



DECEMBER 2010

President's Message

Susan Lewis, CLA

It is hard to believe that it is the end of 2010 already. Increasing membership, reaching out to LCCC students in Cheyenne and encouraging the Casper College Students continue to be a focus for the current board.

Thank you to Amanda Nelson and her seminar committee for a great Fall Seminar. On Friday night, members and their guests had a great time bowling as an ice breaker. Some of us had great scores and some of us had a lot of gutter balls.

Plan on coming to the Annual Meeting and Spring Seminar in Cheyenne and bringing your coworkers.

Board Members:

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To Post or Not to Post, That is the Question...

It has been suggested that LAW establish a page on Facebook. The Board has had some preliminary discussions about what would be involved with implementing and monitoring a Facebook presence. As legal assistants, a big part of our job involves analysis and investigation, and we know these decisions aren't always as black and white as they might first appear. Here are some things we have discussed so far:

PRO

1. Facebook is a great communication tool. It goes without saying that many people use Facebook to share information. It's easy to use, and there is potential to reach a large audience. Most of our members are probably already on Facebook, so it would be a simple matter to let them know to link up to a LAW page. We know not everyone goes to the LAW website on a regular basis, and it would be helpful to have bits of news and upcoming events go out to the membership more frequently and inexpensively.
2. Social networking is the wave of the future. Even old timers like me have a Facebook page, but our younger members are especially dialed in to using social media. It's not likely going away soon, and having a Facebook presence would allow LAW to stay relevant and keep up with the times.

CON

1. Facebook will not let LAW set up an account or page in its own name. Organizations cannot set up Facebook accounts; pages have to be attached to an individual member's name. It is also a violation of Facebook's terms of service for anyone to have more than one account. That means one of LAW's members would have to agree to have the LAW page attached to his or her personal Facebook account, and that person would have to be responsible for the page all the time (or else let another member have access to his or her personal account in order to update the page).
2. There are privacy issues involved. Some of our members may not want to be mentioned or appear on a LAW Facebook page. We have all heard stories about someone who didn't get a job because of a

post or inappropriate photo the prospective employer saw on Facebook. In addition, did you know website pages live forever? Visit www.archive.org and put any web address into the "wayback machine". You will be surprised at what you can find! I personally know of an abusive ex-husband who was able to track down his former wife (who had changed her name) through a photo posted on her new employer's website. Constant vigilance would be required to oversee the postings and the individual members' wishes pertaining to photos, etc.



The Board of Directors would like to hear from you concerning this matter. Please contact any board member to share your thoughts on this issue!

2nd Vice President
Sarah Hall, CP

As a Board we have discussed the issuing of membership cards to active members every year. It seemed to a consensus that the majority of the longtime members do not need or want to receive the cards on a yearly basis. We have decided to issue membership cards only to new members. The new members will be receiving the cards in the mail shortly. If you are a long time member and would like to be sent a membership card this year please contact me .

SAVE THE DATE

Outstanding Student of the Year Nominations due March 15 2100

CLA Attainment Award applications are due February 1, 2011

Officer Nominations for the 2011- 2012 - April 1, 2011

Annual Meeting/ Spring Seminar Cheyenne April

Check out NALA's WEB Site for NALA updates, news, and the Facts and Findings . Also find NALA Campus Courses. www.NALA.org

Do you live in Region 4? Are you thinking about taking the CLA exam? Contact Rhonda Hoadley and start a study group.

Regional Directors

- Region 1 – Vacant
- Region 2- Vacant
- Region 3- Kristi Fields, ACP
- Region 4 – Vacant
- Region 5– Andrea Svyrud

1st Vice President

Amanda Nelson, CP

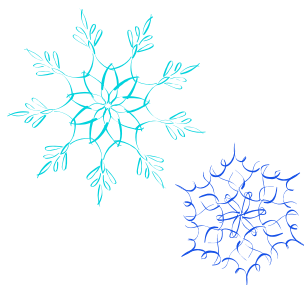
It appears that our wonderfully unusual fall season is finally coming to an end and winter is setting in. With that brings the hustle and bustle of the holiday season! In this very busy time, I just wanted to send a quick thank you to all who participated in the fall seminar. For those of you who could not attend, we had a very successful seminar in Casper. The board and I decided to run things a little differently and we opted to host the seminar at a location other than a hotel. In doing this, the savings were huge! Not to mention, we had a wonderful turnout with 30 attendees! On Friday night, we had a bowling social which was free of charge to LAW because local attorneys donated enough funds to cover the entire cost of the event! I am hoping we can keep the momentum going and receive donations from Cheyenne attorneys

I would love to hear what you thought of the seminar! Please feel free to send me a quick e-mail and share your favorite parts and/or any areas you feel could be improved.

With that said, it is now time for us to start work on the Spring Seminar, which will be located in Cheyenne on April 9, 2011. I hope everyone will block out this date on your calendar and plan on attending! If you have any suggestions or ideas about the seminar, please let me know. Also, if there is a topic you would like to hear, or a speaker you would like me to contact, please let me know as soon as possible. I will do my best to make sure the topics are helpful and entertaining. And don't forget, with the Spring Seminar comes the Annual Meeting. I encourage everyone to think about running for the board of directors. It is a great way to get involved with this organization and to make new friendships with colleagues around the state.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to hearing from you all. Thank you.

Amanda Nelson, CP
First Vice President
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Secretary
Rhonda Hoadley

Hello LAW Members:

I just wanted to give you a quick reminder that the CLA Exam can now be taken at any ACT Testing Center. Also, with this change NALA has updated the study material. NALA recommends:

NALA Manual for Paralegals, Fifth Edition, authored by NALA members.

Certified Paralegal Study Guide and Mock Exam, Fourth Edition, authored by NALA members and material contributed.

Certified Paralegal Exam Review Manual, Third Edition, authored by Virginia Koerselman

The test dates for the CLA exam are:

Examination Date 2010-2011	Application Filing Deadline 2010 - 2011	Late Application Filing Deadline (With \$25 late filing fee)
September 1-30	August 1	August 10
January 1-31	December 1	December 10
May 1-31	April 1	April 10



Hello All Region 4 Members!

As we do not have a Regional Director, Susan Lewis and I would like to invite you to a Region 4 quick lunch at the Atrium in the Laramie County Courthouse on December 9 at noon. Please bring a sack lunch (or you can buy lunch at Le' Café) and an item to give to Needs, be it a canned good, or clothing for this cold winter season that's sneaking up on us. Topics to cover will be: Hosting the spring 2011 Seminar, the Face Book page matter and anything other ideas you can bring to the table. The Cost for Admission is a can good to be donated to Needs, Inc.

See you on the 9th

Rhonda Hoadley,
Secretary

Please Join us at Our Annual Paralegal Christmas Party!!

When: December 8, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Paradise Valley Country Club

70 Magnolia

Casper, Wyoming 82604

Cost: \$10.00

*Hosted by:
Legal Assistants of Wyoming,
Region 3*