



**ILCRA ANNUAL CONVENTION
September 21-23, 2023**

*This is a preliminary schedule subject to change without notice.
CEU approval pending.*

Thursday, September 21, 2023

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **REALTIME CONTEST**

Friday, September 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Gary L. Sonntag Memorial SPEED CONTEST**

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Convention Registration Open

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Vendor Area Open

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **You're a Steno Warrior! The Key to Success Starts with
Physical and Mental Well-Being!**
Andrea James Jent
We all know the toll writing takes on a body and mind. Our skill set is about muscle memory and being "in the zone". Andrea will share some techniques that will help you prepare for a long day in a sedentary position. This seminar will limber you up so you can be at the top of your game.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **NCRA STRONG Update**
Carol Naughton
NCRA Director Carol Naughton will give an update of the latest information from NCRA's STRONG Committee and how they are compiling a white paper to combat electronic recording.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Steno Swap**
Georgia Northway – Lorie Kennedy
This dynamic duo's seminar will create a fun and educational experience that will help with briefs and

phrasing. Bring your machine and come ready to share your best shortcuts.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

ILCRA's New President's Reception

For Friday, 3.5 Illinois hours or .35 NCRA CEUs available.

Saturday, September 23, 2023

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ILCRA BUSINESS MEETING (No CEUs)

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Case Catalyst Training

Pam Szczecinski

Eclipse Training: Tips and Tricks

Greg Weiland, CSR, RMR, CRR

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Networking and Vendor Break

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Telling Your Story. The Art of Speaking

Joshua Edwards

StenoMasters was founded in 2021 as the industry's first nationwide community for stenographic court reporters, captioners, and students to improve their public speaking skills. We have tremendous collective experiences, insights, and "tuition-free" legal education by virtue of our work, but we rarely have an outlet to share it all with each other. StenoMasters provides a safe, fun, interactive forum for this kind of sharing. Some speeches are directly related to the fields of reporting and captioning, and others are about personal lives, hobbies, and passions.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Venue Captioning

Isaiah Roberts

Does putting your realtime feed up on a client's laptop freak you out? What if you had to do it in front of 50,000 people who were screaming and cheering for their favorite band? This seminar will walk through how to get over the jitters and the tech needed to take your skills to the next level. Don't miss out on a rock star seminar here!

11:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Vendor Break & Nancy Davis Award Luncheon

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Legislation update

Brittan Bolin, ILCRA's Lobbyist and Illinois State Representative

ILCRA's lobbyist will give a legislative and regulatory update on the current status of the CSR legislation and

next steps that are needed to deal with the veto session where the final language of the CSR Sunset Bill will be dealt with.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Words with Friends

Kathryn Thomas

Does a stenographer's active participation in a practice group encourage professional development; namely, advanced certifications beyond their state requirements, increased or improved participation in speed and realtime contests, or increased participation in their state and national associations? In the context of her own academic pursuits, Kathryn A. Thomas, RDR, CRC, CSR-IL developed a research project to quantify the ACTUAL impact that being an active member of a practice group has on someone's skill development. The data show that the benefits received from group members are more than just improved skills.

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Networking and Vendor Break

3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Grammar, "Word Crimes", and Idioms

Donna Urlaub, RPR, RMR, CRR, CLVS, CSR

Are you a real trooper or trouper? Discussion and examples of "word crimes" that are committed every day (not everyday). Attendees will emerge with answers! Idioms and their origins - another part of the English language with some surprising and interesting backstories.

5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Raffle break

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

State of State Report

ILCRA Board Members

Illinois court reporters and captioners are under siege by forces that are trying to minimize the decades-old CSR act. This session will be a follow-on to our lobbyist's session and discuss other issues affecting the profession in 2023-2024.

***For Saturday, 8.5 Illinois hours or .8.5 NCRA CEUs available.
Total for both days, 12 Illinois hours or 1.2 NCRA CEUs available.***