Upcoming Events

**October 19, 2009**
AIPS PACE® Review Course

**October 29-November 1, 2009**
NFPA® Annual Convention
Come to Oregon, Be a Paralegal Pioneer
Hosted by the Oregon Paralegal Association
Red Lion Hotel on the River
Portland, OR

**March 26-27, 2010**
NFPA Tech Institute™
Doubletree San Jose, CA

**NFPA-Member Driven for 35 Years**
Elections will be held at the NFPA® Annual Convention for Vice President and Director of Profession Development, Vice President and Director of Membership, Vice President and Director of Marketing, Treasurer and Director of Finance, Region I-V Directors, and Education Coordinator.

Ten agenda topics have been submitted to discuss and vote on at the Annual Convention. Agenda topics are discussed at the policy meeting on Saturday and Sunday. Delegates properly credentialed from NFPA® associations will be voting to make new policy or amend bylaws.

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**Convention Corner**
The 2009 Annual Convention is fast approaching. This is a convention you won't want to miss. Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of NFPA®, held in Portland, Oregon, at the Red Lion on the River, the convention has outstanding education seminars, a Harvest Fair with comedian Jan McInnis aka The Work Lady for entertainment, and a trade show with many vendors to visit. Thursday the keynote luncheon speaker is author Robert Dugoni and following the CLE's is a trade show reception to network with the vendors and fellow paralegals. For the most updated information check out the website at www.paralegals.org.

**Tactical Strategies** *(updates & inquiries on the Strategic Plan)*
The six Ps is really what strategic planning for NFPA® is all about: Prior, Proper, Planning, Prevents, Poor, Performance. I was taught this 25 years ago by my Pastor George T. Brooks, Sr. and I try to make this my theme-it fits for work, life, community, and all other areas in our lives.
Ann Radford, Strategic Planning Committee

**Legislation**
The Washington State Supreme Court recently decided to table the Legal Technician Rule. The Washington State Practice of Law Board had proposed an "Admission to Practice Rule" that would have created a new category of legal service provider known as a "Legal Technician." The purpose of the rule was to authorize certain persons to render legal assistance or advice in defined areas of law. This rule was intended to permit trained legal technicians to provide limited legal assistance under carefully regulated circumstances in ways that expand the affordability of quality legal assistance which protects the public interest.

*Do you have information about proposed legislation which affects the paralegal profession? If so, please contact your local paralegal association and send an e-mail to VPPI@paralegals.org.*