

**LEGAL ASSISTANTS
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LAW News

April 2012

2011-12 Officers:

- President: Jeanne Jackson-Heim, CLAS
- President-Elect: Amanda Nelson, ACP
- 1st Vice President: Rhonda Hoadley
- 2nd Vice President: Jessica Duty, CLA
- Treasurer: Jane Fisher, CLA
- Secretary: Amy Wyatt, CLAS
- NALA Liaison: Tammy Wuertley, CLA

Regional Director:

- Region 3 : Susan Sprague

Committee Chairs:

- Awards: Wendy Trembath, CP
- Nominations & Elections: Kristi Fields, ACP
- Website: Wendy Trembath, CP
- Casper College Liaison: Kristi Fields, ACP
- LCCC Liaison: Susan Lewis, CLA

Congratulations to 2012-13 Officers!

by Jeanne Jackson-Heim

New officers were elected at LAW's annual meeting held April 21, 2012 at the C'Mon Inn in Casper and will assume their offices on June 1st. We have a great mix of continuing board members along with some fresh faces, and we look forward to benefiting from their perspective and energy.

Although Tammy Wuertley prevailed in a close election for Region 3 Director, she declined that position in order to run for 1st Vice President., where she ran unopposed. According to the Bylaws, the Board will appoint a Region 3 Director to fill that vacancy.

There were no accepted nominations or ballots cast for any other regional director positions. That means all re-

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Secretary: Sarah Finn

Treasurer: Mark Robbins

NALA Liaison: Shannon Rezanina, ACP

gional director positions are vacant at this time. If you are interested in serving as a regional director for any of the regions, please contact President-Elect Amanda Nelson.

The new board will be meeting with the current board on May 10 to choose dates and locations for next year's seminars. If you have any suggestions for speakers, locations, or any-

thing else relating to the seminar, please contact Tammy Wuertley or Rhonda Hoadley.

Opportunities also exist to serve on a committee or act as a liaison to LCCC and Casper College. Do not be shy about speaking up if you can make time to participate. It will be much appreciated. Thank you for a great year! It was an honor to work with you all.

Spring Seminar News

by Rhonda Hoadley

ROAD TRIP!!!

I just wanted to say thank you for a wonderful term as the 1st Vice President, and all of your support at the Spring Seminar and Annual Meeting in Casper this past weekend. We had 27 participants at the seminar and 4 speakers on some very intriguing topics.

We had our annual meeting and we will soon implement PayPal on our website for payment convenience. The election of our new Board of Directors was held, and I am looking forward to serving on the board with some new and familiar faces.

The board is always interested in hearing your ideas on topics and guest speakers, as well as the location for future seminars. Feel free to go to our new Facebook page or the LAW website to leave a comment.

That's right, some members of LAW are taking a ROAD TRIP to OMAHA for the NALA convention. We are leaving from Casper, picking up members in Cheyenne, and heading east.

If you would like to join us in saving on the travel expenses, please contact Amanda Nelson or Rhonda Hoadley for details. Remember, the more members we have going, the less money we will all pay for our travel expenses. In addition, most employers can use the cost of the meeting for an educational expense write-off.

More information will be posted as it becomes available on the LAW website and Facebook page!



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LAW is an affiliate member of The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA). NALA is the leading professional association for paralegals/legal assistants, with over 18,000 members. To find out more about NALA, visit their website at www.nala.org.

NALA Liaison News

by Tammy Wuertley, CLA

What an exciting year this has been, and I have been honored to represent the Legal Assistants of Wyoming as its NALA liaison for the 2011-2012 year.

In July of 2011, I attended the Annual NALA Convention in Dallas, Texas, otherwise known as "NALLAS". I was lucky enough to attend the Personal Injury Institute in the morning and complete the core requirements for my ACP certification. The afternoons were filled with forums, group discussions, and many informational ses-

sions. I met many paralegals from all over the country and was impressed by their knowledge and professionalism. What a great career path we have all chosen as paralegals and legal assistants!

This year the NALA Convention will be held in Omaha on July 25-28. I have several brochures available. If anyone would like one, please email me at tammy@injuryfirm.net, and I will be sure to get one to you. You can also find information about the convention at NALA's website,

www.nala.org, under the "Continuing Education" tab. So far, Amanda Nelson, Rhonda Hoadley and Shannon Rezanina will be attending the convention. They are planning to drive and share the expenses. This year, LAW will have an affiliates' booth at the convention so we can show everyone what our organization is all about!

I enjoyed my position as the NALA liaison. I am sure our new liaison, Shannon Rezanina, will enjoy the position as much as I did, and I wish her success in the 2012-2013 year!

Casper College Advisory Committee Members Needed

The Casper College Advisory Committee currently has vacancies that need to be filled. This is a very easy way to stay involved in the future education of Paralegals. As an

advisory member, you would be expected to attend two - three advisory committee meetings per year, usually one hour in length and provide feedback, suggestions and/or concerns you may

have with the current curriculum, etc. If you are interested, please contact Mary Kubichek at 307-268-2618 or Amanda Nelson at 307-262-1573.

LAW Joins the 21st Century

LAW is finally poised to jump feet first into the wonderful world of social media. A LAW Facebook page is presently under construction. If you are a Facebook devotee, keep your eyes open for our new page. Thank you to President-Elect Amanda Nelson for volunteering to get this project off the ground.

In the meantime, and as always, you can find infor-

mation about LAW, including job openings, news, and contact information for our members, by visiting www.lawyo.com. Log in with your user name and password to see the "members only" pages.

We hope to have Pay Pal set up in time for this year's membership renewals. This will allow LAW to accept credit cards, or you can use your own Pay Pal account. In addition to

providing our members with more convenience, adding Pay Pal will allow LAW to take advantage of some additional features available through the website. It will also make the Treasurer's job easier by not having to run to the bank with checks.

Please contact Wendy Trembath, Website Chair, or any board member if you have problems, concerns or suggestions for anything on the LAW website!