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What Can You Do for Me?

We all know that our society has evolved into the "WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR ME?" arena. Go ahead, admit it. It becomes harder and harder for people to give up their time and everyone is busy with the extra tasks in their lives. Our time has become more valuable than others, and no matter how much we say we miss the old days when things were slower-paced, our need for communication seems to have gone away. We want a quick and easy fix, and once we have the answer, we're moving on. Because of these changes in attitude, the shortcuts in our lives are becoming more and more popular in almost everything we do. We are all about ourselves whether we admit it or not. It is not a bad thing to want faster and slicker gadgets that make our lives go faster. Our first question is "What can it do for me?"

What happens, though, when one of those fancy gadgets locks up like a bird dog, standing at attention, refusing to budge or navigate? You know the feeling. Panic sets in and our hearts are racing. Then what? Suddenly we remember our old telephone (maybe one that isn't very smart and even perhaps the landline), and our desire to hear a live voice becomes very important. We need that voice to guide us through a problem. As each minute of "hold time" passes, the little bit of patience we started with gets smaller and smaller. Then, finally, when we get a live voice, whether it's a technician or a friend, and we get support, guidance, or whatever it is we need at the moment, our sanity resumes.

When people call ILCRA headquarters with a question or a problem, they are looking for a quick answer or someone to call them back immediately. Time is always of the essence. At our annual convention coming in September we will have the opportunity

as working professionals to interact with our peers and learn, yes, more about the latest in gadgets, how to handle certain situations, possible stumbling blocks and problems that may arise. What we can do for you is give you many areas of knowledge, all the while helping you focus on yourselves, trying to make your life go smoother. It is our chance to talk about the experiences each of us face daily with legal and medical professionals, hearing-impaired clients, and the many others that we provide services for. It is a chance for us to meet with old friends - you know, the ones we're too busy to see anymore - and also an opportunity to learn about the latest in software updates and tips, advice on stress relief, and even the latest on NCRA goals and projects.

We have listened to our members and are encompassing this year's convention around past surveys. We are here for our members and try to accommodate their needs. This year's line-up of speakers will cover many aspects of our professional and personal lives, and our goal is to assist everyone. Don't miss out on the opportunities that are available. Oh, yeah, we are all busy, but when you walk away from this year's convention, you will have learned many valuable tricks and information to use in your daily lives. So, when you are signing up for this year's annual convention and you ask yourself, "What can this do for me," remember that ILCRA does care about our members and this is what we can do for you! It's your chance to interact with members from all over the state and you will walk away with more than just a few answers. See you in September. You won't want to miss it!

—Stephanie Rennegarbe

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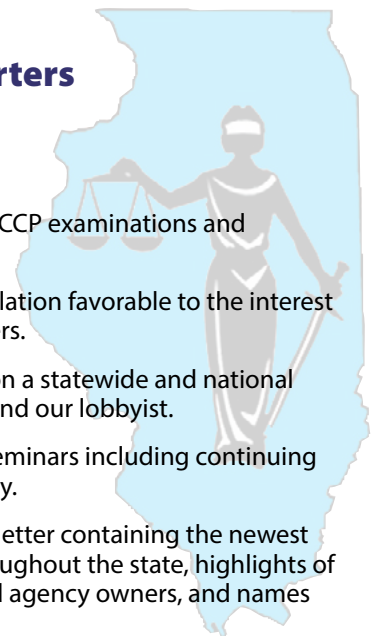
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What ILCRA Does for Illinois Reporters

- **Works** to maintain your right to be certified.
- **Administers** the RPR, RMR, RDR, CRR, CBC, and CCP examinations and publishes the dates of the tests in *Ad Infinitum*.
- **Monitors, promotes, and lobbies** to pass legislation favorable to the interest of court reporters, captioners and CART providers.
- **Monitors** legislation affecting our professions on a statewide and national basis through both our Legislative Committee and our lobbyist.
- **Sponsors** an annual conference and one-day seminars including continuing education and the latest in reporting technology.
- **Publishes** *Ad Infinitum*, a quarterly online newsletter containing the newest up-to-the-minute reporting developments throughout the state, highlights of board meetings, advertisements of vendors and agency owners, and names and telephone numbers of ILCRA officers.
- **Serves** as an affiliated state unit of the [National Court Reporters Association](#).
- **Offers** members significantly reduced rates for the conventions and seminars.
- **Awards** Student Scholarships, a Distinguished Service Award, an Award of Excellence for an Outstanding Educator, and conducts [speed contests](#) each year.
- **Provides** resources on the ILCRA website, including the CSR Act, Court Reporters' Act, Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Transcript Act, and ILCRA Bylaws. It also includes officers' names and contact information as well as Committees and Committee Members. ILCRA Member Information is included on the website under "Find a Reporter."
- **Offers** an Online Student Mentor Program.
- **Promotes** student recruitment.
- **Organizes** letter-writing campaigns on issues affecting our professions.
- **Sends** representative members to legislative boot camps, leadership conferences, and the national convention for training and education.
- **Provides** reporters for demonstrations on request and attends career days throughout the state.
- **Provides** free CART brochures to its members.
- **Provides** a court reporters network through Constant Contact which allows ILCRA to immediately be in touch with members via email.
- **Serves** the membership with the phone number 703-729-4861 and a [website](#).
- **Provides** an association management company to assist members.



ILCRA MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain standards of excellence in verbatim shorthand reporting, to provide continuing educational opportunities and advocate technological advancements, and to promote a spirit of mutual assistance between the profession of verbatim shorthand reporting and its consumers.



2014 ILCRA Annual Convention

September 11-13, 2014

DoubleTree Hotel | Chicago - Oak Brook, Illinois

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Illinois Court Reporters Association Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the DoubleTree Hotel Chicago – Oak Brook in Oak Brook, IL, during the ILCRA Annual Convention. During the annual meeting, committee and other reports will be given. The meeting will be held from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. during breakfast, and the room will be posted at the convention. Annual awards and the Realtime and Speed Contest winners will be presented at the luncheon from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The ILCRA Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the ILCRA President's Suite at the DoubleTree Hotel Chicago - Oak Brook in Oak Brook, Illinois, during the ILCRA Annual Convention. The room number will be posted at the convention.

Student Scholarship Award

Court Reporting Students, You could win \$1,000, plus a complimentary one-day registration to the 2014 ILCRA Annual Convention in Oak Brook, Illinois, on Saturday, September 13, 2014. The prize also includes hotel accommodations for one night, round-trip mileage reimbursement, and a one-year Associate Membership in the Illinois Court Reporters Association. The winner will become a member of the ILCRA Student Scholarship Committee for the following year. Second place (\$500) and Third place (\$300) prizes will also be awarded, and those winners will also receive a complimentary registration to the convention on September 13.

[CLICK HERE](#) or [VISIT ILCRA WEBSITE](#) for the application form. Applications are due by Friday, August 8, 2014, and the winners will be announced at the Annual Convention.

Distinguished Service Award

ILCRA Members, Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 ILCRA Distinguished Service Award.

[CLICK HERE](#) or [VISIT ILCRA WEBSITE](#) for the form. Nominations are due by Friday, August 8, 2014, and the winner will be announced at the Annual Convention.

Award of Excellence

Court Reporting Students, Do you know an outstanding educator? Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 ILCRA Award of Excellence.

[CLICK HERE](#) or [VISIT ILCRA WEBSITE](#) for the nomination form. Nominations are due by Friday, August 8, 2014, and the winner will be announced at the Annual Convention.

Slate of Officers

An eblast announcing a Call for Nominations was sent on July 18 with a July 30 due date. The ILCRA 2014-2016 Slate of Officers will be announced in an early August eblast. Watch your in-box for further information.

Stenograph Diamante Auction

Are you in the market for a new writer? If so, hold off on making your purchase and bring your checkbook or credit card to ILCRA's Annual Convention!

Once again, Stenograph has offered a customized Diamante for ILCRA to auction off at convention. The retail value is more than \$5,700 but it could be yours for the right bid! The minimum starting bid is \$4,995 and includes taxes and shipping.

The winning bidder will be announced Saturday afternoon and payment is due at that time.

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out this terrific writer.

Good luck!

Register for the ILCRA Convention [ONLINE](#) or download the [CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM!](#)



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Tentative Schedule

Schedule of seminars subject to change without notice. CEUs have been approved.

Thursday, September 11, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Realtime Contest**

Friday, September 12, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Gary L. Sonntag Memorial Speed Contest**

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Convention Registration Open**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Session #1** - CAT User Training Breakouts, Part I (Eclipse, ProCAT, StenoCAT and Stenograph)

Maximize your Software use to enhance your job performance.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Networking Break

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Session #2** - CAT User Training Breakouts, Part II (Eclipse, ProCAT, StenoCAT and Stenograph)

Maximize your Software use to enhance your job performance.

3:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Vendor Area Open

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Networking and Vendor Break – Beverages in Exhibit Area

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Session #3** - Update from NCRA and the Strategic Direction of the Industry
Jim Cudahy, CAE, NCRA Executive Director & CEO

NCRA's Executive Director and CEO will present an overview of the industry, including information about NCRA's strategic plan and ways that court reporters and firms can best position their services in a competitive environment.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Session #4 - Coaching Skills for Enhanced Communication — Shawn Preuss & Darcy Luoma, Professional Life Coaches

Have you ever wished you could connect more deeply with others in a meaningful way? When communicating, we naturally share our thoughts and feelings filtered through our own personal perspective. In this engaging session, you will gain an awareness of your different "perspectives" and how those may influence your communication. You will learn how to use powerful questions and active listening to enhance your communication, improve outcomes, and create positive relationships in work and in life.

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Networking and Vendor Break – Beverages in Exhibit Area

5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Session #5 - Realtime Writing - Court Reporter versus CART Provider
LeAnn M. Hibler, CSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, CCP

This seminar will be presented by members of ILCRA's CART Committee and will address why realtime writing when providing CART is somewhat different from providing realtime when court reporting, and will discuss the concept of "writing right the first time" by utilizing skills such as word-building, finger spelling, and paraphrasing.

6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

President's Reception / Meet and Greet Students

Join your colleagues for a meet and greet that will connect you with old friends and, hopefully, introduce you to new ones! Join us, and the first drink is on us!

7:45 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own
Check member activity board at registration area to make new connections and for a list of local restaurant options.

For Friday, 6.0 Illinois hours or .6 NCRA CEU available.

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Saturday, September 13, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. **Convention Registration Open**
- 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Vendor Area Open
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **ILCRA Business Meeting and Breakfast Buffet**
Time to get energized for a great day of seminars. Prepare to be amazed and fuel up for a day of learning and networking.
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Session #6 - Tough Love with the Depoman**
Michael E. Miller, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CSR, CCR
A frank and sometimes amusing in-your-face discussion about the current state of the reporting industry. Topics include how to get a better handle on quality control through best practices and learning what your software can do for you.
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Networking and Vendor Break – Beverages in Exhibit Area
Refuel and reenergize with our vendors and learn about the latest advances in technology and products.
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Session #7 - GITMO**
Michael E. Miller, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CSR, CCR
Mike Miller will tell us about the detailed process to assemble and qualify an elite team of court reporters to provide stenographic services at Guantanamo Bay – testing, obtaining top secret clearances, selecting technology and equipment, arranging travel and housing, and wading through seemingly endless government documentation. The affectionately called StenOps team is currently at work reporting the hearings of those accused in the USS Cole bombings and the terrorism of 9/11 that changed the world.
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon and Networking Opportunity
Annual Awards and Realtime and Speed Contest winners will be presented.
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Session #8 - Town Hall Meeting**
Steve Zinone, RPR, NCRA's President-Elect
This session is a no-holds-barred conversation about the state of reporting in Illinois and

provides for an interactive forum with your leaders. Town Hall meetings have always been one of the best types of meetings to discuss current and future challenges and opportunities. To actively promote and protect the profession, your state leaders need your input, ideas, and intelligence on what is transpiring out there in the field. Bring your questions, comments, and concerns but most of all your passion for the profession to this great seminar.

- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Session #9 - Work/Life Balance from a Coaching Perspective**
Shawn Preuss & Darcy Luoma, Professional Life Coaches
How often do you use the word "should" in your vocabulary? Is it difficult for you to say no? Are you trying to do everything yourself ... because, otherwise, it just would not get done? What stories do you tell yourself about your work? About life? We will explore all these questions and more as we discover what is a "myth" and what is a "must" about work/life balance.
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Networking and Vendor Break – Beverages in Exhibit Area
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Session #10 - We are the Guardians of the Record! Capturing History with the Veterans History Project!**
Jill Layton, RPR, RMR, CSR
You will learn how easy (and rewarding) it is to take part in a VHP - whether it is one-on-one with a Veteran, or with many Veterans at an event. You will see firsthand from a Veteran how much it means to them to have court reporters take their stories and present to them a copy to pass down to their children and grandchildren ... and to know their stories of their part in our nation's history is preserved in the State Library as well as the Library of Congress.
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Wrap-up, Evaluation, Silent Auction and Raffle Winners**

For Saturday, 6.0 Illinois hours or .6 NCRA CEU available.

Total for both days, 12.0 Illinois hours or 1.20 NCRA CEU available.

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Attention All Fast-Fingered Folks! Realtime and Speed Contests

By Rita Corson
Chair

I'm proud to announce ILCRA's Annual Gary L. Sonntag Memorial Speed Contest and Realtime Contest!

If you've never sat for either of these contests, why don't you consider doing it this year at our annual convention held September 11-13 in Oak Brook? You will come away from the experience a faster writer and having made new friends! Plus, it's a lot of fun!

The Realtime Contest will be on Thursday, September 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with warm-up at 5:00 p.m. The Speed Contest will be September 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with warm-up at 8:30 a.m.

Winners will be announced at the luncheon held on Saturday, September 13. Contests will be graded using the most current "What is an Error" put out by NCRA.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Realtime Contest rules and [CLICK HERE](#) for the Speed Contest rules.

You can sign up when you register for convention [ONLINE](#) or on the [CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM](#). The cost of each contest is \$60, or \$100 if you sign up for both contests, plus you earn PDCs for each section of the contest in which you qualify.

If you're not interested in signing up for the contests, maybe you would consider helping grade tests. We always need graders! Let me know by emailing me at racorson@yahoo.com. I am looking forward to seeing some new faces at convention!

Worth Business Equipment at Annual Convention

We are pleased to announce that [Worth Business Equipment](#) will be an exhibitor at ILCRA's Annual Convention and is now scheduling appointments for writer cleaning/servicing. Please contact Steve Worth directly to schedule your writer maintenance by calling 773-777-1474 or emailing worth4154@msn.com.

Register for the ILCRA Convention [ONLINE](#) or download the [CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM!](#)

Join ILCRA

Membership with the Illinois Court Reporters Association has its privileges! As a member, you receive exclusive benefits, including:

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[JOIN or RENEW ONLINE](#) or click here for [MAIL IN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please thoroughly complete the information below. This is the information ILCRA will use when contacting you.

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* A valid e-mail address must be supplied in order to receive communications from ILCRA.

B. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Check one.)

ILCRA estimates that 20% of your dues are allocable to lobbying and are, therefore, non-deductible.

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Instructor/School Staff Member - \$50 Vendor/Other - \$60 _____ (Occupation)

Retired - \$40 Student - \$40

I would like to receive a membership certificate by e-mail.

C. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please check if you DO NOT grant permission to publish your contact information in the online Find A Reporter membership directory at www.ILCRA.org.

D. CREDENTIALS (Check all that apply.)

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E. PAYMENT INFORMATION (The dues year is July 1 through June 30. Check, credit card information or payroll deduction card must accompany application. If you are an Illinois State Official and wish to take advantage of the payroll deduction option, contact ILCRA and we will send you a payroll deduction card.)

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Court Reporting Students

Do you have a question you would love to have answered by a working judicial reporter, CART provider or captioner? We know you do, so here's your opportunity! Send in your need-to-know questions and watch this space for an answer from one of ILCRA's members.

Send your questions to Imatson@innovativeamc.com by September 1, 2014, and start looking for answers in the Fall issue of the *Ad Infinitum!*

Questions will be published anonymously; however, please include your full name and e-mail address.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Q. Outside of the advice of practice, practice, practice, what is some extra advice that you wish you would have been told as a student that you think would have helped as you were working to get out of school?

A. You've heard it before: "work smarter, not harder!" If there's a word or phrase that is causing you hesitation and you don't have a brief for it according to your theory, find one! Make one up! You have the creative power to supplement your theory with briefs that make sense to you and make you a faster writer. www.briefpedia.com is a great resource for discovering new briefs. There are also briefs books you can order on Amazon or purchase at other bookstores.

Don't just practice the dictation either, running through it over and over. Identify your trouble spots. What I used to do in school when I got stuck at 160s was stop the practice dictation every time I hesitated or fell behind. I identified what word or phrase was tripping me up. If I didn't have a brief, I practiced the fingering until I got it right. If I came up with a brief, I practiced it until I could remember it

without hesitating. Yes, it's tedious and it's like going back to crawling after you've learn to toddler-walk, but sometimes going back to the fundamentals is the best way to break through to the next level.

A. Attitude is everything in this profession, and that mindset begins in school. The best piece of advice I would give a student is to keep your eye on the ball, stay focused, and don't waste energy on gossip and negativity. These habits will transfer well when you transition into the workplace. This is a very close-knit profession. Many of the students you attend school with today could very well be your colleagues decades later.

A. I would also suggest as part of your "practice" you incorporate deep breathing exercises, stretching of neck, shoulders, and arms, and the ability to get "Zen" quickly, whether that is a short meditation or simply sitting in a washroom stall and taking deep breaths and stretching (oftentimes, on tough jobs, this is the only time you have). This will help you overall in your school career, test-taking experiences, and future profession.



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An Open Letter

From Kathie Grove
ILCRA Treasurer

Dear Members,

I wanted to take a moment to encourage you to renew your membership and also to give you a "Call to Action." ILCRA has been fortuitous to have many loyal members over the years, so I thought you all would be a good place to start this grass roots effort.

As we all are aware, there are many challenges that face our profession at the moment. While ILCRA has not put out much information about what action it is taking to address some of those challenges so as not to publish our "game plan," we are actively working for our membership, and for that matter, for our nonmembers as well. One component of that action was securing our Certified Shorthand Reporter Act for another 10 years. We also are encouraging our membership if they have questions or concerns to contact one of your ILCRA board members personally and we can share with you our thought process and what we have been trying to accomplish.

That being said, we truly need to beef up our membership numbers. Last year we had approximately 474 members; however,

in Illinois as of March we have 2017 CSRs. The juxtaposition of those two numbers is astonishing to me. I know I speak for the entire Executive Board when I say that your Association could be so much stronger in every area if we could accomplish at least 50 percent of all CSRs becoming professional members and joining this grass roots effort to make the Illinois Court Reporters Association a thriving and viable association rather than one that is "limping along" budget-wise. As we all know from our personal and professional lives, we cannot expand programs if we are only maintaining or losing membership.

And if we are to continue to be a viable profession, it is imperative that we bring new students into our schools. ILCRA would love to be a bigger part of that through scholarships and being able to sponsor students to conventions and various education opportunities. This all requires funds.

I'd also like to share a few other little factoids with you (I'm especially talking to our nonmember friends here!) Since I am the treasurer, I thought I'd be remiss if my letter didn't include some numbers.

Cost of Professional Membership in ILCRA:

110.00 per year or \$0.44 per work day. This is based on a 50-week year (everyone needs a vacation!) and five days in the

work week. Seriously, what can you get for 44 cents a day? Throw in a few more cents, and you've beefed up the scholarship fund - and let's get crazy here and throw in a nickel a day more and help us increase our Political Action fund to enable us to better face the issues coming our way.

I don't know about you, but I'm willing to give up a cup or two of coffee or a pack of gum - just don't ask me to give up my Good & Plenty - to be a member of my state professional organization.

So here is your call to action: Please forward this e-mail to as many of your CSR friends as you feel comfortable with. Sometimes we don't know who is or isn't a member of ILCRA, so let's just blitz 'em all!! Encourage them to go to www.ilcra.org and either chose "Renew Membership" or "Join ILCRA."

If you are still with me, I truly appreciate you taking this time. As a working reporter/videographer/business owner, I know it was the last thing you needed to be doing!

P.S. Please consider attending ILCRA's annual convention in Oak Brook this year. It's a win-win: You get your CEU points, gain knowledge relevant to your profession and your everyday work world, AND you support ILCRA!

Thank you!

As many of you know, NCRA Skills Examinations were held around the country on May 3. In Illinois, the exams were held at MacCormac College in downtown Chicago and Midstate College in Peoria. We'd like to extend our thanks to the instructors and administrators at these schools for so graciously hosting the exams. We are also grateful to the Chief Examiners – **Melanie Humphrey-Sonntag** and **Bonni Shuttleworth** in Chicago and **Rita Corson** and **Pat Houlf** in Peoria - who volunteer so much time to make everything run smoothly. Finally, thank you to the many on-site volunteers who help to make it all happen: **Melanie Humphrey-Sonntag**, **Bonni Shuttleworth**, **LaTherese Cooke**, **LeAnn Hibler**, **Deborah Cohen-Rojas**, **Kathie Grove**, and **Peg Sokalski-Dorschack** and her husband **Joe** in Chicago, and **Rita Corson**, **Pat Houlf** and **Teresa Ozuna** in Peoria. Thank you all!

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Veterans History Project News



The Illinois Court Reporters Association has formed a new committee - the Veterans History Project (VHP) Committee. Jill Layton will serve as Chairman and committee members are:

Deb Cohen-Rojas
Jennifer Dunn
Therese Stevens
Linda Snyder
Lucinda Waibel
Celena Moulton

ILCRA is proud to have a VHP link on the website with the recently updated forms required for a Veteran's interview. If you would like to take part in a VHP, 'host' one in your area or even take an interview - one-on-one - with a Veteran, please feel free to contact Jill by email at Jill.LaytonCSR@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please help use your talents to capture these amazing stories of our Veterans.

The stories of ten Veterans were captured by eight court reporters who volunteered their time at the 2014 American Legion Convention in Springfield July 9 - 12. Thank you to **Lesa Rex, Carla Letellier, June Haeme, Amy Prillman Buihr, Debra Cohen-Rojas, Rita Corson, Kent Evans** and **Susan Kempf** for taking part in this rewarding project, as well as **Cherryl Walker**, Coordinator of the VHP for the Illinois State Library. Many VHP brochures were passed out and questions answered. I have had numerous Veterans contact me since I returned from the convention to schedule a Veterans History Project (VHP) in their area at their Post home. Once you do an interview, you will be captivated by the stories told — and you will be hooked! I may be contacting you when there is one in your area!

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Illinois Reporters with New Certifications

ILCRA would like to congratulate member **Gina Lynn Feehan** from Peoria, who became newly certified as an RPR after the April Written Knowledge Tests!

We also congratulate member **Barbara Ann Finn-Figliulo** from Frankfort, and **Christa Yan** from Chicago and **Jill M. Doctor** from Frankfort, all of whom became newly certified as an RPR as well as members **Rosanne M. Nuzzo** from Homer Glen and **Frances M. Ward**, from New Lenox, and **Lisa Heidi Breiter** from Bensenville and **Angela Phipps** from Oswego, all of whom became newly certified as an RMR after the May Skills Tests! Congratulations to all for your achievements!

Check out our Briefs

By **Nancy LaBella, CSR, RMR, CRR**

I was going in a certain direction with this edition of briefs when a colleague shared a list of medical brief forms. I don't do a whole lot of medical writing these days and didn't think I would be that interested -- until I read through them. It is amazing how many of these words come up in "everyday" court reporting. So thank you, Mae and your team of briefers, for sharing the following:

centimeter	SPHAOET	narcotic	TPHARBGT
clinical	KHREUPBL	negative	TPHEUF
contusion	TAOUGS	orthopedic	ORBG
cranial	KRAEUPBL	orthopedist	ORPS
disk	TKEUFBG	outpatient	OUPT
	("F" is used as an "S" sound)	peripheral	PREUFRL
edema	TKAEPL	positive	POEUF
emergency	PH-PBLG	prescribe	PRAOEUB
fatigue	TPAEG	prescription	PREUPGS
finger	TPEURPBG	reflex	R-FL
fracture	TPRAR	rehabilitation	RABLGS
intermittent	TPHR-PLT	surgeon	SURPB
lateral	HRARL	surgery	SURG
laterally	HRAERL	surgical	SURLG
manifest	PH-FS	syndrome	STKROEPL
manifestation	PH-FGS	therapist	THAOERPT
manipulation	PHEUP	x-ray	KPRAEU
medical	PH-L		
medical records	PH-RDZ	and finally:	
medication	PHAEUGS	emergency room	PH-RPL
medicine	PHED	which led to:	
milligram	PH*G	bathroom	PWARPL
millimeter	PH-PL	bedroom	PWERPL
MRI	PHR*EU	living room	HREURPL
muscle	PHUFL	operating room	PR-RPL

Calling All Court Reporters!

ILCRA is putting together a Career Day slide show to communicate to high school students the incredible and exciting career that is Court Reporting, and we need pictures that showcase all the wonderful possibilities that exist! Do you have a picture of a reporter with the sailboats on Lake Michigan in the background? How about one of someone working at an out-of-state or even out-of-country assignment? Does anyone have photos of the many beautiful courthouses in the state? What about images of a captioner at a ballgame or of a CART provider and their consumer? Any picture that shows a reporter at work in the various capacities could be the one that entices a student to look into the court reporting field! You never know what will spark their interest!

Send your pictures in jpg format to Jill Layton at jill.laytoncsr@gmail.com by September 1st so that the slide show can be ready for the next event. The final presentation also will be added to the Career Day Kit on the Resources page on the ILCRA website for all members to use.

Thank you for helping us promote our profession!

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Encourage someone you know to explore
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