

NFPA 2023 JOINT CONFERENCE – CERTIFICATION

Friday, March 31, 2023 5-6 p.m., EDT

Study Groups & Scholarships:

Helping Credential Seekers and Attracting/Retaining Members

Description

This presentation will be an interactive discussion with the audience to review study groups for PCCE and PACE as well as the type of scholarships offered by local associations. Discussion will focus on how these two activities can engage your current members, which encourages retention, and how it can attract new members in the student and active member categories (and perhaps even some sponsors!) We will discuss:

- Key aspects of setting up study groups for PCCE and PACE review
- Different types of scholarships offered and to which types of members they appeal
- How these two offerings can attract new members by offering unique content which is attractive to retain current members by engaging in activities which are outside of the standard local board member role, and attracting new members seeking support for these activities.



LISA VESSELS, RP®, CP®, lives in Miami, Florida, and is employed by Duane Morris LLP managing the docketing function for her firm's offices in the U.S., London and Singapore. Lisa has worked in the paralegal profession since 1992 with experience in commercial litigation, corporate contract law, and commercial aviation equipment leasing and sales.

Lisa was a two-term President of the South Florida Paralegal Association and Florida Alliance of Paralegal Associations. As an active member in both organizations, she served in many roles such as Webmaster, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Chair since joining in 2005.

Lisa served on Miami-Dade College's Paralegal Studies Program Advisory Board from 2006 to 2012, as chairperson from 2010-12. She served four three-year terms as a non-lawyer member of The Florida Bar's Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee for the 11th Circuit in Miami-Dade County. She currently serves on The Florida Bar's Florida Registered Paralegal Disciplinary Committees. She was an adjunct instructor at Florida International University's Paralegal Studies certificate program from 2006 to 2008.

For NFPA, Lisa served as Regulation Review Coordinator from 11/2009 to 9/2012; an active participant on the PCC Exam Development Committee from inception in 2008 through launch in 2011. She was elected Vice President and Director of Positions and Issues in 2012, and President in 2014; Board Advisor from 2014-16. She has served in her current position of Director, Paralegal Certification continuously since election in 2020.

Lisa earned her Bachelor's degree in Paralegal Studies from Nova Southeastern University in 2005, and Associate's degrees in Computer Information Systems and Computer Programming (Visual Basic) from Miami Dade College in 2002. Lisa earned the Certified Paralegal® designation in September 2005, earned the PACE® Registered Paralegal designation in September 2012, and held the Florida Registered Paralegal registration of The Florida Bar from 2008 to 2018.

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Saturday, April 1, 2023 11 a.m.-12 p.m., EDT
Applications, Renewals and Extensions, Oh my!

Description

Robyn Sweet, ACP, RP®, CRP, and NFPA's Certification Auditor will review common issues that require remedies when auditing certification credential applications and renewals. She will review guidelines to follow when submitting applications or renewals to avoid resubmission or clarification sought when under review.



Robyn Sweet, ACP, RP®, CRP, Primary, Vermont Paralegal Organization NFPA Certification Auditor, Internal Marketing Coordinator, and Social Media Coordinator.

Robyn is a litigation paralegal with over 13 years of experience. She usually attends depositions and assists with the management of exhibits, including during virtual depositions.

Robyn obtained her CORE Registered Paralegal designation in October 2016 through NFPA. She also graduated from the Community College of Vermont with an Associate in Business in December 2019 after which she obtained her PACE Registered Paralegal designation through NFPA in October of 2020. She then graduated from Northern Vermont University in June 2021, and she also obtained her Advanced Certified Paralegal designation in eDiscovery through NALA in October 2021.

She has been a member of the VPO since 2013 and has served on the VPO Board in the capacity of Membership Chair and NFPA Secondary, as well as presently the NFPA Primary. She has also served the NFPA Board as Certification Auditor (presently), Internal Marketing Coordinator (presently), and Social Media Coordinator (presently), and previously as NFPA's Internal Marketing Coordinator (2016-2019) and Advertising Coordinator (2018-2019).

12:00 - 12:15 PM EST

Break

12:15 - 1:15 PM EST

All about PCCE and PACE

Lisa Vessels, RP, CP, NFPA Director, Paralegal Certification will review and discuss test specifications with attendees for the Paralegal CORE Competency Exam (conferring the CRP credential) and the PACE Registered Paralegal (conferring the RP credential) as well as exam cost, available review courses with Advanced Paralegal Institute (API) and answer any related questions.

12:45 - 1:15 PM EST

Certification Ambassadors 101

Lisa Vessels, RP, CP, NFPA Director, Paralegal Certification will discuss how to recruit Certification Ambassadors for your local association and the value they can provide for your members and non-members alike! Discussion will also review how the role can vary depending on the local association's needs.