

**YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION**

**(This is an anonymous questionnaire – unless you want to give us your name – please answer candidly. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated.)**

**Joinder?**

In previous meetings, the membership present has voted 3:1 to move forward with efforts to merge our association with NCVRA, the (predominantly freelance) NCVRA association. We have had no action in the past year; however, some members in NCVRA have approached and asked if our membership is still interested.

What are your thoughts???

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**Licensure?**

In years past, a joint committee of members from all three state associations, with attendance also by AOC court reporting coordinator, met to discuss the feasibility of establishing some form of board of licensing/board of court reporting which would espouse minimum standards for the practice of court reporting in the state. It has been determined by this joint committee that if such an endeavor were to proceed, it would need to be done via legislation/lobbying. There are pros and cons to this effort; a pro might be at least a minimum standard of practice (e.g. the RPR or CVR exam); a con could be handing oversight to a board that does not understand the way court reporting works.

What are your thoughts???

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## Membership Drive/Recruitment Efforts?

As you know, the membership of our organization is very small when compared to other states. One could say that the lack of a mandatory certification statute could be the culprit (many state organizations' chief responsibility is to make sure there are enough CEUs available to meet their guidelines); others might say that apathy is the culprit.

What do you suggest be done? How can *YOU* help? What do you think is keeping members from joining the association?

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## Testing

This year's tests were scheduled in different locales than in previous years, May in Charlotte and November in Raleigh. What would you like to see in the upcoming year(s) to come for locations for testing?

Also, NCCRA bears the burden for procuring a site and for proctoring the tests yearly; yet, in many cases, the larger proportion of test takers are NOT members of NCCRA. It has been brought up that perhaps NCCRA should not sponsor testing in the future. (NCRA pays our association \$6 per test taker who has registered AND attends on test day. This has been a minimal money maker for the association in the past.)

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## **Convention 2009**

Next year's convention is to be our BIG one. We have been contacted by South Carolina to perhaps do another joint convention. They have suggested Greenville, SC. We have made NO firm commitment to them; instead, we have told them that we would bring it up at our meeting in October.

If you do NOT want to join with SC in developing a convention, where would you like to have our annual meeting? Would you consider a joint convention with either AOCR or NCVRA? What topics would you like to see? How much would be your registration top-out price (remember, speakers and food do cost money)? Would you prefer a Saturday-Sunday event like last year, or a one-day event? If vendors came, would you prefer breakout sessions with them?

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## **Volunteerism & Other Comments**

For many years individuals within the same group of people have offered their time, their knowledge, their skills, and their love of the profession in an effort to keep the association alive. What can you do to lead this association? Would you be interested in serving as an area director? Work on the web site? Do the emails? Participate in leadership (and attend NCRA's Leadership Conference) or learn about lobbying (and attend NCRA's Legislative Boot Camp)? Develop new outreach programs?

THIS is your opportunity to consider where the association goes and to help steer the ship.

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