

42nd Annual Spring Seminar and Convention for Court Reporters

April 24-26, 2013~ Jackson Marriott

Jackson, Mississippi

Agenda

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

12:45 - 1:00 p.m.

OPENING AND WELCOME ADDRESS

Hon. Cynthia D. Davis, Director
Mississippi Judicial College

Linda Beasley, Program Manager
Mississippi Judicial College

Due McKinion, CSR, RPR, President
Mississippi Court Reporters Association

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

OURS IS NOT A SIT IN SILENCE JOB

(ASSERTING YOURSELF EFFECTIVELY AND PROFESSIONALLY)

You're a court reporter in a time of shrinking budgets, layoffs, less business. How do you make sure you get assigned the best jobs? How do you find your niche as the profession evolves? Nancy Varallo knows the business both as a court reporter and as an owner. She'll explore with you how to gain confidence and boost your ability to get what you need from the calendar manager, the firm owner, the attorneys. Bring your war stories. We'll include the audience in a discussion about how your situation might have been handled differently to get a better outcome. Don't miss the opportunity to ask "Dear Nancy" your questions?

Nancy Varallo RDR, CRR, FAPR, President-Elect
National Court Reporters Association
Worcester, MA

2:00 - 2:15 p.m.

BREAK

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Business Meeting

Presiding:

Due McKinion CSR, RPR, President
MCRA

3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

WRITE IT FAST

The main focus of this course is to develop shorter steno strokes to accomplish clean, accurate outlines. Major emphasis is focused on learning rules which will enable the court reporter to work more efficiently while on the steno machine. Dictionary maintenance and development is also emphasized. Ms. Kazik will also lecture on the involvement of the human brain while carrying out the job of a court reporter!

Eve S. Kazik, CCR, RMR, CRI
New Orleans, Louisiana

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Thursday, April 25, 2013

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **THE GRASS IS NEVER GREENER!**

You may think the grass is greener on the other side, but if you take the time to water your own grass, it would be just as green! This lively session will take a look at living and working on the “other” side versus living and working on the “present” side! Tips to lead, build better coalitions, and live in agreement will be covered in this session!

Dianne Dyar
Dyar Communications
Madison, Mississippi

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

9:45 - 11:45 a.m. **GANGS 101**

Communities must be proactive and acknowledge the potential for gang activity even when it is not prevalent. Born of FTC's CEO's deep-seated passion to call communities to action on a problem that is literally killing our future (our youth) and contributing to the family institution's destruction this Gang Awareness Series Incorporates FTC's unique methodology of sharing prevention and intervention strategies

Marc Fomby, CEO
FTC Prevention Services
Brandon, Mississippi

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**
Nancy Varallo, RDR, CRR, FAPR, President-Elect
National Court Reporters Association

Breakout Sessions

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

A. AOC POLICY ISSUES
Kevin Lackey, Director AOC
Jackson, Mississippi

REPORT FROM BOARD OF CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS
Tracy Graves, Administrator

B. FREELANCE FREE-FOR-ALL!

Ask your questions, get some consensus answers about your interests for Freelancers. Will address contracting, payment by attorneys, etiquette for referral jobs. Anything freelance is fair game! We'll share our vision of the Freelance Committee and elicit your suggestions!

PRESIDING:

MCRA FREELANCE COMMITTEE
Karen Reid, CSR, Chair

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

BREAK

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

**HOOKING UP TO REALTIME AND SENDING FILES
SIMULTANEOUSLY TO DROPBOX**

Are you reluctant to do realtime because of the setting-up process? Celeste will give us a live hands-on demonstration of actually establishing a realtime feed to several laptops while at the same time sending the files to your scopist so she can keep up with you in a daily copy job.

Celeste Werkheiser, RMR
Jackson, Mississippi

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

BREAK

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**STENO OPS (STENOGRAPHER OPERATIONS) AT GUANTANAMO
BAY**

Nancy Varallo will tell us about the detailed process to assemble and qualify an elite team of court reporters to provide stenographic services at Guantanamo Bay - testing, obtaining top secret clearances, selecting technology and equipment, arranging travel and housing, and wading through seemingly endless government documentation. The affectionately called StenOPS team is currently at work reporting the hearing of those accused in the USS Cole bombings and the terrorism of 9/11 that changed the world.

Nancy Varallo, RDR, CRR, FAPR, President Elect
National Court Reporters Association

Friday, April 26, 2013

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

A. ADVANCED CASE CATALYST TRAINING I

Stephanie Faulkner, LCR, CRI, CPE
Nashville, Tennessee

B. ADVANCED ECLIPSE TRAINING I

Julie Samford
Austin Texas

C. CHANGE = OPPORTUNITY

Dianne Dyar
Dyar Communications
Madison, Mississippi

D. Stenovations I

Greta Duckett, ACCR, RPR, CRR

10:00 -10:15 a.m.

BREAK

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

A. ADVANCED CASE CATALYST TRAINING II

Stephanie Faulkner, LCR, CRI, CPE
Nashville, Tennessee

B. ADVANCED ECLIPSE TRAINING II

Julie Samford
Austin Texas

C. ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

Dianne Dyar
Dyar Communications
Madison, Mississippi

D. STENOVIATIONS II

Greta Duckett, ACCR, RPR, CRR