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Minnesota Paralegal Elected Director of Positions and Issues for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc.



Minneapolis, MN, November 2020 – The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA[®]) is pleased to announce Maren Schroeder, RP[®], MnCP, of Minnesota has been elected Director of Positions and Issues for the 2020-2022 term. NFPA's elections are held at its Annual Convention and Policy Meeting.

Maren Schroeder, RP[®], MnCP is a PACE Registered and Minnesota Certified paralegal born and raised in Stewartville, Minnesota. She has an undergraduate degree in Paralegal Studies and an MBA with an emphasis in legal administration. Schroeder has experience in intellectual property, civil litigation, family law, criminal defense, non-profit organization, and complex bankruptcy matters. She provides virtual freelance paralegal services for attorneys throughout the United States, and is the Policy Director of Sensible Change Minnesota, working on medical cannabis access and opioid overdose prevention measures at the Minnesota legislature.

She previously served seven years on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Paralegal Association (MPA) serving as the Director of Greater Minnesota, Director of Professional Development, Director of Marketing, and most recently, Director of Positions and Issues. Passionate about access to justice, which drove her to become a paralegal, she represented MPA on the Minnesota State Bar Association Task Force on Alternative Legal Models from 2015-2017, and the Minnesota Supreme Court Implementation Committee for the Legal Paraprofessional Practice Pilot Project, which is set to begin in March of 2021, from 2019-2020. Ms. Schroeder is the recipient of several awards including the 2020 NFPA Justice Champion Award, the inaugural Minnesota Cannabis Culture Award for Medical Cannabis Advocacy, and the 2016 Outstanding Paralegal of the Year Award from the Minnesota Paralegal Association.

Ms. Schroeder has served on the Stewartville Planning & Zoning Commission since 2013, serving as Chair from 2016-2017, and was a member of the Task Force that



developed the City's dog park. She also volunteers her time as a civil and family mediator for Mediation and Conflict Solutions, a sexual assault crisis advocate for Victim Services of Dodge, Filmore, and Olmsted Counties, and is an appointee to the Minnesota Taskforce on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research.

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