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# AFFILIATE E-NEWSLETTER



## Message from Annette R. Brown, ACP, Affiliated Associations Director

Hello and good day to all! It has been a busy month. As of this writing, we are just ending the Paralegal Day and Paralegal Week celebrations. We have seen many Facebook posts with numerous ways to acknowledge and celebrate paralegals! Thanks to all of you for sharing your amazing events.

Halloween and the 2018 elections are over, and we will now zoom through the November and December holidays as 2018 comes to an end. That's how it usually seems to me, anyway.

Thank you to all who have timely paid their annual affiliate membership dues, and if you haven't paid yet, please do so right away. NALA wants its affiliates to continue getting their benefits and the benefits to come in 2019.

**October 1, 2018, Annual affiliation fee due to NALA**  
**November 1, 2018, Affiliation renewal fees delinquent**

And please remember to submit your NALA Affiliate mid-year report on or before December 1, 2018 – many thanks to those who have already sent theirs in. Your activities and accomplishments are important to NALA! Click [here](#) to view the Mid-Year Report form.

Also, it is never too early to submit a proposal for an Affiliates Exchange presentation at the 2019 NALA Annual Conference and Expo in Arizona! This is an awesome opportunity to have your affiliate on the main stage. [Submit](#) your proposal today.

I would like to wish a fond farewell and a very warm thank you to Marie Greninger, my right arm through many positions with the NALA Board and committees. Thank you for your service to NALA and for all the assistance you have provided me these many years. I wish the best to you in your retirement. You deserve it!

And welcome to Deanna Young, our new affiliate contact! I know you will be an amazing resource for our affiliates and provide excellent support to the Affiliated Association Directors.

Remember to share this Affiliate e-Newsletter with your members! There is something in here for everyone, and all will enjoy our new Affiliate Highlights section.

Please don't forget to take time for YOU during this busy time of year. Here's wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season!



### Message from Peonca S. Grier, CP, Affiliated Associations Secretary

Hello Fellow Paralegals and Friends, we are winding down the calendar year and boy has it flown by! We are all preparing for the upcoming holiday season and the end to a fantastic year. I don't know about you but this year has definitely been one for the books. As we enter into the season of giving, I want you all to reflect on this year. Start making your goals now, plan on how you will make next year even better. Do not wait until the New Year. A habit is hard to break so if you get started now, it will not be a "resolution" but rather a habit. I would also ask you to take some time for yourself. Get that massage you were putting off or meet with a good friend you have not seen in a while. All of these things are good for our personal health and the soul. Each of you give so much every day to your firm, your families, and your associations...don't forget the most important person...YOU. The Affiliated Associations cannot do what they do without YOU, which means taking care of yourself is not a want, it is a need.

Take some time and check out the approaching deadlines. The mid-year reports deadline is approaching. I know many associations change officers during this time so do not forget to update NALA. I want to give a big shout out to all the Affiliates who sent us highlights this year. It is truly amazing what you all do and we cannot wait to share this with all the affiliates. Welcome to the Fremont College Paralegal Studies Program as a new NALA Affiliate.

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## Welcome, New Student Affiliate!

The *Fremont College Paralegal Studies Program* is NALA's newest Student Affiliate member. The NALA Board ratified the provisional membership with a unanimous vote in October. Congratulations and welcome, Fremont College Paralegal Studies Program!

## Affiliate Awards

Please remember **May 1** is the deadline for Affiliated Associations to designate one recipient from their association for the Affiliate Award. It's never too early to start thinking about special recognition for a member who has made exceptional contributions to your association.

Recipients are nominated by each affiliated association for such contributions as assisting with and organizing CP study groups, working with bar associations on behalf of the legal assistants in the area, planning educational programs, and developing a pro bono or other community involvement program for the affiliate. These examples serve only as guidance for the affiliated association - the association may set its own standards for recognition. There is no selection process for this award by NALA.

Criteria and nomination forms for all awards may be found on the NALA Website under [Affiliate Resources](#) in the 2019 Affiliated Associations Award Program.

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to honor that individual on a national stage.

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## NALA Announcements



#### Marie Greninger Retirement

After more than 35 years, Marie is retiring from NALA effective December 21. Marie has helped grow NALA as an association and has been in the forefront of its certification program which now has more than 19,000 CPs. Please join us in congratulating Marie on her upcoming retirement.



#### New Affiliate and Education Specialist

We have some exciting news to share. Deanna Young started with NALA on November 1 as an Affiliate and Education Specialist. Deanna has been working as a contractor with NALA for two years and we decided to make her a permanent employee. This is a new position in which Deanna will support two functional areas. She is your primary staff contact for anything affiliate related. You can reach her at [dyoung@nala.org](mailto:dyoung@nala.org). Deanna is actually located in Wisconsin and is a teleworking employee. We are working on getting a new phone system at NALA so that in the future we can transfer calls directly to her. Deanna is excited to be a part of the NALA team.

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## Affiliate Highlights

Wow, we had a great response to our request for highlights to post in the November Affiliates e-Newsletter! Thank you to those of you who sent articles and pictures to share your events.

Because we cannot post all 17 of your wonderful responses in one newsletter, we will be spreading them out over the next few issues. Below you will find the first five affiliates highlights that we received. More will be featured in future issues.

Join your peers! If your affiliate missed this opportunity and you would like to send a couple of paragraphs on your affiliate's events, please send an email to either [Annette](mailto:Annette), [Peonca](mailto:Peonca), or [NALA](mailto:NALA). We love to share our affiliate's successes!



#### Central Oklahoma Association of Legal Assistants (COALA)

The members of the Central Oklahoma Association of Legal Assistants (COALA) value service not only in our professions but also in our community. We are committed to supporting our local community and provide our members with opportunities throughout the year to participate in volunteer and outreach efforts in the Oklahoma City metro area.

One organization which we work closely with is Positive Tomorrows, Oklahoma's only elementary school specifically for homeless children. Positive Tomorrows gives kids stability and a quality education while their parents get the support they need to create a better life, with a goal of breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

Every year, COALA hosts a school supply drive for Positive Tomorrows. This year our members raised over \$800 dollars and donated a wealth of school supplies to the school. Our members were also given the opportunity to tour the school and gain an understanding of the impact Positive Tomorrows is having on children experiencing poverty. Our members also sponsor birthday parties for children at Positive Tomorrows, which is a celebration the children may otherwise not experience.

COALA has grown in its support for Positive Tomorrows in 2018, and we are excited to continue the relationship in 2019. We are also excited to expand other community outreach programs for our members.



### **Greater New York Paralegal Association**

Our 2nd annual meeting was held in New York City on October 18, 2018. We were honored to be hosted by the Special Master of the New York City Asbestos Litigation, Shelley Rosoff Olsen, Esq., at her beautiful offices located in Midtown Manhattan. We were also thrilled to have NALA President Jill Francisco in attendance, who came all the way from West Virginia to join us. It was a special evening for us and we gained a few new members by the end of the night. GNYPA also recently held 2 successful fundraisers. We held an event to support Paws of War in Long Island, NY, which rescues and trains shelter dogs to be therapy dogs for veterans. We also walked in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on October 21, 2018, which took place at the famous Jones Beach boardwalk on Long Island. GNYPA is looking forward to

participating in various educational symposiums in the upcoming year.



### **Paralegal Association of Florida Inc. (PAF)**

Effective November 1, 2018, Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc. ("PAF") will have a new address and Executive Director. Kaila Glaros, CP, FRP and former Pinellas Chapter President will begin her tenure as PAF's new Executive Director. PAF's new address is now P.O. Box 14052, Clearwater, FL 33766. PAF has also reached 726 Active members. The Spring 2018 Seminar titled "Be the Indispensable Paralegal" was held in Tallahassee, Florida April 13 - April 15, 2018, and hosted by the PAF Big Bend Chapter. There were 70 attendees.

Attendees were given free tours of the: State Capitol Building, Florida State Library Archive and the Florida Supreme Courts. Seminar topics included: Trial Presentation Technology, Ethics & Technology, Public Records and Sunshine Law, Pay & Harassment Issues in the Professional Workplace and a Special presentation of True Colors. The half day Student Session covered "Becoming the Indispensable Paralegal".

Fall 2018 Seminar titled "It's A Bird! It's A Plane! It's A Paralegal!" was held at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa in Safety Harbor, Florida October 26 – October 28, 2018, and hosted by the PAF Pinellas County Chapter from. There were 112 attendees. Seminar topics included: Anatomy of a (Hollywood) Trial, Paralegal and Lawyers: A Critical Partnership for Pretrial Litigation, Navigating Complex Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Current Trends in Real Estate Law, Analog Players in a Digital World: Conquering the Legal Profession's Fear of Technology, Data Analytics and Process Focus, The Problem with Pandora's Box: Confidentiality, Technology and Making your Best Base, Being your Office SuperHero: Paralegals, Ethics and Professionalism. The Student Session topics were: Becoming a ParaHero-Resumes, Interviewing and What Law Firms are Looking For, and Professional Expectations for Proactive Paralegals



### **Iowa Paralegal Association**

The Governor of the State of Iowa Proclaimed Iowa Paralegal Day as September 21, 2018. We also held our fall seminar at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines, Iowa. We had approximately 60 paralegal join us and



everyone enjoyed the day of learning. We also gathered items for the military under the Operations Gratitude umbrella and we had several donations to send to them.

Region V and Region VI continues to hold monthly luncheons and provide educational presentations. We continue to reach out to areas that don't have as many members to connect via email, websites and socials.

We have an active group involved with visiting our local paralegal school programs so that we can prepare the next generation of paralegals. Others members have volunteered with the schools to be mentors to student paralegals.

As we wrap up 2018 we look forward to a great 2019 year of increasing our membership base and learning opportunities. Our association loves to hear ideas not only from our current members but future members as well. We want what is best for our association and our members. If anyone has any great ideas for building our membership base, please reach out to us on our [website](#) or send me an email at [nala@iowaparalegal.org](mailto:nala@iowaparalegal.org).



### **St. Louis Paralegal Association (STLPA)**

The St. Louis Paralegal Association had a very busy month this October 2018.

On October 4, 2018 we had a New Member Social which was held at Herbies Restaurant and Bar. It was attended by eight (8) new members out of twenty-five attendees. Veritext, one of our business partners, sponsored the event with cocktails, food and attendance prizes. Everyone had a great time and made valuable connections.

On October 18, 2018 our monthly membership meeting was held at the Moulin Events Center where the CLE topic Prosecution of Sex Trafficking in Missouri was presented by Assistant Prosecutor Jillian Anderson. The presentation and topic were riveting. Attached is a picture from the meeting.

On October 20, 2018 we had our 3rd Annual Hayride at Queeny State Park. The members were encouraged to bring their families to enjoy a hayride through the park, seeing the deer in their natural habitats. After the hayride we enjoyed roasting hotdogs, hot cocoa and smores around a campfire. It was an enjoyable time for all.

Our membership is steadily growing. So we are always trying new adventures.

2018-2019 Important Dates to Remember		
<b>DECEMBER</b>	December 1	Affiliate Mid-Year Report Due
	December 31	Affiliate Exchange Application Due
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	February 1 <sup>st</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	CP Skills Exam Testing Window
<b>MARCH</b>	Date TBD	NALA Board of Directors Meeting
<b>APRIL</b>	April 1	Call for nominations for Affiliated Associations Director and Secretary & Designation of Voting Representative website link are emailed to Presidents and NALA Liaisons.
	April 1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	CP Skills Exam Testing Window
<b>MAY</b>	May 1	Nominations for Affiliated Associations Director & Secretary close – <i>nominations must be received by May 1</i>
	May 1	Nominations for Affiliated Associations Award recipients due at NALA Headquarters - <i>must be received by May 1</i>
<b>JUNE</b>	June 1	Website link of nominees for Affiliated Associations Director & Secretary are emailed to Presidents and NALA Liaisons
	June 1	Affiliate Showcase Registrations due
	June 1	Affiliate Annual Reports due
	June 26	Designation of voting representative for Affiliated Associations Annual Meeting due – <i>must be received by June 26, 2019</i>
<b>JULY</b>	July 1 <sup>st</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	CP Skills Exam Testing Window
	July 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	- NALA Conference & Expo, Phoenix, AZ - Annual Meeting of Affiliated Associations - NALA Board of Directors Meeting



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