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From the Editor

Dear MCRA Members,

I'm a get-it-done-now kind of person. After years of juggling lots of things, I've learned how to get things done rather quickly. Once in a while I have an opportunity to work with someone who can really keep me on my toes! Recently, that person is Joanne Martin, your new president. In just a couple of weeks, she's produced an enormous amount of work on behalf of MCRA. I know you will rally 'round her as she leads MCRA through the upcoming year.

Already, huge strides have been made in the planning of the 2011 MCRA Convention. It will be held at Camden at the Lake of the Ozarks, Sept. 23-24. Looks like it's going to be one of MCRA's best ever. If you are considering attending, please make your reservations now, even if you're not 100-percent sure you will be attending. You'll find room rates and contact information on page 9.

Remember, PROGRESS is YOUR publication. Please contribute by emailing information about court reporting, your experiences as a court reporter, or just tell us what you've been up to lately. We'll appreciate hearing from you.

Marian Rein



President's Message

Incoming President's speech given by Joanne Martin at the 2010 MCRA Convention by way of video

If you are watching this video I, Joanne Wiltshire Martin, am of sound mind and body. I am no longer physically with you, but know that I am with you in spirit. Wait! What, John? Which video are we doing first? The acceptance speech? Okay. Got it.

If you are watching this video, I, Joanne Wiltshire Martin, am totally not of sound mind and body. I am not physically with you, but know that I am with you in spirit.

I do want to apologize for my absence to the MCRA Board and to those who have taken the time and effort to attend the 2010 convention. I'm sure you understand when I say that never in my wildest imagination would I have thought I would be standing here before you as your President for 2010-2011.

The MCRA was confronted with a difficult situation several months ago which was no fault of our Board or any particular individual. Faith Olliges and your Nominating Committee did an outstanding job of sorting through different possible situations and potential candidates. I know Faith spent many hours seeking advice and speaking with members. In the end, I think the

Nominating Committee made a great decision! Kidding aside, I would like to thank Faith and

the Nominating Committee for their encouragement and their trust.

If you are even half as pleased as I am that I will be serving as your President, it is very important that your President-Elect Dawn McTeer receive our heartfelt gratitude.

One of the factors initially holding me back from accepting the nomination was making a long-term commitment. Dawn encouraged me to accept the nomination for President, knowing that she would be adding an additional year onto her service. Her sacrifice and dedication has, in turn, earned my gratitude and increased my respect for her. I am very excited to be working closely with Dawn.

progress is formidable.

Linda spoke with me about serving. When it became evident that co-Presidents were not practical, she encouraged me to accept the position and offered her support. So if you have any complaints or you need anything, Linda's number is 314.615.2682.

The next person I would like to mention is Jennifer Dunn. Jennifer expressed to the Nominating Committee a willingness to serve. Upon hearing that I had accepted the offer to serve, Jennifer was one of the first people to call me and express with enthusiasm that she would lend any assistance. Jennifer is going to fill a very crucial role, not only for me, but for the MCRA members.

One of Jennifer's many attributes is her organizational skills. I am going to take advantage of these skills by having Jennifer be a repository for information, articles, cases, anything that is rel-

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There are several additional people who I need to mention. The first person is Linda Dattilo. When this unusual situation arose, Linda was one of our first members to step forward to assist in arriving at a solution. Linda is a key member and she has been essential in building the MCRA into the strong professional organization we have today. Her ideas are logical and fresh. Her passion and ability to foresee

event or may have an impact on our profession, either before the Supreme Court, the legislature, or for our members' personal use.

With our age of rapid and constant communication, archiving of information is crucial. Having one person that can retrieve information on any issue involving court reporting—whether electronic recording, videotaping, voice recognition software, certification, rule

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and statute changes, budgetary issues, and more—will be a wonderful resource for the legislative committee, the MCRA Board, and/or individual members.

Any number of things can come up in our profession, and finding the person who readily has the answer will make our organization run more efficiently and provide an invaluable service to our members.

In August Linda and I took two days and traveled the Hwy. 70 corridor. We met with officials and freelance reporters in Columbia and Kansas City. It was wonderful reuniting with old friends and meeting with court reporters.

The MCRA began as a professional organization that provided educational opportunities and social interaction. For an organization to progress, it cannot remain static. The MCRA is no different. It is my belief that the MCRA has evolved into a professional organization that remains committed to providing educational opportunities, but our members are asking us to provide more.

Members are looking for and have a need for professional support. They are asking for constant up-to-date information, networking avenues, and legislative support to maintain our place in the judicial community that we have enjoyed over the years.

The MCRA has responded to the progress, if you want to call it that, of our State legislative process. What began many years ago as a group of reporters who were well-acquainted with their legislators has grown to a standing Legislative Committee and the hiring of an influential lobbyist, Dave Klarich.

Taking into account the current state of our Country's economy, as well as our State's financial position, the posturing of our Judicial budget, and the increased attention on the elimination of official court reporters that is occurring across the Country, I feel the most important thing the MCRA can do today is protect our

profession.

We are so fortunate to have dedicated and experienced people that serve on our Legislative Committee. Randy Dunn has been a legislative leader for our association and has fought for the court reporting profession for so long and done an exceptional job that I think many of our members take him for granted. We owe a debt of gratitude to Randy for sharing his time, his experience, his knowledge, and continuing to just be there for our profession.

Balancing our State budget has

ization of the Missouri Court Reporters, there no longer would be a court reporting profession.

Besides our legislative committee, another key committee that is crucial to our preservation is the Public Relations Committee. We provide a personal service to the public, to the courts, and to the attorneys.

Without the support from our Judges and the attorneys whom we work with, we would have potentially an insurmountable battle. We are fortunate to have such great relation-

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been a priority for the Missouri legislature. Along with balancing the budget come reductions to every line item in the budget.

When we are competing with cuts that are being made to health care professionals, law enforcement, firefighters, and teachers across the State, how can we expect not to be affected? The 2011 and 2012 Legislative Sessions are going to be the most pivotal sessions that our State, our Judiciary, and the court reporting profession have ever seen.

It is absolutely crucial that we have a representative that is respected and familiar with the system. We are fortunate to have Dave Klarich as our legislative representative for a second year.

It is my honest belief that without the experience of Dave Klarich, without the dedication of Randy Dunn and our legislative committee, and without the strong united organ-

ships with our Circuit Judges.

To illustrate that support, the Circuit Judges hired Dave Klarich to represent them during the 2010 legislative session. I hope their relationship continues for the 2011 session.

Not only did the Circuit Judges hire Dave, but their number one priority was keeping the court reporters. I don't think there is anyone else in the Country that can boast that type of support from the Bench.

It has not been unusual over the years in Missouri to have attorneys pledge their support to the reporters against tape-recording, videotaping proceedings, or the elimination of court reporters.

It is important that we not become complacent thinking that the attorneys will always be there for us. We must increase our exposure and continue to show our support of the Judges and the attorneys. If we do not reciprocate the support they give

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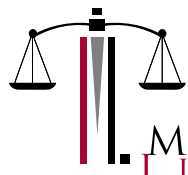
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us or we neglect them, why should they continue to pledge their support to us? We must support their organizations and causes as individuals and as an association.

What is significant and what the Judges and attorneys remember are when they see us at their functions. It is much harder to eliminate a person's job when you know them or have a relationship with them.

Until recently, the MCRA has traditionally been proactive when it comes to legislative and marketing efforts. The concern that has arisen in the last several years is the lack of funding to maintain our past level of involvement in these areas

To participate in public relations activities and to hire an experienced legislative representative like Dave Klarich, we need financial support from everyone in our profession. Much of that support comes from annual dues.

I feel if you are earning money as a court reporter, whether freelance or official, it is your professional responsibility to be a member of the Missouri Court Reporters Association. It is incumbent on each of us to recruit those reporters who are not members and explain the importance of what we do for the profession.

It would also ease the financial burden and further unite us if each area could develop some type of fundraiser, whether it be cookbook sales, trivia nights, March Madness pools, et cetera. These are, in effect, also ways to promote our profession to the attorneys and Judges. People are more willing to help those that help themselves.

I've had the opportunity to share with you some of my thoughts on how our organization has grown and changed. I would like to now offer some ideas I have to meet our members' needs in 2011.

It seems to be the consensus that

our members are comfortable with receiving PROGRESS on-line, however, it is not fulfilling their need for constant up-to-date information from the Board on what is happening throughout our State and around the Country.

I am going to propose that we produce PROGRESS twice yearly and

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have it placed on-line. In addition to our formal publication, I will be sending out monthly news updates. These updates will include what is happening internally in our organization, highlight members, and share information on what is happening across the Country. The first News4U email blast will arrive in your inbox in October.

The Board is committed to providing a user-friendly website where members can find up-to-date information.

I am going to propose that we hire a webmaster that will provide on our website an interactive map that not only attorneys can use to find free-lance reporters across our State, but the independent free-lancer or free-lance firm can network with others in sharing jobs.

I am also going to propose setting up a members only discussion board where members can feel free to discuss personal and private issues and get feedback from other reporters across our State with a click of a button.

I am going to be developing a Facebook page to use as a networking tool and to promote our profession and organization.

I am going to propose that we consolidate our East-West committees into one MCRA committee. It is time for us to unite. I no longer wish to be a court reporter from St.

Louis, but a court reporter from the State of Missouri.

However, I do want to break down our committees into sub-committees that have specific duties or they're in charge of specific activities. I find it is much easier to involve new reporters in our association when they can focus on one responsibility or activity.

We need more members to accept ownership of this association and we do that by getting involved

Before I conclude I do want

to mention a few more people that are special to me, vital to the MCRA, and that deserve a shout-out.

John Gore. Gore & Perry Reporting has been a free-lance firm in St. Louis for as long as I can remember. They have always promoted the court reporting profession and strived to educate young reporters and maintain the quality of reporting over the years. John has never hesitated to help out fellow reporters or the MCRA when asked. He has tirelessly worked behind the scenes and never asked for special attention for all his efforts. John is actually doing the videotaping of this acceptance speech. We are fortunate and I am thankful to have John as a role model and as such an integral part of our association.

Diana Taylor. Diana is well-respected, not only in our State, but by those involved in the National Court Reporters Association. She is someone whom I don't hesitate to seek advice from and is always willing to share information. She is a voice of reason and logic.

Debbie McLaughlin. Debbie has made an impact and done an outstanding job in many areas of the MCRA. Debbie has worked as an official and free-lance reporter. She not only has the experience, but dedication and passion to help the MCRA continue to develop into the type of professional organization that



our members are asking for.

One particular committee that has become significant in increasing awareness of our profession and in gaining student members into our association is the Student Affairs Committee chaired by Debbie. We recently met and I'm very excited about the activity in this committee and the potential for making it even better.

Angie Culler. Angie is a sweetheart and I feel blessed to call her my friend. Angie also has a passion for the MCRA and is a voice of reason. She is a great speaker and wonderful representative of our association and our profession.

Mary Conway. I have had the pleasure to work intimately with Mary in the MCRA and on a variety of different committees. She is a true gem of our profession. She is sincere and thoughtful. Mary does not hesitate to help whenever asked, and you know the job will be done not only right, but wonderfully. She is conscientious and just a great reporter and friend.

I would like to commend Pat Manners, Rhonda Laurentius, and Sandy Stewart for their continued willingness to serve the association and our profession.

I mentioned Faith Olliges previously, but I feel compelled to speak a few additional words about Faith. Faith is an extremely hard worker and a true diplomat. When a freelance reporter makes the decision to contribute their time and service to the MCRA, it does not come without a financial sacrifice, especially in light

of all the issues that we have been dealing with.

And though I'm sure her husband and family have been the recipients of her trials and tribulations, she has always been positive, supportive and willing to discuss and find a solution to any issue that a member has had. Faith may think that she is now relieved of her MCRA duties, but sorry, Faith, your number is on my speed dial!

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Tiffany has served the MCRA well. She has implemented some wonderful ideas and represented us well. Tiffany has been unselfish with her time and has always stepped up to the plate whenever anything was asked of her. She has been responsive to the MCRA members and she has served with enthusiasm.

Throughout the MCRA history, there have been good Presidents, great Presidents and Presidents that are off the chart. Tiffany is off the

charts. She was installed during a very difficult time in our State and a very difficult time for our profession. Tiffany has not been intimidated. She has served with passion and enthusiasm.

It is with confidence that I begin my term as President knowing that Tiffany will be remaining on the Board as the Past President to provide her guidance, advice, and humor.

When news of my nomination was released, I was overwhelmed by the support. It seems I fooled quite a lot of people back in 1989 and 1990 when I served a two-year term for the MCRA.

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selves with people who know the answers. I may be serving as your President, but this is truly an organization of smart, dedicated and conscientious

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Thank you for your trust. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for the opportunity and privilege of once again serving as your President.

Joanne Martin

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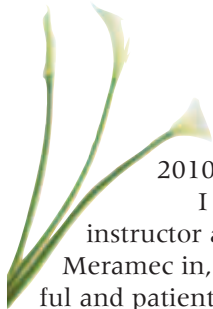
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In Memoriam



Hal Lee Carr, a long-time reporter in St. Louis, passed away September 21, 2010 at the age of 76.

I first knew Hal as my machine shorthand instructor at St. Louis Community College at Meramec in, I believe, 1976 or '77. He was a very helpful and patient teacher. I haven't forgotten the drills on street addresses from the phone book that he put us through. They were excellent preparation.

Then Hal was instrumental in hiring me at Karpowicz Reporting, my first reporting job. In the '80s, he operated the XScribe service center and sold me an XScribe system. (I still use XScribe today!)

And throughout the years, Hal was always willing to help, advise or at the very least listen. He was my mentor and he was a stand-up guy. And I'm sure he touched the lives of many, many reporters in St. Louis over the years.

Sandra L. Ragsdale

It is with heavy heart that I share with you the passing of Jerry Sharp from Kansas City, Bill Casey from Salem, Hal Carr from St. Louis and Sue Perry, Bob Perry's wife and mother of Peggy Clodius and Tim Perry, from St. Louis.

Jerry Sharp was an MCRA Past President and a friend to all whom he met. He mentored many reporters and helped develop many MCRA leaders. Jerry also served on the Board of Certified Court Reporters and is credited with helping to build a strong court reporting profession in Missouri.

Bill Casey was an active and valued MCRA member who began reporting as a steno-writer, yet ended his career as a voice-writer. He was a joy to be around and contributed so much to our association and our profession.

Sue Perry and Bob were married for 49 years. Sue lived and loved the court reporting profession, not only through her husband, but through Peggy, their daughter, Tim, their son, and Kelly, their daughter-in-law.

Many reporters in the State of Missouri and across the country are court reporters because of the effort, patience, and teaching skill of Hal Carr. Hal Carr was a teacher in the St. Louis area and taught as a private tutor in the St. Louis downtown area. His legacy will go on as successful reporters make him proud! Hal will be missed by many!

These four friends will be sorely missed.

Joanne Martin

REGION I TRIVIA NIGHT

Region I held a trivia night on September 18, 2010, at the Crestwood Community Center. The event was held to raise money for MCRA's legislative efforts. Kevin Carbery again hosted this trivia night. Kevin writes a trivia column for the *Suburban Journals* and hosts many trivia events in the St. Louis area. Kevin has a group of followers that faithfully attend trivia events that he hosts. We were able to fill three tables with Kevin Carbery loyalists. There were official and freelance court reporters in attendance, as well as public defenders, private defense attorneys, Judges, courtroom clerks and judicial assistants that supported our event.

Joanne Martin, Linda Dattilo and Susan Moody organized a dessert raffle. Desserts were donated by those in attendance and raffled. Everyone's sweet tooth was satisfied. Sherry Marshall and Faith Olliges donated the attendance prizes. There were two Japanese Maples that Sherry raises herself that were given away. John Gore from Gore, Perry Reporting provided the AV equipment. Faith Olliges, John Lipa and Karen Rottmann pitched in and helped to make our trivia event a success.

Thanks to all who attended and volunteered to make our trivia night a success. Through the trivia proceeds and the generous donations from our members, Region I was able to contribute \$2,000 to the legislative efforts of the MCRA to protect official jobs in the State of Missouri.

Dawn McTeer

REGION II

Region II is looking forward to hosting its first trivia night next spring. We hope to make it an annual event. Put your thinking caps on and let's show the competition just how smart reporters are! It will be open to everyone. We will keep you posted as we get closer to setting the date.

Sarah M. Marshall

NCRA Test Dates

The CCR test will be given in Blue Springs at the Marriott Adams Point Conference enter the 3rd weekend of April and the fall test will be the third weekend in October at a location TBD.



NEWS MCRA

REGION III

Planning is underway for MCRA's 2011 Conference to be held at the Lake of the Ozarks. Mark your calendar for September 23-25, 2011, for three days of continuing education and camaraderie with fellow reporters. Reservations can be made by contacting Camden on the Lake at 1-888-365-5620.

Region III welcomes new members Lisa Banks, Tracy Thorpe Taylor, Elizabeth Blackburn and Stephen Waters.

If you are new to Region III or have questions regarding our region or MCRA in general, please feel free to contact me at (573) 777-0830.

Julia Hunt

REGION IV

I am happy to say things in Region IV are pretty quiet these days. I attended the 2011 Convention planning meeting on November 14 in Columbia in which we had a great turnout. I'm excited about the upcoming Convention next year. It will be held at Camden on the Lake. I think everyone will find that the room rates and conferences to choose from will be great.

I have had the pleasure of working with a student for the past several months. Erika Schaffer passed her certification and is working for Midwest Litigation Services. Congratulations, Erika, and welcome to Region IV!

I hope all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season and we'll see you at our annual meeting in the late spring. We hope to see you there!

Melissa Holcomb

Calling all MCRA Members!

MCRA is now publishing PROGRESS twice a year—August and December. 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 August issue of Progress is July 10, 2011. Please email your submissions to Marian Rein at maran@javajournalonline.com

News4U

Recap of email blasts from the "Pres"

What To Expect: Through my monthly Email Blasts, I will share teasers about what is happening in the field of court reporting, interesting information, fun facts about members, and miscellaneous things that make you say, "Really?"

Progress: We will be still be producing PROGRESS Newsletter twice a year—pre-conference (June) and post-conference (December), but it will only be posted on the website.

Committee Appointments: The MCRA Committee Appointments are in finished, but there is always a need for more help. Please give Dawn McTeer or me a call.

MCRA 2011 Conference: It will be held at Camden at the Lake Sept. 23-24, 2011. Call TODAY to reserve your room 573-365-7633, even if you're just thinking about attending. Deluxe Kings are ONLY \$77 per night. One Bedroom Grands \$129 (sleeps 4). One Bedroom Double Grands (sleeps 6) \$129. Rooms are limited, and the most luxurious we've ever stayed in.

Camden at the Lake is located in the well-known Toads Cove—FUN is guaranteed to be had by all! If you're concerned about noise, ask for a room at the far end of the hotel facing the street.

This will be the conference that everyone will be talking about for years to come. Not only will you enjoy the seminars, but we are going to plan activities and bring technology to your front door!

St. Louis Community College—Meramec: Its Court Reporting Program has officially been certified, both online and on-campus. It is one of just a few programs in the country with a certified online program. We are so proud of Patti Ziegler, Director of Court Reporting, for her dedication to court reporting and her students.



Remember to "Like" Missouri Court Reporters Association on Facebook!

2010 MCRA Convention

All That Jazz

Here's a look at some of the fun,
as well as business, that took place at convention this year.







YOU Can Shape the Future of Your Profession

Here's your chance to help lead the Association dedicated to advancing the court reporting and captioning professions.

NCRA's Nominating Committee is seeking reporting professionals to serve in leadership positions on its Board of Directors.

THE BENEFITS TO YOU

- A role in advancing your profession
- Exposure to a new world of professional and personal contacts
- The chance to exchange ideas and perspectives with other innovative thinkers in the reporting community
- The chance to strengthen your professional résumé or curriculum vitae

THE QUALIFICATIONS YOU BRING

- Demonstrated commitment to NCRA and the reporting community
- The ability to share your time and energy for the benefit of the profession
- Willingness to be accessible to the members
- The ability to weigh all sides of an issue objectively
- Experience with committee work

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

Article III, Section 9 (c) of the NCRA Constitution and Bylaws states, "Only Registered Members who are verbatim stenographic reporters or Retired Lifetime Members who have been verbatim stenographic reporters or Honorary Members who have been verbatim stenographic reporters shall be eligible to hold an elective office of the Association."

SERVICE AS AN OFFICER (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

These positions, as a rule, are filled by those who have served or are currently serving on the NCRA Board. Since NCRA has a membership of 20,000 and a budget of nearly \$9 million, you can understand that service as a director is essential in order for the candidate to understand and fulfill the duties that come with such responsible positions.



WHO MAY RECOMMEND CANDIDATES

Only voting members of NCRA may submit individuals for candidacy. These include Participating Members who are verbatim stenographic reporters and Registered Members who are verbatim stenographic reporters, as well as Retired Lifetime Members and Honorary Members who have been verbatim stenographic reporters.

When recommending yourself or another for a directorship, remember that some of the

criteria the Nominating Committee looks for are:

- Dedication and commitment to the profession
- Good team player
- Excellent communications skills
- Outstanding reputation and character
- Strong leadership

Board service is uncompensated and requires significant time commitments. Most expenses involved in Board service are reimbursable. Now's your chance! If you are interested in serving or know someone who would make a great Board member, submit the Declaration of Candidacy/Candidate Recommendation form today!

THE ELECTION PROCESS

As provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will meet at least 90 days prior to the July 2011 Las Vegas Convention to draw up a slate of nominees for the following offices of the Association to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting:

- President-Elect
- Vice President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Three Directors (three-year terms)

MEMBERS OF THE 2010-2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Chair: SueLynn Morgan, RPR
- Members: Jerry L. "Will" Callaway, RDR, CRR, CPE
 Marianne A. Cammarota, RDR, CRR
 Mary Cox Daniel, RDR, CRR, CBC, CCP
 Sandra Bunch VanderPol, RMR, CRR
- Alternate: Caryn Winters, RPR



TERMS OF OFFICE

No elected officer shall serve for more than one full term in the same office except the Secretary-Treasurer, who may serve for no more than three consecutive terms. Directors may only be re-elected if at least one year has elapsed since the end of their prior term.

DIRECTORS WITH TERMS EXPIRING IN 2011

Kimi George, RMR, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Tammie Shedd, RPR, CMRS, Fairfax, Va.
Christine J. Willette, RPR, CRR, CCP, Rothschild, Wis.

Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Matthews is eligible for renomination as Secretary-Treasurer during 2011-2012. All current Board members,

including those directors whose terms expire in 2011, are eligible for election to higher office.

Director Willette was appointed by the Board of Directors to serve during the 2010-2011 year to complete the third year of the unexpired term of Tami Smith. Director Willette is eligible for renomination as Director during 2011-2012.

DECLARE YOUR CANDIDACY OR RECOMMEND A CANDIDATE

Take this opportunity to make a difference in the future of reporting. Declare your candidacy or send the names of your recommended candidates to Nominating Committee Chair SueLynn Morgan, RPR, c/o NCRA headquarters, postmarked no later than January 3, 2011.

Contact Laura Butler for further information at 800-272-6272.



NCRA's 2010-2011 Board of Directors:

(back row (l-r): Glyn Poage, RDR, CRR; Nancy Varallo, RDR, CRR; Patricia Graves, RDR, CRR, CCP; Tammie Shedd, RPR, CMRS; Viola Zborowski, RMR, CRR; Kimi George, RMR; Sarah Nageotte, RDR, CRR, CPC; and Mark Renzi, RPR. (front row (l-r): Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Matthews, RDR, CRR; Vice President Tami Smith, RPR, CPE; Immediate Past President SueLynn Morgan, RPR; President Melanie Humphrey-Sonntag, RDR, CRR; President-Elect Doug Friend, RMR, CRR; and Mark Golden, CAE, NCRA's Executive Director and CEO. Not pictured: Christine J. Willette, RPR, CRR, CCP.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY/CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION FORM

To: SueLynn Morgan, RPR,
Chair, NCRA Nominating Committee,
8224 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna, VA 22182-3808

800 272 6272

Print or type your own name and address below.

Membership ID No. _____

May the Nominating Committee contact you by phone if further information is needed?

Yes No

Home: _____

Office: _____

I am declaring my candidacy for the office of:

I am recommending the following individual for the office of:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Describe your qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors or explain why you support the recommended individual for service (attach additional pages as necessary):

Signed _____
Date _____

Copies of this form or your own personal stationery may be used to submit additional recommendations. Recommendations close January 3, 2011.

MCRA 2009 – 2010 COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

Angie Culler, Chair
Brett Harrison
Joanne Martin, ex-officio

Bylaws Committee

Diana Taylor, Chair
Carolyn Keeling
Shana Crane
Joanne Martin, ex-officio

**NCRA Chief Examiner—
Missouri** Debbie Kreighauser
Faith Olliges, Assistant
NCRA Selection Approval

NCRA Chief Examiner— Kansas

Irene Narvaez
NCRA Selection Approval

Continuing Education

Mary Conway

Membership Directory

Stephanie Prewitt

Distinguished Service Award Committee

Bo Kriegshauser, Chair
Jim Bouck
Mary Conway
Diana Taylor
Linda Dattilo
Joanne Martin, ex-officio

Information Repository

Jennifer Dunn

Technology Committee

Nancy Fox
Michael Zajdel

Nominating Committee

Tiffany Thompson, Past
President
Region I – Faith Olliges/Linda
Dattilo
Region II – Pat Manners/Vacant
Region III – Diana Taylor (2)/
Kellene Fedderson
Region IV – Diane
Woods/Margie Pierce
Region V – Sande Meyer
(2)/Brenda Christianson

PROGRESS Editor

Marian Rein

NCRA Listserv Representative

Dawn McTeer
Faith Olliges, Assistant

www.MOCRA.org Webmaster

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Gail Conaway, Consultant

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Yvonne Gallagher
Kristal Murphy
Carol Haas

Advertising Specialists

Brenda Schmelz, Chair
Cheri House
Darlene Fouts
Cindy Messina

Membership Committee

Rozann Brancato

Official Temporary Replacement Work Force Coordinators due to Appropriations Elimination

Joanne Martin
Pat Manners

Facebook Monitors

Cathi Boyd, Development and
Lead
Renee Bierman
Jill Harrison

Legislative Committee

Randy Dunn, Co-Chair
Kathy Foley, Co-Chair
Linda Dattilo
Diana Taylor
Mary Conway
Stephanie Prewitt
Diane Woods
Shana Crane
Pat Manners
Angie Culler
Faith Olliges
Tiffany Thompson
Brenda Schmelz
Rozann Brancato
Joanne Martin, ex-officio

Budget & Finance Committee

Linda Dattilo, Chair
Barb Tomblinson, Consultant
Lisa Hennon, Treasurer
Rozann Brancato
Dawn McTeer
Pat Manners
Joanne Martin, ex-officio

Speakers Bureau

Rhonda Laurentius
Deborah McLaughlin
Tanya Stepp
Beth Gravitz
Reagan Fiorino
Christina Yates

Convention Committee

Julia Hunt, Chair
Lisa Hennon
Sandy Stewart
Melissa Holcomb

Fundraising Committee

Rozann Brancato
Tracy Brumley, Assistant

Cookbook Sub-Committee

Sue Moody, Lead
Sarah Marshall
Lisa Paczkowski
Susie Moon
Gail Conaway

MCRA Bling Sweats Sales
Karen Rottman

MCRA Store
Christina Yates

Trivia Events Committee
Faith Olliges, Consultant

St. Louis
Laurie Bennett, Lead
Reagan Fiorino
Sue Moody

Kansas City
Kathy Foley, Lead
Glenda Wylie
Betsy Gromosky

Central MO
Ann Sprague
Ginger Sommerer

Student Affairs Committee

Deborah McLaughlin, Chair

Student Liaison Committee
Theory: Brooke Schwab
IR3-4: Paula Ankney
IR5-6: Megan Granda
On-line: Stephanie Amm
(Nebraska)
So. Tech HS Alumni: Crystal
Crawford
Graduate: Lindsey Eaves

Convention Program Committee

Cassie Savage
Gayle Wambolt
Julie DelPercio
Sue Steen
Brooke Schwab, Student
Stephanie Amm, Online
Student-NE
Kate Saunders, So. Tech. HS

Student Sponsorship Committee

Dawn McTeer
Becky Ramsay
Jean Brown
Kimberly Ballay

Student Field Trip Committee

Robin Cox
John Gore
Patti Zeigler, Consultant
Paula Ankney, Student
Crystal Crawford, So. Tech HS
Alumni

Mentoring/Shadowing Committee

Peggy Lange
Diana Hark
Tanya Stepp
Becky Brewer
Rhonda Laurentius
Megan Granda, Student

Test Preparation Committee

Linda Dattilo
Karen Rottman
Melissa Schardan
Lindsey Eaves, Graduate

Public Relations Committee

Jennifer Dunn, Chair

PR Sub-Committees

Development

Attorney Presentations

Media Communications

The Missouri Bar

*Missouri Association of Trial
Attorneys (MATA)*

*The Bar Association of Metropolitan
St. Louis*

The Mound City Bar Association

The Women's Lawyers Association

*Missouri Association of Criminal
Defense Lawyers Association*

*Springfield Metropolitan Bar
Association*

*Kansas City Metropolitan Bar
Association*

*Missouri Solo Practitioners
Association*

New Judges' Orientation

MEMBERS OF PR:

Carrie Dunne
Tina Givens
Mandie Measke
Mary Gaal
Beth Gravitz
Shana Crane
Stephanie Prewitt
Kathy Foley
John Gore
Cheri House
Sheila Irvin
Rozann Brancato
Pat Manners
Becky Brewer
Elaine Matthews
Debbie McLaughlin



Have A Great Recipe?

The MCRA Fundraising Cookbook Sub-Committee is embarking on producing a Lalapalooza MCRA Cookbook that will feature original recipes from around the State. We would like to gather recipes from judges, attorneys, court staff and court reporters. The book will feature recipes and photographs of our chef wanna-bes in this eclectic collection of delicious creations. So we are calling on you to approach your judge, your attorney-clients and dig into your own recipe files. Send any and all submissions to:

Sue Moody, SMoodyRPR@sbcglobal.net, 314-622-4481
Sarah Marshall, smt4578@hotmail.com, 816-674-0208
Lisa Paczkowski, Lisa.Paczkowski@courts.mo.gov, 314-615-8065
Susanne Moon, Susie.Moon@earthlink.net, 573-378-9186
Gail Conaway, GailConaway989@msn.com, 816-539-3732



Cookin' with MCRA

Vegetable Latkes

★ Crisp on the outside and wonderfully seasoned on the inside, potato pancakes are traditionally served during Chanukah. These latkes taste so great that you'll enjoy serving them throughout the entire year! Serve them with homemade applesauce.

Ingredients

- 8 ounces Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 8 ounces carrots (about 2 large), peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 8 ounces parsnips (about 2 large), peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces
- ¼ cup all purpose flour
- ¼ cup chopped fresh dill
- ¼ cup chopped green onions
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 2 large eggs, beaten to blend
- 10 tablespoons vegetable oil



Directions

Preheat oven to 325°F. Place baking sheet in oven. Shred potatoes, carrots and parsnips. Place towel on work surface. Spread vegetables over the towel. Roll up towel; squeeze tightly to absorb moisture from vegetables. Blend flour, dill, onions, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add vegetables; toss to coat. Mix in the beaten eggs.

Heat 6 tablespoons oil in large skillet over medium heat. Working in batches, drop 2 heaping tablespoons of batter per pancake into hot oil. Using spoon, spread to 4-inch rounds. Cook until brown, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to baking sheet in the oven to keep them hot. Repeat with remaining batter, adding more oil to skillet as necessary. Serve hot. Yield: 12 pancakes



MINUTES OF THE MCRA PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

AT THE CROWN PLAZA HOTEL
CLAYTON, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 1, 2010

The Pre-Convention Board Meeting of the MCRA Board of Directors was called to order at 10:52 a.m. The Board members in attendance were: Tiffany Thompson, President; Dawn McTeer; President Elect; Gayle Wambolt, Secretary; Lisa Hennon, Treasurer; Faith Olliges, Immediate Past President; Shana Crane, Region I Vice President; Rozann Brancato, Region II Vice President; Julia Hunt, Region III Vice President

Members not present were: Gail Conaway, Vice President; Rachelle Sobaski, Region IV Vice President; Sandy Stewart, Region V Vice President

Guests present:
Mark Renzi, NCRA

RATIFICATION OF E-MAIL VOTES

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

“Motion/President Elect McTeer: I make a motion to approve the minutes of the summer board meeting.

“Motion/President Elect McTeer: Move that the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee be approved.

“Motion/Region I Vice President Crane: I make the motion that we send President Elect Dawn McTeer to represent MCRA at the National Committee of State Assn. Annual Meeting along with the National Court Reporters Assn. Annual Business Meeting, both held on August 5, 2010, in Chicago, Illinois, paying for one night of hotel and one day of meals per diem.

“Motion/Region I Vice President Crane: I make the motion that we send Region II Vice President Rozann Brancato to received training and represent MCRA at the Training Effective Advocates and Marketers (T.E.A.M.) Seminar to be held August 4th, 2010, preceding the National Court Reporters Association Convention, paying a \$120 registration fee and paying for one night of hotel and one day of meals per diem. While in Chicago, she will also attend and observe the National Committee of State Association (NCSA) Annual Meeting along with the National Court Reporters Association Annual Business Meeting, both to be held on August 5, 2010, in Chicago, Illinois.

“Motion/Secretary Wambolt: I make a motion to approve the following applicant for membership: Megan Granda, Student.

“Motion/Immediate Past President Olliges: Move that we retain the accounting firm of Beck & Company for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, in an amount not to exceed \$7,200 for the year, plus any additional costs for supplies, postage, and their professional time to prepare our financial statements and tax returns.

“Motion/Immediate Past President Olliges: Move that President Tiffany Thompson be authorized to renew the contract with lobbyist, David Klarich, for the period of 16 months for the period of September 1, 2010, through December 31, 2011, at the rate of \$1,600 per month with an additional \$2,000 authorized for discretionary expenses he might incur for entertainment expenses during the conduct of his lobbying services on behalf of the Missouri

Court Reporters Association. This change in contract period is designed to insure coverage for the complete legislative session and to conform with past lobbying contracts.

“Motion/Immediate Past President Olliges: I move we authorize President Tiffany Thompson to pay to Candis Bradshaw the amount of \$1,561.40 in payment of her speaker fees and expenses attendant to her travel to St. Louis for the 2010 convention.

“Motion/Immediate Past President Olliges: I move we authorize President Tiffany Thompson to pay to Peggy Young, parliamentarian, her fee of \$500 for her work attendant to the 2010 convention.

“Motion/Secretary Wambolt: I make a motion to approve the following applicants for membership: Lisa Banks, Active; Laurie David Andreski, Student.

“Motion/Immediate Past President Olliges: I move that the board increase the dues amount by \$10 to \$105 per year starting immediately and change the due date for the next dues payment to November 1, 2010.

“Motion/Secretary Wambolt: I make a motion to approve the following application for membership: Tracy Thorpe Taylor, Active.

“Motion/Secretary Wambolt: I make a motion to approve the following member for membership: Carrie A. Dunne, Active.”

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tiffany Thompson reported she attended a lunch fundraiser with Lobbyist Klarich for Representative Silvy on September 15, 2010, and had presented Representative Silvy with a PAC check.

There was discussion regarding the judges' meeting attended by President Tiffany Thompson and other board members.

President Tiffany Thompson reported a meeting was scheduled with OSCA Administrator Greg Linhares on October 15, 2010. She encouraged as many board members as possible to attend the meeting with her.

The CCR Test will be held on October 15 and 16, 2010, at the Capital Plaza in Jefferson City, Missouri.

The Board members must submit their expenses by October 15.

Immediate Past President Faith Olliges reported there were 70 registrations with more coming in. There are 11 vendors and 2 students.

MOTION/PRESIDENT ELECT McTEER: I move to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2010, Board Meeting as printed in the August 2009 issue of PROGRESS.

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 reported to the Board that she had represented MCRA at the NCSA Meeting and attended the Board of Directors Meeting of NCRA in Chicago. Also she attended the T.E.A.M training while there.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
No report given.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
No report given.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer Lisa Hennon presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board. She reported there were balances of:

- Checking Account \$81,772.50

- War Chest - Certificate of Deposit \$70,349.93

- Membership Dues Revenue To Date \$33,730.00

- Unpaid Dues To Date \$ 3,235.00

- Expense for PROGRESS Publication \$ 6,592.35

- Expense for Public Relations \$ 35.68

Treasurer Lisa Hennon furnished to the Board copies of the tax exempt letter and pink sheets.

Treasurer Lisa Hennon also informed the Board that a signature line needed to be added for credit card payments on the convention registration forms.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Immediate Past President Faith Olliges reported to the Board that she had represented MCRA at the NCSA Meeting and attended the Board of Directors Meeting of NCRA in Chicago.

REGION I VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Region I Vice President Shana Crane reported her region had hosted a Trivia Night Fund Raiser which had raised nearly \$2,000 that was contributed to PAC. She also has been working extensively on preparing for convention.

REGION II VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region II Vice President Rozann Brancato reported her region had met with David Klarich in Kansas City and that during that meeting she had collected donations for PAC.

Also Region II Vice President Rozann Brancato reported she had attended the T.E.A.M Training in Chicago during the NCRA Annual Convention.

REGION III VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region III Vice President Julia Hunt informed the Board she had attended the T.E.A.M Training at the NCRA Annual Convention. Also she had a brainstorming session with JoAnne Martin and Linda Dattilo during lunch at the Boone County Courthouse.

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

REGION V VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

NEW BUSINESS

The new business will be addressed in the Post-Convention Board Meeting.

MOTIONS/BRANCATO: I move to authorize the President to pay the day-to-day expenses of the Association until the next Board Meeting.

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

The October 1, 2010, Pre-Convention Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Wambolt
Secretary, MCRA



MINUTES OF THE POST-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

AT THE CROWN PLAZA HOTEL

OCTOBER 2, 2010

The Post-Convention Board Meeting of the MCRA Board of Directors was called to order at 6:40 p.m. The Board members in attendance were:

Dawn McTeer, President Elect; Rozann Brancato, Vice President; Tiffany Thompson, Immediate Past President; Gayle Wambolt, Secretary; Lisa Hennon; Treasurer; Shana Crane, Region I Vice President; Sarah Marshall, Region II Vice President; Julia Hunt, Region III Vice President; Melissa Holcomb, Region IV Vice President; Sandy Stewart, Region V Vice President.

Members not present were: JoAnne Martin, President

Guests present: Angie Culler
Faith Olliges
Mark Renzi
Diana Taylor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Due to the absence of President JoAnne Martin, President Elect Dawn McTeer delivered the President's Report.)

The NCRA Convention will be held on July 27 through July 31, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The 2011 MCRA Convention will be held at Camden on the Lake at the Lake of the Ozarks. Region III Vice President Julia Hunt will be serving as the Convention Chair.

President Elect Dawn McTeer asked the Board for their input on volunteers willing to serve on the 2010-2011 committees.

There were 86, 90? reporters, 23 students, and 11 vendors registered to attend convention.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

No report given.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Brancato reported that her goal was to raise MCRA membership for 2011 and was working on that.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report given.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lisa Hennon reported the following revenue from the convention:
MCRA Store \$154.00
Raffle \$1,560.00
Pre-Convention Registrations \$12,804.00
On-Site Registrations \$1,975.00
Exhibitors \$2,130.00

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

REGION I VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

REGION II VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

REGION III VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region III Vice President Julia Hunt stated her region would be hosting the 2011 MCRA Convention.

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

REGION V VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report given.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding setting up a system where reporters would volunteer to cover official reporters' court due to sickness or other excused absences when the ill reporter was unable to find coverage.

There was discussion regarding emailing or setting up a telephone conference in lieu of having a Winter Board Meeting.

President Elect Dawn McTeer called for a motion authorizing the President to pay the day-to-day expenses.

MOTION/IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT THOMPSON: I move we authorize the President to pay the day-to-day expense of the Association until the next board meeting.

MOTION SECONDED: There being no further discussion, President Elect Dawn McTeer called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

The October 2, 2010, Post-Convention Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Wambolt
Secretary, MCRA



MCRA's 65th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 2010
CLAYTON, MISSOURI

President Tiffany Thompson called to order the 65th Annual Business Meeting of the Missouri Court Reporters Association at approximately 12:16 p.m. All in attendance rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Tiffany Thompson introduced the current Board of Directors, Dawn McTeer, President Elect; Gail Conway, Vice President (not present); Gayle Wambolt, Secretary; Lisa Hennon, Treasurer; Faith Olliges, Immediate Past President; Shana Crane, Region I Vice President; Rozann Brancato, Region II Vice President; Julia Hunt, Region III Vice President; Rachelle M. Sobaski, Region IV Vice President (not present); Sandy Stewart, Region V Vice President.

She introduced the incoming 2009-2010 Board of Directors, JoAnne Martin, President; Dawn McTeer, President Elect; Rozann Brancato, Vice President; Gayle Wambolt, Secretary; Lisa Hennon, Treasurer; Shana Crane, Region I Vice President; Sara Marshall, Region II Vice President; Julia Hunt, Region III Vice President; Melissa Holcomb, Region IV Vice President; Sandy Stewart Region V Vice President.

President Tiffany Thompson introduced Mark Renzi, NCRA Director, and Michelle Thompson, NVRA Director.

President Tiffany Thompson called on Angie Culler to deliver the invocation.

President Tiffany Thompson called for a moment of silence in

remembrance of members of the Association and family members who have passed away. Those listed were Mabel Allen, grandmother of Stephanie Prewitt; Rose Brancato, mother-in-law of Rozann Brancato; father of Carrie Sisson; Michael Rayder, nephew of Faith Olliges; Marie Thompson, grandmother of Tiffany Thompson; daughter of Rochelle Sobaski; Past President Jerry Sharp; father of Judy Larsen.

President Tiffany Thompson acknowledged the Past Presidents in attendance.

President Tiffany Thompson acknowledged and asked to stand in recognition past DSA recipients, Randy Dunn, Bo Kriegshauser, and Diana Taylor.

President Tiffany Thompson acknowledged and asked to stand in recognition NCRA Fellow, Diana Taylor.

President Tiffany Thompson acknowledged and thanked Mark Renzi, NCRA Director, for his attendance as the NCRA representative.

Mark Renzi, NCRA representative, spoke to those in attendance and apprised them of current events at NCRA.

President Tiffany Thompson acknowledged and thanked Michelle Thompson, NVRA Director, for her attendance as the NVRA representative.

Michelle Thompson, NVRA representative, spoke to those in attendance and apprised them of current events at NVRA.

President Tiffany Thompson thanked the exhibitors and sponsors who participated in the MCRA 2010 Convention. Those listed were Advantage Software, Beijo Bags, Audioscribe, Prairie Gems & Beads, Mary Kay, Midwest Litigation Services, Pohlman USA Court Reporting, Procat, Silpada Designs, Stenograph, LLC, 13th Floor Gifts, and Gore Perry Reporting & Video.

President Tiffany Thompson acknowledged new members and first-time convention attendees. President Tiffany Thompson acknowledged and welcomed Pat Baeske, retiree.

President Tiffany Thompson introduced Peggy Young, parliamentarian, who appeared by phone. She thanked her for serving as the MCRA parliamentarian.

Pat Manners and Diana Taylor comprised the committee that approved the 2009 Business Meeting Minutes that were published in the December 2009 issue of PROGRESS. There were no corrections to the minutes of the 2009 Business Meeting. President Tiffany Thompson appointed Pat Manners and Sue Steen to approve the minutes of the 2010 Business Meeting.

Region I Vice President Shana Crane announced there were 90 active reporters and 23 students in attendance. She also thanked the convention planning committee for all their hard work.

President Tiffany Thompson announced there is a quorum of 25 present.

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President Tiffany Thompson called up the agenda for consideration.

Jerry Davis moved to approve the agenda of the 2010 Annual Business Meeting. The motion received a second and the agenda was approved.

President Tiffany Thompson announced that the Standing Rules of the Annual Business Meeting are contained in the convention packets.

Brett Harrison moved to approve the Standing Rules of the Annual Business Meeting. Following a second, the motion carried.

President Tiffany Thompson announced that the reports of officers, standing committees, and special committees are contained in the convention packets and are available for review.

President Tiffany Thompson delivered her Outgoing Presidential Message to the attendees.

Immediate Past President and Nominating Chairperson Faith Olliges submitted the following slate of officers for 2010-2011: JoAnne Martin, President; Dawn McTeer, President Elect; Rozann Brancato, Vice President; Gayle Wambolt, Secretary; Lisa Hennon, Treasurer.

There were no further nominations. The nominations were closed, and the officers were elected by acclamation.

Mark Renzi, NCRA representative, conducted the installation of the 2010-2011 slate of officers.

JoAnne Martin, 2010-2011 MCRA President, delivered her

Presidential acceptance speech via videotape.

Immediate Past President Faith Olliges presented a Presidential plaque to President Tiffany Thompson in commemoration and thanks for her service as MCRA President in 2009-2010.

Region III Vice President Julia Hunt announced that the 2010 Convention will be held at the Lake of the Ozarks. She invited all to attend.

President Tiffany Thompson adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gayle Wambolt,
Secretary, Annual Business Meeting



MCRA Membership Application

Please select one: New Active Member: \$95
 New Associate, Student, & General Member: \$35

Payment method: Check No. _____
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Membership Status applying for (circle 1): Active • Associate • Student • General Retired
 (see page 14 for description of each status)

Type of Reporter (circle): Official • Freelance • Federal • Public Service • Workers' Comp
 Admin. Hearing Commission • Other (specify): _____
 Student (school): _____ Graduation Date: _____

Reporting method (circle 1): Stenotype • Stenomask

Reporting Experience (years and months): _____

Current Certifications/Designations (circle all that apply): CSR (MO) CCR (MO) RPR RMR RDR
 CRR CVR CVR-CM CLVS PSSC Other: _____

Attach a copy of each certificate if applying for new membership

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Address of Employment: _____

Which address for mail (circle 1): Home Office

Membership Category. Please select one:

• **Active Member: \$105** (Four Progress quarterly newsletters will be emailed to you and your 2009 Membership Directory will be mailed to you. Additional online services will be provided at www.mocra.wildapricot.org)

• **Associate, Student and General Member: \$35** (Four Progress quarterly newsletters will be emailed to you and your 2009 Membership Directory will be mailed to you. Additional online services will be provided at www.mocra.wildapricot.org)

Mail this application form and copies of all professional certifications with credit card information or check made payable to MCRA, to

Rozanne Brancato
 Jackson County Courthouse
 308 West Kansas
 Independence, MO 64050

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