

LEGAL ASSISTANTS OF WYOMING

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LAW News

July 2012

Meet your Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 Term!

by Amanda Nelson, ACP

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- President: Amanda Nelson, ACP
- President-Elect: Rhonda Hoadley
- 1st Vice President: Tammy Wuertley, CLA
- 2nd Vice President: Kristi Fields, ACP
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- Secretary: Sarah Finn
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President: Amanda Nelson, ACP

I am employed by Peter J. Feeney and Traci E. Mears and work mostly in the areas of family law and estate planning. I am also the academic paralegal for Mary Kubichek and the Casper College Paralegal Program. I earned my AA in Paralegal Studies at Casper College in 2006, my CLA in 2007 and my ACP in Discovery in 2011. I am also currently attending University of Wyoming to obtain my BA in Social Science. I am a proud mother and wife with three beautiful young boys at home who keep me very busy in my spare time! I am excited to be your president this year and hope it is a wonderful year for everyone to be part of LAW!!!



President-Elect: Rhonda Hoadley

I have been in the legal profession for 12 years and a member of LAW for 5. I am employed by Cameron Law Office & H. Michael Bennett. I have been doing criminal defense work for the past 7 years and family law for 6 months. I have been married for 3 years, have 3 teenage stepsons and 2 bull mastiffs. In my spare time I enjoys being outdoors with my family.



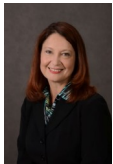
2nd Vice President: Kristi Fields, ACP

Hello!!! I am an Advanced Certified Paralegal in the area of Personal Injury: Automobile Accidents. I am a graduate of Casper College with an Associate's in Business Administration and Social Sciences Paralegal Studies. I currently work for Murane & Bostwick on mainly insurance defense cases which vary from wrongful death to premises liability. I am happily married to Eric Fields and we are the very proud parents of our 8 month old daughter Hailey Rae Fields.



1st Vice President: Tammy Wuertley, CP

I am employed as a certified paralegal with the injury law firm of R. Michael Shickich. I graduated from Baker College in Muskegon, Michigan with an AS in Paralegal Studies and a BA in Business Leadership. I earned my paralegal certification in 2011.



Treasurer: Mark Robbins

I am employed by Casper Law Office and work exclusively in family law. I am a 1994 graduate of the University of Wyoming, where I earned my BA in Elementary Education, and a 2012 graduate of the Casper College paralegal program. In the course of my paralegal studies, I was honored with the Legal Assistants of Wyoming Outstanding Student Award for 2011.



Nala Liaison: Shannon Rezanina, ACP

Hello everyone. I am an Advanced Certified Paralegal in the areas of Discovery, Trial Practice and Personal Injury. I graduated from Casper College in 2005 with an Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies. I currently work at Williams, Porter, Day and Neville and have been here for almost 6 years! The area of law I work in is mainly insurance defense in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice.



Secretary: Sarah Finn

I'm a Paralegal/Office Manager in the area of Estate Planning and Administration, Business Entity Formations, Asset Protection, and Real Estate Sales. I graduated from Casper College with an Associate's in Paralegal Studies. I currently work for Douglas McLaughlin in Casper, Wyoming. Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to becoming more involved in LAW.



A little about my personal life. I grew up in Newcastle, Wyoming and moved to Casper to go to College. While in Casper, I met my husband Jim and this year we will be married for 20 years! I have three children. My son Branden is 17 and is a Senior at NC. My daughters McKenna and Hunter are 14 and are freshman at NC.



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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.

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LAW raises Membership Dues for Active Members

by Amanda Nelson, ACP

As the board began our 2012-2013 term, our first item on the agenda was to finish preparing the PayPal account for member use on the website. I would personally like to thank Jeanne Jackson-Heim for all her hard work in making this process possible.

Unfortunately, along with the implementation of PayPal, came additional fees and transactions charges for LAW. As a board we discussed several options on how to handle these additional fees and we collectively determined that

LAW is not in a position at this time to simply absorb the loss. We considered adding an additional transaction fee for those choosing to use PayPal, but again determined that would involve too much monitoring and confusion for our members. Instead, we have decided to raise the price of active membership by \$5.00 per year, beginning July 1, 2012.

The increase of \$5.00 per year is minimal to members and will essentially cover the fees associated with PayPal for all registrations and renewals paid by credit card on our

website. Although we never enjoy increases in costs, I think you will find the convenience and benefit worth the additional \$5.00. You will no longer need to mail in your registration fees and membership renewals. It can now all be done electronically. Of course, we will gladly continue to accept payment by cash or check!

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the increased fees, please do not hesitate to contact me at acnelson85@hotmail.com.

Fall Seminar News

By Tammy Wuertley, CP

Hello Everyone! I hope you are enjoying this hot weather! Plans are almost finalized for our Fall Seminar. This year, the seminar will be held in Laramie at the UW College of Law on the afternoon of Friday, September 14, and the morning of Saturday, September 15. Following the seminar, we will have a tailgate party and watch the Cowboys take on the Cal Poly Mustangs. If you have not reserved your tickets yet, please email me right away so we can make sure we have enough tickets for everyone. Tickets for adults are \$32 and youth tickets (under age 18) are \$12.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the seminar this year. We will have presentations on legal writing, a "finding your inner strengths" workshop and other interesting topics. Brochures for the seminar will be coming soon. Also, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn in Laramie until August 25, so reserve your space now!

2nd Vice President Report

By Kristi Fields, ACP

This is going to be a great year to be a Legal Assistants of Wyoming member!! The board has been working together to plan a few new upcoming events in addition to some traditional ones.

This year as Second Vice President, my goal is to increase our membership. To start things off: Regions 3 and 4 will be hosting a membership drive and renewal party!! (More information is included on the next page). I hope to see you all there even if you have already renewed your membership. But, if you haven't this will be a great opportunity to do so!

Check us out on Facebook!!!!

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"Legal Assistants of Wyoming"

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Upcoming Events!

- July 24th - July 28th:
National Association of
Legal Assistants Annual
Meeting and Seminar,
Omaha, Nebraska
- August 10, 2012:
Pizza in the Park
Membership Drive and
Renewal Party for
Region 3,
Washington Park,
Casper, Wyoming
- August 17, 2012:
Pizza in the Park
Membership Drive and
Renewal Party for
Region 4,
Lyons Park,
Cheyenne, Wyoming
- September 14th -15th:
Legal Assistants of
Wyoming Fall Seminar,
Laramie, Wyoming
- September 26, 2012:
Region 3/Casper College
Back to School
Luncheon

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Pizza in the Park Membership Drive and Renewal Party!!!!

Please join us for a **membership drive and renewal party!!!**

Enjoy pizza for \$5/person or \$12/family; Water & Lemonade will be provided

Our fall Seminar will be held in conjunction with the September 15th University of Wyoming v. Cal Poly Football Game and we will have a drawing for **2 free tickets** donated by the Region 3 community!
Must be an active/new member in good standing and must be present to win.

NEW MEMBERS – Legal Assistants of Wyoming will **waive all new member's initiation fees** (value of \$15) who join our organization at Pizza in the Park!

This will be a great opportunity for current and new members and their families to get together!
Please also consider bringing a donated school supplies to the Park for the Annual *Stuff the Bus* event.

Region 3: August 10, 2012, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Washington Park, Casper, Wyoming

Region 4: August 17, 2012, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Lyons Park, Cheyenne, Wyoming

For additional information, please visit our website (lawyo.com) or feel free to contact :

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NALA News

By Shannon Rezanina, ACP

This year the National Association of Legal Assistants Annual Seminar will be held July 24th through July 28th in Omaha, Nebraska. I am very excited to attend the NALA Seminar on behalf of LAW. We have already prepared to have an Affiliate Booth with a wonderful basket of great "Wyoming" items to raffle off! There is still time to sign up for the Seminar and join us in Nebraska if you are interested. I will provide a full report of all the details when I return!

Regional Director Vacancies

By Amanda Nelson, ACP

The Board is still attempting to fill the position of Regional Director for regions 1 and 5! This position is a great way to become more acquainted with fellow LAW members and to become more involved in your professional organization! If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact me at acnelson85@hotmail.com! I would love to fill all the Regional Director positions for the 2012-2013 term!

Have exciting news you want to share, recently passed your CLA or ACP exam, or have a topic you would like to discuss in the next newsletter???

The Board is now accepting articles for the August 31, 2012 edition!!! Contact Amanda Nelson, ACP at acnelson85@hotmail.com for more information !!!