his request, holding that under criminal rules, it came too late. But Manion appealed, arguing probation revocation is a civil matter so the deadline is later. The Supreme Court held that indeed probation revocations are civil matters and the 60-day filing period applies, and it ordered the lower court to grant a change of judge.

However, Robb said, some trial



courts had conflicting interpretations of the Manion ruling and whether a probation revocation is considered a new, separate case or a continuation of an earlier one, among other hang-ups, so the rules committee endeavored to clear things up.

The end result is a revised set of rules, including Rule 51.05, which spells out that probation revocations are civil matters but also that they're not independent actions so people aren't entitled to a change of judge from the one who handled the underlying criminal case.

Otherwise, Robb said, especially in smaller circuits, if one judge must step aside, it might be necessary to bring in a judge from another county, with the delay and expense that entails, just to handle a hearing to yank probation.

"It could've potentially resulted in cases slowing down,

moving slower and the expenses of moving judges around," he said.

Others also are looking at ways to make courts run better with the same or less money. A task force of The Missouri Bar recently studied the needs of the criminal justice system and among its recommendations was limiting changes of venue to hold down costs and keep cases moving.

The bar task force's report called for restricting change of venue requests as a right in criminal cases to just felonies, and with misdemeanors they would be limited to changes upon showing good cause. The recommendation also called for such changes to occur only for jury trials. ■

Submitted by Kelly Wiese
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Calling all MCRA Members!

Please remember to send us articles and information of interest to other court reporters. And we would love to hear what you've been up to! Send us a note and share your stories with other members.

The DEADLINE for the December 2010 issue of Progress is November 10. Please email your submissions to Marian Rein at maran@charter.net.

"Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of truth and knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods."

-Albert Einstein

Cookin' with MCRA

Warm Weather Potato Salad



- 10 small red-skin potatoes, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup minced shallots
- 2 Tbsp. diced red bell pepper
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. sherry vinegar
- 1/2 cup packed chervil leaves

Directions

In a small saucepan of boiling salted water, boil the potatoes until just tender. Meanwhile, heat oil in a small sauté pan. Add shallots and red pepper, and cook for 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. When potatoes are just tender, drain, and add them to the sauté pan. Add vinegar, and toss to coat. Cool salad to room temperature and stir in chervil. Adjust seasonings to taste.

Easy Barbecue Sauce

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp. cider vinegar
- 1 dash hot pepper sauce
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. mustard powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Directions

In a small saucepan over medium heat, stir together the ketchup, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, vinegar, hot pepper sauce, garlic powder, mustard powder, and salt. Bring to a simmer, then remove from heat and allow to cool slightly before brushing on your favorite meat.

2010 MCRA Convention

All That Jazz

by Faith Olliges, 2010 Convention Co-Chair

Convention plans are in high gear here in St. Louis. CEU credits have been approved and we're putting the finishing touches on what we hope will be a very informative and fun convention.

Be prepared to be wowed by Candis Bradshaw. She will be covering topics that will enhance our ability to do our jobs better and more efficiently, discussing all the newest and latest devices, along with advising us of ways to safely and securely back up our data. She'll also cover the basics of social networking sites.

You will also meet Dave Klarich, our new lobbyist, who will guide us through that maze of the Missouri political scene and answer all those lingering questions you have about the current political climate.

Diana Taylor and Angie Culler have graciously volunteered to provide some hands on advocacy training, showing us how we can help educate others about the critical role court reporters play in the legal area.

In addition to having what we hope is a rousing good time at our murder mystery dinner, we will be team building and using our problem solving skills.

There is a registration form on page 12 of Progress, or you can download one from our new website at www.mocra.wildapricot.org. Also, make your hotel reservations early as the room block will incrementally decrease starting August 31. Call (314) 726-5400, toll free 1-888-303-1746, or register online at WWW.CPCLAYTON.COM

Once again, we look forward to seeing everyone in October.





MCRA 2010 Convention

All That Jazz

October 1-2, 2010

Crowne Plaza, St. Louis-Clayton
7750 Carondelet Avenue • (314)726-5400

Friday, October 1, 2010

CCR	NVRA	NCRA	SESSION
			10 am–12 pm 12 pm–5 pm 12 pm–6 pm 1:15–1:30 pm
			Pre-Convention Board Meeting Registration Desk Open Exhibitor Area Open Welcome & Introduction
1.5	1.5	.15	1:30 pm–3 pm 3 pm–3:30 pm
			"Discovering Treasures of the Digital Realm" (Candis Bradshaw) BREAK
1.5	1.5	.15	3:30 pm–5 pm
			"Back Up Your Data – Before You have a Breakdown" (Candis Bradshaw)
2.0	0.0	.20	6:30 pm–9:30 pm
			Murder Mystery Dinner (Jest Mysteries) (See note below)

Saturday, October 2, 2010

CCR	NVRA	NCRA	SESSION
			8 am–12 pm 8 am 8 am–3:30 pm
			Registration Desk Open Continental Breakfast Exhibitor Area Open
1.5	1.5	.15	8:30 am–10 am 10–10:15 am
			"Basics of Social Networking Sites" (Candis Bradshaw) BREAK
1.5	1.5	.15	10:15–11:45 am 12–1:30 pm
			"Politics 101" (David Klarich) MCRA Luncheon & Business Meeting
1.5	1.5	.15	1:45–3:15 pm 3:15–3:30 pm
			"Advocacy and YOU!" Part 1 (Diana Taylor/Angie Culler) BREAK
1.5	1.5	.15	3:30–5 pm 5 pm
			"Advocacy and YOU!" Part 2 (Diana Taylor/Angie Culler) Convention Wrap-up; Evaluation Sheets; Closing Remarks

Sunday, October 3, 2010

			9 am–11 am	Post-Convention Board Meeting
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Murder Mystery dinner was not approved for NVRA CEUs. Alternatives are under consideration for those needing NVRA CEUs.



MCRA Convention Registration

1) PHOTOCOPY THIS REGISTRATION PAGE & MAIL IT ALONG WITH CHECK or CREDIT CARD INFO TO:

Ms. Lisa M. Hennon, MCRA Treasurer
19th Judicial Circuit, Div. IV
P.O. Box 1870, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1870.

Form also available at our website, www.mocra.wildapricot.org.

2) HOTEL: For greatest availability, **reserve hotel room by August 31.** Unused room block will be incrementally released back into the hotel's general inventory and will end on September 16, 2010. Call (314) 726-5400, toll free 1 (888) 303-1746, or online at WWW.CPCLAYTON.COM.

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4) FEES: Two Days (Best Value)

- ____ Reporter Member \$190
- ____ Reporter Non-Member \$250
- ____ Associate Member \$175
- ____ Retiree/Honorary: (pay cost of meal or mystery dinner admission (includes fee for actors per person))

FRIDAY ONLY

- ____ Reporter Member \$125
- ____ Reporter Nonmember \$150
- ____ Associate Member \$ 85

SATURDAY ONLY

- ____ Reporter Member \$125
- ____ Reporter Nonmember \$150
- ____ Associate Member \$85

(PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 20. ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CHARGED \$10 FOR FRIDAY OR SATURDAY OR \$15 FOR BOTH)

5) GUESTS: As space permits, guests are welcome to join you for meals and our Murder Mystery Dinner. If you are not planning to attend the dinner, please indicate by writing "no" next to it in the convention planner.

- ____ # Guest(s): Fri. Murder Mystery \$50
- ____ # Guest(s): Murder Mystery attended for CEU's (NCRA .2, MO CCR 2) \$75
- ____ # Guest(s): Sat. continental Breakfast \$15
- ____ # Guest(s): Sat. business luncheon \$25

_____ Total enclosed for Guest Meals/Functions.

Please include guest names (as it should be printed on name badge) with registration.

Guest 1 _____ Guest 2 _____



MCRA Convention Registration (part II)

6) CONVENTION PLANNER (Please check ALL that apply)

FRIDAY

- Friday Welcome & Introduction 1:15 p.m.
- Friday Treasures of Digital Realm 1:30 p.m.
- Friday Back Up Your Data 3:30 p.m.
- Friday Murder Mystery Dinner 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Saturday Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
- Basics of Social Networking Sites 8:30 a.m.
- David Klarich 10:15 a.m.
- MCRA Luncheon & Business Meeting 12:00-1:30 p.m. (concurrent)
- Advocacy and YOU! Session One 1:45 p.m.
- Session Two 3:30 p.m.

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Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting

Crowne Plaza, Clayton, Missouri

June 26, 2010

The Summer Board Meeting of the MCRA Board of Directors was called to order at 10:19 a.m. The Board members in attendance were: Tiffany Thompson, President; Dawn McTeer, President Elect; Faith Olliges, Immediate Past President; Lisa Hennon, Treasurer; Gayle Wambolt, Secretary; Shana Crane, Region I Vice President; Rozann Brancato, Region II Vice President; Julia Hunt, Region III Vice President; Sandy Stewart, Region V Vice President.

Members not present were: Rachelle Sobaski, Region IV Vice President; Gail Conaway, Vice President.

Also Present: JoAnne Martin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The NCRA Convention will be held on August 5 through 8, 2010, at the Hilton in Chicago, Illinois. Rozann Brancato, Dawn McTeer and Faith Olliges will attend.

The NVRA Convention will be held on July 28-31, 2010, in Charleston, South Carolina.

The MCRA Convention

will be held on October 1 and 2, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza in Clayton, Missouri.

The Pre-Convention Board Meeting will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza.

The Post-Convention Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza.

The CCR Test Date #2 (NEW DATE/LOCATION) will be held on October 15 and 16, 2010, at the Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Due to all shared breaks being filled at the Solo & Small Firm Conference, MCRA did not sponsor a shared break.

A donation of a framed print was made to MATA for their silent auction.

The Budget Committee meeting was had on April 17, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza in Clayton where the proposed budget and financials were discussed.

The annual Cookie Blast was held on April 14, 2010, at the Capitol Building in Jefferson City.

The deadline to send in articles for Progress is

November 10, 2010. Board members were encouraged to send in articles, pictures, etc.

There was discussion regarding legislative updates and Supreme Court revisions affecting production of guilty plea transcripts.

David Klarich has made a suggestion for us to start thinking of creative solutions to present to OSCA for the 2012 budget.

A cartoon of President Tiffany Thompson's will be published this month in a book entitled, *Overheard in Court*, which thanks court reporters for their contribution to making court run smoothly. We have been given the opportunity to sell books for a \$5 profit on our website or at convention.

President Tiffany Thompson called for a motion to ratify the following E-mail votes:

MOTION/PRESIDENT ELECT DAWN MCTEER:

I move to ratify the email votes as set out below.

EMAIL VOTES

Motion/Brancato: I

make a motion to approve the Winter Board Meeting Minutes from the Winter Board Meeting in Columbia, Missouri, on March 24, 2010.

Motion/Wambolt: I make the motion to approve the following applicants for membership: April Nenninger, Student Sheila D. Williams, Student Tina Dunn, Student

MOTION SECONDED:

There being no further discussion, President Tiffany Thompson called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

President Elect Dawn McTeer informed the Board that she had mailed off the continuing education applications for convention to NCRA and NVRA and sent out registrations for exhibitors at convention.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report given.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lisa Hennon provided MCRA financial spreadsheets. She reported there were balances of:

Checking Account
\$83,064.41

Membership Dues Revenue
To-Date \$35,340.00

Unpaid Dues To-Date
\$ 3,040.00

War Chest – Certificate of
Deposit \$70,234.68

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Immediate Past President Faith Olliges discussed the student seminar at the St. Louis County Courthouse where students were able to visit with a judge and court reporter and also toured the jail. A report was also made on plans for the student seminar during convention.

REGION I VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region I Vice President Shana Crane informed the Board they had their annual meeting on June 15, 2010, with 20 to 25 reporters in attendance.

A discussion was had at the meeting regarding

whether Progress should be offered only online.

Shana also updated the Board on plans for convention speakers. The members in attendance voted to retain Vice President Shana Crane as the Region I Vice President for the 2010-2011 term.

REGION II VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region II Vice President Rozann Brancato informed the Board Region II had their annual meeting on June 17, 2010, with approximately 12 reporters in attendance.

Issues discussed were changes regarding the new Supreme Court Rule on guilty pleas, fund raising, membership drives and Progress being online. Sara Marshall was voted in as the next Region II Vice President.

REGION III VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region III Vice President Julia Hunt informed the Board Region III had their annual meeting on June 5, 2010, with approximately seven reporters in attendance.

Issues discussed were changes that have affected officials with mileage reimbursement figures being cut, no longer any match

on deferred comp, and cuts to the substitute reporters.

There was also discussion of rallying the troops for next year.

It was also reiterated by Region III Vice President Julia Hunt how important it is for you to talk to your legislators.

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

REGION V VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region V Vice President Sandy Stewart reported Region V had had their annual meeting with approximately seven people in attendance.

The members in attendance voted to retain Region V Vice President Sandy Stewart as the Region V Vice President for the 2010-2011 term.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding improvements that need to be made to the new website and the possibility of finding a knowledgeable volunteer to help in that area.

A decision was made to put Progress online with email blasts being sent out to notify members of such.

Discussion was had regarding a new column in

Progress dedicated to highlighting members of MCRA.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding strategies for membership drives including a phone drive.

The possibility of printing a calendar to be sold at convention as a fundraiser was discussed.

President Tiffany Thompson called for a motion authorizing the President to pay the day-to-day expenses.

MOTION/REGION V VICE PRESIDENT STEWART:

Move that we authorize the President to pay the day-to-day expenses of the Association until the next meeting.

MOTION SECONDED:

There being no further discussion, President Tiffany Thompson called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

The June 26, 2010, Summer Board Meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Wambolt, Secretary

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