



Shannon Rezanina, ACP
President

Hello! I just want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to be your President this year! I am so excited once again to be on the board. We have a great board this year and we are working hard on the upcoming seminars as well as many other things this year!

For those of you that don't know me. I am married and have three teenagers! I love spending time with my family and my friends. I like to scrapbook and do crafty things. My home town is Newcastle, WY. I moved to Casper in 1990 and have been her ever since.

I graduated from the Paralegal Program at Casper College in 2005. I received my CLA in 2006, and an advanced certification in Discovery, Trial Practice, and Personal Injury. I have worked at Williams, Porter Day and Neville PC for 9 years! I have been a member of LAW since 2003. I have served as Treasurer, First Vice President, Second Vice President, President-Elect and NALA Liaison for LAW. I am currently a member of the LEAP Program and will be graduating at the NALA Convention in July, 2014.

Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions regarding LAW. I am always here to talk with you. My email is srezanina@wpdn.net or my cell 307-259-0151. I am looking forward to a great year!

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*Fall Seminar will be held
September 19th and 20th in
Laramie, WY this year. We
will attend a UW Football
game again! So if you plan to
attend, please contact Jessica
Keith by August 8th to make
sure you get tickets.*

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Spring Seminar and Annual Meeting April 25 & 26, 2014*

Tammy Wuertley, ACP
President-Elect

What a great turnout we had at the 2014 Annual Meeting and Spring Seminar in Sheridan! It was great to see all of the regulars as well as some new faces too! Based on the surveys, everyone was pretty happy with the location and the presenters. I was proud to serve as your First Vice President for the past two years, and am looking forward to my new position as President-Elect. My job as the President-Elect is to assist the President with any administrative tasks, as well as serve as the chair on the Bylaws Revision and Amendments Committee. After my term is up, I will become the next President of LAW. Working with our former presidents Jeanne Jackson-Heim, Amanda Nelson and Rhonda Hoadley, as well as our new President, Shannon Rezanina has given me the opportunity to watch some great women in action, and I hope I can fill their shoes during the 2015-2016 year. Wow! That seems like a long time from now!

For those of you who are new to our organization, this will be my fourth year serving on the Board. I was the NALA liaison in 2011-2012, and the First Vice-President for two terms after that. I graduated from Baker College in Muskegon, Michigan, a long time ago (and am still paying back my student loans) with an Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies and a Bachelor's in Business Administration. I received my CLA/CP in 2011, and my ACP in 2012. I have worked in several capacities in the legal field, including such positions as legal secretary, lease administrator, real estate assistant, and legal assistant/paralegal. I currently work as an Advanced Certified Paralegal at the firm of Chapman Valdez and Lansing specializing in the field of plaintiff's personal injury. I look forward to serving on the Board this year and am excited that our membership continues to grow! If you have any questions or if there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at tammy@bslo.com. Here's to a successful and enthusiastic year!



Jessica Keith
First Vice President

Hello LAW! I wanted to introduce myself, Jessica Keith, as your new First Vice President. I look forward to finding new and exciting CLE's for you all as well as planning the Fall and Spring Seminars. I hope you are all ready to show your Wyoming pride this Fall. We will be in Laramie, Wyoming, September 19th & 20th. Plan to fill your brains with knowledge and then relax at the UW v. Florida Atlantic game on the 20th. More information to follow soon!

When I am not busily working on planning the upcoming seminars, I work as the paralegal to Ken Barbe with Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley. I have been a part of the firm for two years, and Ken's part of the practice focuses more on Estate Planning and Business Law. However, you always have those few clients that need help in another area, so you branch out for a bit. I have to say though, that keeps it interesting and I feel like I am always learning.

I am also a Board of Director for another "LAW" group here in our lovely state, Legal Aid of Wyoming. I have served on the Board for almost two years. I love being so involved in the legal community and feel it helps me in all of my positions.

Now most ask me, "When you have all of the time for these organizations with a family too?" So, I suppose I should introduce you to my lovely family as well. I am married to Allan Keith, three years this last February. I have two step-sons, Marcus (18) and Nicholas (13), and two daughters, Keyelyn will be five this coming October and Presley will be two this July. We have two dogs, China and Peanut, and a wonderful nanny who lives with us as well, Shaylane. We joke that we are the Brady Bunch, but that is okay – I wouldn't trade it for anything!

I look forward to working with you all this year, and please do not hesitate to ask any questions or make suggestions. You can reach me at my office, 307-234-6907, my cell phone 307-262-8177 or by email, jkeith@wsmtlaw.com.

Amanda Nelson, ACP
2nd Vice President

Hello LAW Members! I am Amanda Nelson, ACP and I was elected your 2nd Vice President during the 2014 election. Although I am not new to the Board of Directors, I have yet to serve in this capacity. I hope to bring our membership numbers up, and get to know our members a little better during this term.

I am currently employed by Peter J. Feeney and Traci E. Mears in Casper, Wyoming. We practice mostly family law, but do a small amount of estate planning as well. I graduated from the Casper College Paralegal Program in 2006, received my CP certification in 2007 and received my ACP certification in Discovery in 2010. I have been married for 9 years, have three rowdy boys and am currently expecting my 4th child.

I look forward to serving LAW again this year. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions on how to improve our organization!!!

Rhonda Hoadley
NALA Liaison

There is so much going on right now with NALA, and I am very pleased to pass the information along to our members.

NALA has proposed a few bylaw changes. The first proposed change will begin with the annual meeting held in 2018 and will set Board of Directors term limits to no more than two (2) consecutive TERMS, instead of YEARS as stated previously under Article IV. The second proposed bylaw change will rename the position of First Vice President to Vice President and terminate the position of Second Vice President, under Article VI.

NALA has recently announced the Certified Paralegal Exam Practice Test. This is a great opportunity for anyone that is preparing to test to get a feel for what the exam is like in real time. Go to www.nala.org for more information.

On April 30, 2014 the NALA Certified Paralegal program joined an elite group of more than 120 organizations representing over 270 certification programs that have received and maintained NCCA accreditation. More information describing the Certified Paralegal program is available at www.nala.org/certification.aspx.

Finally, I am so excited to be going to Charleston, South Carolina this week for the NALA Convention. I am fortunate that our President, Shannon Rezanina, will be attending NALA as well. I cannot wait to see her presentation for the LEAP Program. Congratulations Shannon, on your success with LEAP. For those of you who are not familiar with this program, LEAP is an acronym for Leadership Enhancement and Preparation. LEAP is offered by NALA's Professional Development Committee to help NALA members develop leadership skills to be used at all levels of life. In order to be considered for LEAP, you must apply for admissions and be selected. There is a time commitment and you must commit to attending NALA convention the next year, at your own expense. What a wonderfully rewarding experience. Once again, good luck and congratulations, to Shannon Rezanina!

I will give a full report of the NALA Convention at the Fall Seminar in Laramie, on September 19th and 20th. Hope to see you in Laramie!

Certified Paralegal Exam-Practice Test

Communications • Ethics • Judgment & Analytical Ability
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- Delivered on exactly the same web-based platform as the Certified Paralegal Examination.
- Participants receive comments which describe why answers are correct or incorrect. Upon completion of a test, participants will have an opportunity to download question item feedback for future reference.
- Participants also receive feedback describing how they did on the exam based on subject category. The Judgment & Analytical Ability practice test is an objective test, but it includes a bonus handout - an assignment and sample memo for self-grading.
- The practice tests are about 1/2 the number of questions of the entire Certified Paralegal examination and use the same specifications as the Certified Paralegal exam.



Vouchers are available to schools and school bookstores.

For further details and price information, visit www.nala.org/cp-practice.aspx.

The practice tests are part of the CLE efforts of NALA and offered separate and apart from the Certified Paralegal examination and Certifying Board for Paralegals. The Certifying Board has not reviewed any questions nor provided any input in the authoring of these practice tests.



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Wendy Trembath
Secretary

Hello! My name is Wendy Trembath and LAW's members elected me as Secretary for the 2014-2015 season. (Thank you!)

I am excited to finally be a board member. I have been a website, awards and student liaison committee chairperson over the years, but this will be my first year on the board. I will be diligent in the Secretary position, and I will also continue with the website and awards committees this year. I have worked as a paralegal to various attorneys since 2005 (including my husband for about 2 years, until I fired him.) I graduated from the Casper College Paralegal Program in 2008, and passed my NALA certification in the same year.

I suppose many would call me an adrenaline junkie. In my spare time, my husband Wallace (an assistant attorney at the City of Casper) and I whitewater kayak, scuba dive, downhill ski, skydive, and we both love amusement parks, especially roller coasters. We've been married 22 years, and decided not to have any kids. We have a girl kitty with a moustache and goatee (markings) named Sly. Think she is spoiled? Oh yeah.

I am excited to see what great ideas the board will come up with (or continue to pursue) this year to improve our membership, and to emphasize the value of membership in Legal Assistants of Wyoming.

I'm looking forward to a great year, and I hope to contribute to a great future for LAW.

CLA/CP REVIEW COURSE OFFERED AT CASPER COLLEGE

Are you thinking about taking the CLA/CP exam in the near future? Do you want assistance in preparing for the exam? Mary Kubichek will again be offering her CLA/CP review course through Casper College. The course will run September 5, 2014 through November 14, 2014, Fridays from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The cost of the course will be One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) and your registration must be completed by September 5, 2014. For more information or to obtain registration materials, please contact Mary Kubichek at Kubichek@CasperCollege.edu or at (307) 577-0720.

Kristi R. Fields, ACP
Region 3 Director

I'm super excited to be Region 3 Director again this year! I hope to increase our Region 3 members' activities and involvement in the community during our 2014-2015 term. I'm also excited that Region 3 will be hosting our 2015 Spring Seminar!

For those members who do not know me, I am an Advanced Certified Paralegal in the area of Personal Injury – Automobile Accidents and strive to complete another area of advancement in Discovery this year. Most importantly I am a wife to my loving husband, Eric Fields, of five (5) years this year!! We have two beautiful girls who mean the world to us! Hailey is our fun, loving and energetic 2 ½ year old! We were all overjoyed to welcome baby Kaitlyn to the family on April 15th! She's a beautiful baby and is growing much too fast trying to catch up with her big sister. I enjoy gardening, spending time with family and playing volleyball. I have about 8 years of legal experience and have worked at Murane & Bostwick, LLC for a little over 6 years. I love being a paralegal and admire our evolving profession.

Please send me any comments, suggestions and wish list items for get-togethers, CLE credits and ideas for Region 3 events this year! Feel free to contact me at krf@murane.com or (307) 234-9345.

Susan Lewis, CLA
Region 4 Director

I have been a member of LAW and a CLA/ since 1999. I work for a small law firm in Cheyenne that primarily practices in Family Law. I have had the opportunity to serve and volunteer for LAW in several different capacities. I was President of LAW in 2009-2010.

I was honored to be in the first NALA LEAP Class. At that time there were a mere 13 in my class. A lot of those wonderful ladies have gone on and are now Board members for NALA. I want to continue my service with NALA and hope to soon be serving on a committee.

I am a native of Cheyenne, Wyoming and come from a pioneer background. In Cheyenne, we are preparing for Cheyenne Frontier Days, "Let's Go, Let's Show, Let's Rodeo."

When I am not working, I am an avid scrap booker and card maker. Except, my husband thinks I just collect paper and stickers. I have 4 grandchildren and all of them are girls. They love the glitter too.



If you would like to submit a recipe to be included in the LAW Newsletter, please email it to srezanina@wpsdn.net

Chocolate Marshmallow Cookies:

1 milk chocolate cake mix

2 eggs

1/3 cup vegetable oil

Mix all ingredients together. Roll into 1-1.5" balls.

Place on cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 5-6 minutes.

Pull the cookie sheet out of the oven and place **6-7 mini marshmallows** on each cookie.

Put the cookie sheet back into the oven for 2-2.5 minutes (no longer!).

Let the cookies cool on the cookie sheet for a couple of minutes, then remove to wire rack to cool.

Once they are cooled completely, put frosting on top



Frosting:

1 stick (1/2 cup) margarine, softened

1/4 cup milk

1-2 tsp vanilla (depending on your taste)

3 teaspoons cocoa

2-3 cups of powdered sugar

Combine all ingredients with hand mixer. Frost tops of cooled cookies

<http://www.sixsistersstuff.com/2011/05/chocolate-marshmallow-brownie-cookies.html>

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