



CALENDAR

PACE® REVIEW COURSE
March 7, 2011

WINTER BOARD MEETING
February 26-27, 2011
San Jose, CA

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

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.

2010 Convention Wrap up!

Robert S. Hrouda, RP, 2010 Host Coordinator

We hope you enjoyed yourself at the **2010 NFPA Convention** hosted by the **Philadelphia Association of Paralegals**. I know we enjoyed having you. It was great to see some familiar faces and a bunch of new ones as well. While the convention is a time to enhance our Association by passing new agenda topics and creating new policy to guide NFPA into the future, it is also a time to mingle with our colleagues and bring new ideas back to our local associations. The networking opportunities are endless at these conventions. We hope you were able to relive former conventions with your friends and colleagues, and for the new delegates that you have met some new acquaintances who you were able to help and who were able to help you with some fresh ideas. Our speakers were delighted to see many of you attending their CLE presentations. Philadelphia tried to work off suggestions from past conventions to give you the seminars you requested. We attempted to hit as many practice areas as possible, with some that can overlap into many practice areas. Despite living in Philadelphia, the convention social event was the first time I stepped into the National Constitution Center. The live presentation was amazing. The artifacts allowed us to travel back in time. It was truly a memorable experience. As much as it was inspiring to see and hear items from our nations past and present, and to get a glimpse of what lies ahead, it was just as inspiring to see you, the delegates and members of NFPA, there at the 2010 Convention; those who have attributed to our past, debating items on our present, and there to lead us to the future. Thank you for Making History in Philadelphia.

Regulation Review

A hearty congratulation to the **South Jersey Paralegal Association (SJPA)**! On November 15, 2010, the SJPA resolved to implement a voluntary paralegal certification program for its members under a plan introduced and developed in October 2010. The plan requires membership in the SJPA, qualification within the defined education and/or experience requirements, adherence to a Code of Ethics, and CLE requirements to maintain the credential on an ongoing basis. Certain qualifying criteria will sunset on July 1, 2012. The application and related documents can be found on their website at: <http://sjpparalegals.org/>.

The Paralegal Associations of Wisconsin (PAW)

<http://www.wisconsinparalegal.org> recently met with members of the public relations and government relations staff of the Wisconsin State Bar to discuss alternatives to regulating paralegals through the legislature.

The Wisconsin State Bar will address the proposed requirements outlined for regulation at their Board of Governors' meeting to consider alternatives, including regulation through the State Bar of Wisconsin.

The South Florida Paralegal Association (www.sfpa.info), through the Florida Alliance of Paralegal Associations (www.FAPAINC.org), continues to work diligently on the proposed legislation to create an independent governing board for mandatory paralegal regulation overseen by the Florida Supreme Court. The Florida Bar's committee formed to review mandatory implementation of its Florida Registered Program has met and held discussions, but no action or recommendations have been made thus far.

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Wayne D. Akin,
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Michele M. Davis, CP,
Oregon Paralegal Association

PACE Ambassador Award
Natalie Nelson
Sander, RP®, Oregon Paralegal Association

PACE Scholarship
Sharie T. Walerstein,
Capital District Paralegal Association

The Hon. William R. Robie Award
Diane Thompson, CP, RP®, Oregon Paralegal Association

PACE® REVIEW COURSE

The National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA®) and the American Institute for Paralegal Studies (AIPS) are pleased to announce an online review course for the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE™). The course runs for seven weeks, plus a brief pre-course orientation to familiarize students with the software used by AIPS. AIPS courses are taught through computer-mediated distance learning. Students may communicate with instructors or classmates around the clock from their home or office computer. The review course will help paralegals prepare to take PACE by covering the five domains: administration of client legal matters, development of client legal matters, factual and legal research, factual and legal writing, and office administration. Ethics questions are found in each domain. The textbook will be the PACE Study Manual and a mock PACE exam will be administered at the conclusion of the course. The next AIPS PACE® Review Course begins **January 17, 2011**. The registration form can be found on the NFPA website.

JOINT CONFERENCE –REGULATION/LEADERSHIP/PACE

The Joint 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. The Committee is starting to obtain speakers for this conference. Periodic updates will be provided to you with information on speakers and events planned. We look forward to seeing you at the NFPA Joint Conference.

REACHING GOALS IN YOUR STRATEGIC PLAN

By Joyce S. Kent, RP, Member of the NFPA Strategic Planning Committee

The purpose of a strategic plan is to develop long-term and short-term goals and to provide direction to the association. NFPA and some, but not all, affiliated local associations have strategic plans. If your local association has not developed a strategic plan, NFPA has available for your use the updated strategic plan PowerPoint presentation and narrative script. If your association is interested in receiving a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and narrative script, please contact Debra Hindin-King (dhindin-king@hollandhart.com) or NFPA. The Strategic Planning Committee encourages each local association to develop and keep current its strategic plan. Through transparent communications of the Goals, the association will have a clear sense of direction and identity.