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MEETINGS:

If you haven't already registered for the Fall Regional Meeting in New Bern on October 4, it's not too late – there's still room, and we'd very much LOVE to have you there. Eastern Area Directors Harry and Evon have worked hard to put together a great program in a wonderful locale. PLUS, it's the association's annual meeting, so some good work will be done at the luncheon – including installation of a new president and secretary/treasurer. (see attachment to the email of the E-skript!)

Look for a Central Meeting in early 2009. 2008 just got away from us, but we know you all like to have CEU opportunities, and we'll put something nice together to bring you out of our winter blues.

2009 is the year for a big annual meeting! We've been approached by South Carolina to join them again. They would like to meet in Greenville, South Carolina. What are your thoughts? Would you like to go to Greenville? Or would you rather stay here in NC and meet with your fellow North Carolinians? It's YOUR meeting so your input is very valuable. (we'll talk about this at the business meeting too!)

TESTING:

NCRA's fall testing cycle is upon us, and this fall the test will be held in Raleigh at Wake Tech's North Campus, just off I-540 on US 401 North. Thanks to Suzanne Patterson for volunteering to find the site and be the chief examiner. **REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 17!**

SPOTLIGHT ON JACKIE CUNNINGHAM:

Our very own central area director, Jackie Cunningham, was featured in the NCRA newsletter. Way to go, Jackie!!

<http://www.mydailyrecord.com/main.asp?SectionID=3&subsectionID=17&articleID=100004>

NCRA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

President-Elect Katie Thomas and Sec./Treas.-Elect Jenny Carroll will be representing North Carolina at NCRA's annual conference this November. This is a two-day event held in the greater DC area and sponsored by NCRA to assist those in volunteer positions to develop their leadership skills and to network with other state leaders from across the country. If you would like to attend next year, please let one of your officers or directors know. It's a fabulous conference.

NCRA LEGISLATIVE BOOT CAMP:

With the passage of the Realtime Writers Act by Congress this past year, NCRA will be taking on a new task and attendees of Boot Camp will be pounding the pavement of Capitol Hill, speaking with their Legislators about whatever it may be. Could it be the health insurance bill for small businesses? For a lively, fun-filled, rewarding experience learning how to lobby at the grassroots level, contact your state leaders and ask about how to participate in Legislative Boot Camp in early 2009.

LICENSURE/JOINDER:

These issues have been on the back burner for a year now – and we want your input on how you feel at this stage about either or both of these projects. Please come to the meeting in October to make your feelings known, or respond to one of your officers or directors. Your leaders can only do what you want done if they know what it is.

STUDENTS and LCC:

Join us at lunch at the meeting in New Bern for a short presentation by Beverly Toussan, CRI, the instructor at LCC, to learn what's happening with North Carolina's only NCRA-approved school. And find out what we as working reporters can do to assist in the training of the next generation of reporters for our profession.

CALL FOR IDEAS:

What do you feel are pressing issues facing reporters in North Carolina? What suggestions do you have for actions we can take? What direction do you feel our association should take? Are you ready to participate in NCRA's 10x10 program? President Karen Yates suggests that we each talk to reporters to either join the national association, or if they're already members, to add to their national certification. If you're not writing realtime for yourself every day, to start; if you're doing it for yourself but not your clients, to start with that.

Please direct your comments, suggestions, ideas to nccra_president@yahoo.com and they will be placed, first, on the topics list for our discussion in New Bern and, second, for discussion in the pre-holiday E-skript.

Have a GREAT week!

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