



President's Message

March 2011

Susan K. Lewis, CLA

In preparation for the Spring Seminar and Annual meeting in Cheyenne, I have been reviewing past agendas and past annual meeting reports. I can't believe I have had the great opportunity to stand in the same position as Jeannie Jackson, Jane Fisher, Cherry Kildow, Tammy Fox, Wendy Soto and Stephanie Pyle, just to name a few. These ladies have inspired me and have led LAW into the position to be recognized by some of the most professional organizations in Wyoming. I met some wonderful attorney-legal assistant teams, attended my first LAW seminar and met some more wonderful people. Shortly thereafter I said to myself, I want to grow up and do what they do. Unfortunately some of them are no longer with us or have chosen a different career path.

I found a profession, a job and a career with opportunities to meet people in all areas of Wyoming and become professional friends with them. Do you know of any other profession where you can pick up the phone and ask someone for help or information? This leads me to a question that I have for all of you. Why did you join LAW? What opportunities have you found from being a member of LAW?

My second question is do you have a bucket list? I am not necessarily talking about the to-do list before you leave this life on earth. What do you do to keep the stress down? Most of legal assistants/paralegals are women, so we find ourselves taking care of all the stuff at the office, all the stuff at home, family, church, getting family members to their destinations. So do you read? Not a text book, not the new court rules, not a professional publication. Do you listen to your favorite music on your i-pod? Read the newest murder mystery? Find out what the newest shoe and accessory styles for spring are? Start a garden?

I think that all of us need to pass our bucket list on and all of our tips and tricks of the trade to the new board members and the new members of LAW. I can assure you that as a member of LAW and as a Board member you will never regret becoming a leader of one of the most professional organizations in Wyoming.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as President of LAW. Remember, we are only as strong as our membership.

News from the President-Elect

Thanks to everyone who submitted nominations for LAW's 2011-12 officers and regional directors. I have personally contacted everyone who was nominated, and the names of those who accepted nominations appear on the Slate of Candidates below. The **officers** will be voted on at the annual meeting on April 9th, and you will be able to make additional nominations from the floor.

Please note the special voting instructions for **regional directors**. You can only vote for regional director in your own region. Ballots for regional director positions have been e-mailed to members eligible to vote. You must print out your ballot, mark it (or write in a candidate), and return it by **regular mail** to Cherry Kildow by April 1st so she receives it **prior to** the annual meeting on April 9, 2011. **NOTE: You will not be able to make additional nominations or vote for regional directors at the annual meeting!** If you have any questions about the process, please call or send me an e-mail.

Finally, the Board of Directors has reviewed LAW's bylaws and has recommended that changes be presented to the membership for consideration and a vote at the annual meeting. The proposed bylaws are posted on the LAW website. If you have any questions about anything in this document, please contact me or any of the officers.

Jeanne Jackson-Heim, CLAS

LEGAL ASSISTANTS OF WYOMING

Slate of Candidates 2011

Pursuant to Article IX, § 9.1 of the By-Laws of Legal Assistants of Wyoming, the following candidates for office have accepted a nomination for office for the LAW 2011-2012 fiscal year. These nominees shall appear on the ballot for the election of officers to be held at the annual meeting of Legal Assistants of Wyoming in Cheyenne, Wyoming on Saturday, April 9, 2011 in conjunction with the spring seminar.

President-Elect

Kim Benson, CLA
Rhonda Hoadley
Amanda Nelson, CP
Shannon Rezanina, ACP

Secretary

Kim Benson, CLA
Jayme Bjorklund, CP
Jessica Duty, CLA
Kristi Fields, ACP
Rhonda Hoadley
Amy Wyatt

1st Vice President

Jayme Bjorklund, CP
Kristi Fields, ACP
Rhonda Hoadley

Treasurer

Kim Benson, CLA
Lindsey Harrison
Rhonda Hoadley

2nd Vice President

Jayme Bjorklund, CP
Jessica Duty, CLA
Kristi Fields, ACP
Rhonda Hoadley

NALA Liaison

Shannon Rezanina, ACP
Tammy Wuertley

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the annual meeting. Elections shall be by majority vote of active members who are present at the meeting

1st Vice President

Mark your calendars! It is that time of year again to start making plans to attend the Spring Seminar and Annual Meeting. This year the seminar will be held April 9, 2011 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. We have a great line-up of speakers including evidence, constitutional law and discovery, so look for the registration information coming soon. Our Friday night ice breaker is going to be at the Taco Johns Event Center which includes laser tag, roller skating, and miniature golf if the weather is permitting. It is going to be a great time, so I hope you all plan on attending.

Also, as usual we will be holding our annual meeting. I encourage everyone to considering running for a position on the Board of Directors. This is a great way to get involved with your profession and your professional organization. Remember, nominations can be taken from the floor!

Thank you all again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your First Vice President this year, and I can't wait to see you at the Spring Seminar.

Amanda Nelson, CP

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Pursuant to Article IX, § 9.2 of the By-Laws of Legal Assistants of Wyoming, the following candidates for office have accepted a nomination for regional director for the LAW 2011-2012 fiscal year. Ballots shall be mailed to the members and must be returned by April 1, 2011 in order to be counted. Ballots will be opened and tallied at the annual meeting of Legal Assistants of Wyoming in Cheyenne, Wyoming on Saturday, April 9, 2011 in conjunction with the spring seminar.

Region 1 Director

No nominations received

Region 4 Director

No nominations accepted

Region 2 Director

No nominations received

Region 5 Director

No nominations received

Region 3 Director

Jayne Bjorklund, CP
Tammy Wuertley



Another Year, Another Adventure



New apparel memorabilia will be available at the spring seminar.

Come and check out the new t-shirts and other cool stuff!

Wow, who would have known this past year would go by so fast? It seems like yesterday Cherry Kildow and I were headed to Sheridan for the 2010 Spring Seminar and Annual Meeting. This past year has been another great experience; I have been fortunate enough to serve as Secretary on the Board, and make more connections with other legal assistants around the state. I must say having been in the legal profession in other states, Wyoming is the place to be a paralegal. It is a true pleasure to work with such an experienced and helpful group of individuals. I can honestly say that I knew no one when I went to my first LAW function and I have made most of my contacts through LAW. This leads me to my new goal for the 2011-2012 year of LAW; I would like to make at least 3 new contacts in my own region, that aren't in Cheyenne, and at least 1 new contact in every other region. Anyone else up for the challenge?

I look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Seminar and Annual Meeting on April 9th, in Cheyenne. I hope that I can provide the same hospitality that many of you have extended to me when I visited your towns for seminars in the past. I love to travel, but as we all know Wyoming is spread out and with work and family, getting away can be more work than relaxation. If there's anything I can help you with when you get in town, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you all for a great year and a wonderful opportunity!

Rhonda Hoadley,
Secretary

Board Members 2010– 2011

Susan Lewis, CLA - President

Jeanne Jackson-Heim, CLAS – President-Elect

Amanda Nelson, CP - 1st V.P.

Sarah Hall, CP - 2nd V.P.

Rhonda Hoadley - Secretary

Jane Fisher, CLA - Treasurer

Jayme Bjorklund, CP - NALA Liaison



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting/ Spring Seminar
Cheyenne April 9, 2011

NALA Convention
Dallas, Texas July 27-30, 2011.