

SEPTEMBER 2005 E-SKRIPT

Glorious fall greetings from Wake Forest! I'm so glad fall is FINALLY here. It's my favorite time of year – love the smell of the leaves, the crisp air, the harvest moon, and all the great holidays that we are anticipating... I'm a little later than usual this month, but for those of you who attended the meeting in Charlotte, you'll understand why – it was a busy, busy meeting and there is lots to tell you.

So, without further ado...

FALL MEETING:

The meeting itself was well attended; there were over 65 people that came for the program. Friday's event on captioning was not as well attended, but for those that made the trip in early, there was a nice spread available for snacking.

Your Board met (those who could) at a local Italian restaurant to discuss a variety of topics and I'll get to some of those later.

Saturday morning's sessions were a little harried – turns out that the Race for the Cure was being held in uptown Charlotte at the same time, and for folks trying to make it in, parking was difficult and some folks missed the first morning session. For this, the organizers do apologize. However, the rest of the sessions went off without a hitch and were very well appreciated; for me, the session on gang violence was an eye opener.

Our membership meeting was held at the end of the day, and many folks stayed on (THANK YOU!) to chat about the topics on our agenda.

Our first concern was about our next annual meeting. It was agreed that we would NOT be doing a joint convention with South Carolina this year, but would instead stay here within the state and try to accommodate our locals. This year Briana Nesbit, your Vice President, will chair the convention committee; currently joining her are Evon Pepin, Carol Adkins and Cheryl Nuccio. Keep your eyes and ears open – they're hoping to put together a training day for Eclipse and Stenograph Users. As for the date, it's not pinned down yet; location will most likely be Raleigh or the environs.

Other topics brought up at the meeting: Bylaws committee (Lisa Garrison has typed up the current bylaws and we'll hopefully be adding them to our website shortly) and the need for some revisions; Audit committee (Joanna Norton & Tracy Schell will be evaluating the books for the last year); Testing committee; Joinder Issue (looking into the possibility of merging with NCVRA and AOCR to become one, big happy family. Also, a survey regarding the topic of Licensure was distributed – this is the same survey that was distributed in Greensboro in 2003, for those of you who remember. The committee was reactivated and current members from NCCRA are Tori Pittman and Linda Bowden.

HURRICANE KATRINA REPORTERS:

Our friend from Slidell has made it safely home, and she's been most grateful for the assistance of our friends in North Carolina.

Linda Crane has brought to our attention a student reporter who is in need of most everything. Here is her note:

<<Last night, I came across a student reporter who lost everything in the hurricane. I am sending her my old Stenoram machine, but it sounds as if she can use any and all supplies, equipment, speed tapes, anything you may have lying around that a student could use.

Also, she wears a size 4 and is 5'3" in case you have any clothes that size you're getting rid of. Her name is Lacy Lejeune, 4208 Texas Highway, Many, Louisiana 71449, 504/421-4947. Her email address is alej129@aol.com.>>

`CANES HOCKEY

January 28, 2006 is Court Reporters Day at the `Canes - and it's also Ron Francis Day. If you haven't already booked your tickets, please do so as soon as possible - we're very fortunate that NCVRA had already requested the block of tickets!! If you need a re-send of the application information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The fall NCRA test is just around the corner. Assistants and graders are needed! I'll be the chief examiner, and I know Ms. Jan McElhaney will be present. It would be fabulous if we could have three more folks available to grade the tests - the Hickory folks, by volunteering and grading tests for the May examination, earned NCCRA \$174!! Please contact me as soon as possible.

ALSO - any committee you noticed mentioned above, if you're interested in serving PLEASE let me know!! The more the merrier (and "many hands make light work")

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month's member spotlight is on Nancy Braswell, current NCRA Board member and an official "rover" for the AOC.

See you in November – probably right after leadership!! Jenny Carroll and Dawn Walton will be attending for NCCRA and two excellent choices they are.

Enjoy the fall weekend.

Tori Pittman, RDR