



## CALENDAR

LEADERSHIP/  
REGULATION/  
PACE®  
AMBASSADORS  
CONFERENCE  
April 28-May 1, 2011  
Cleveland, OH

PRO BONO  
CONFERENCE  
October 14, 2011  
Minneapolis, MN

## REGION MEETINGS

Region I  
April 2, 2011  
Honolulu, HA hosted  
by Hawaii Paralegal  
Association

Region II  
April 2, 2011  
Denver, CO, hosted  
by Rocky Mountain  
Paralegal Association

Region III  
April 8 and 9, 2011  
South Bend, IN  
hosted by Michiana  
Paralegal Association

Region IV  
April 16, 2011, hosted  
by Montgomery  
County Paralegal  
Association

Region V  
May 21-22, 2011  
Albany, NY hosted by  
Capital District  
Paralegal Association

## REGULATION/LEADERSHIP/PACE® AMBASSADORS CONFERENCE

The Regulation, Leadership and PACE® Conference is set for Cleveland, Ohio, starting on **Thursday, April 28, 2011 and continuing through Sunday, May 1, 2011**. Based on feedback we have received from many of you, the structure of the conference has changed. Regulation will start on Thursday from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., and will continue starting on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. until noon on Friday. Leadership will follow the same format Friday afternoon through Saturday at noon, followed by PACE Saturday afternoon through noon on Sunday. Registration and schedule are available online at [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org). Registration for the Regulation portion of the conference is open to non-members for a \$75 fee.

## THE PCC EXAM- PILOT TEST ARRIVES IN JUNE!

NFPA® moves forward with the development  
of its Paralegal CORE Competency Exam



*How do you:*

- Stand above the crowd?
- Demonstrate your knowledge?
- Grab an employer's attention?

Take the Paralegal CORE Competency Exam, become a  
CORE Registered Paralegal (CRP) and prove you are:

**Competent • Organized • Responsible • Ethical**

Be among the first to earn this new credential by participating in the PCC Exam pilot test at one of several testing sites around the country on Saturday, June 11, 2011. The fee for this initial test will be \$65.00. The online application process for the pilot test will begin April 1, 2011.

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## 2011 THOMAS REUTERS SCHOLARSHIP

It's that time again -- NFPA is happy to announce that the 2011 Thomson Reuters' Scholarship Application is available on the NFPA web site. This year's essay topic is: ***"The economy has had a strong impact on the practice of law. As a paralegal student, who will soon be graduating, describe the current legal job market in your community, and how your paralegal education can give you an advantage in securing paralegal employment."***

Please pass this information on to your student members and to the paralegal schools in your area. The scholarships are \$3,000 and \$2,000, and include a stipend for the winners to travel to the 2011 Annual Convention to be personally recognized by NFPA and Thomson Reuters.



## NFPA RESOURCE CENTER

NFPA continues in our efforts to offer a wide-ranging array of resources. Be sure to check the new page on the NFPA website under the Positions and Issues tab, *Paralegals as Profit Centers*. This page provides links and articles regarding the cost effectiveness of the utilization of paralegals.

## IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER OF NFPA

Membership in NFPA affords a variety of benefits from companies such as Dell, Liberty Mutual, Hertz and Bank of America. For a complete list of benefits, visit the NFPA website at [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org).

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## PRO BONO CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE! Don't miss NFPA®'s annual Pro Bono Conference which will be held on **Friday, October 14, 2011** in conjunction with the Annual Convention in Minneapolis, MN.

## KEEPING THE PACE®

NFPA congratulates the 15 paralegals who recently achieved the RP designation! For a list of our new PACE® Registered Paralegals, visit the NFPA website.

## AIPS PACE COURSE REVIEW

The next **AIPS PACE® Review Course** begins **April 18, 2011**. The review course, which runs for seven weeks, will assist paralegals to prepare to take PACE by covering the five domains and uses PACE Study Manual 5th edition as the textbook. The courses are taught through computer-mediated distance learning. Students may communicate with instructors or classmates around the clock from their home or office computer.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

We asked, and the membership has spoken! The Strategic Planning Committee received a good response from our membership in their replies to the survey sent a few months ago. At the Winter Board Meeting, Debra Hindin-King presented her findings with a comprehensive report that considered not only the membership survey, but also referencing NFPA's Five Year Review and Evaluation, and Status Reports from each Board Member. According to the survey, membership shared that NFPA did several things well in 2010, including, among other things, the Annual Conference, the National Paralegal Reporter® and the E-Newsletter, leadership's communication with membership, and by providing CLEs and career information on the website. An overwhelming majority felt NFPA provided the necessary resources to the membership overall through the web and publishing channels, and also by providing networking opportunities, as well as in their PACE content. Among the criticisms received, leadership needs to increase the availability and communications regarding more seminar opportunities; provide an increased awareness of the available NFPA listservs; the need to freshen-up and simplify the website; and provide additional resources to local associations. The Strategic Planning Committee has indexed each and every item that needs improvement, and all of these issues were reviewed by the Board, assigned a level of priority along with an expected date of completion. The Board is listening, and appreciates the membership feedback. Strategic Planning Committee will follow up on progress and deadlines to the list of goals, as well as add new targets as they are realized and become relevant to the membership.

## REGULATION REVIEW

### Florida Proposes Paralegal Regulation Legislation

In the first week of March, 2011, both the Florida Senate and House of Representatives proposed bills for mandatory paralegal regulation. The bills, as presented, are much less than what was originally presented by the Florida Alliance of Paralegal Associations. The text of the bills can be found with the following links: <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2011/1612>; <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=46245&SessionId=66>. These bills will be followed and updates will be provided as they become available.