

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HPA Members,

Happy Summer everyone! I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather and staying healthy.

As you'll see in our Election News, your Executive Board members are staying the same this year except for our NALA liaison. Thank you, Tony, for putting up with me and doing a wonderful job these past two years. Please welcome Jennifer Kempf as our new NALA liaison! She went to the Convention in Arizona and I am excited to hear her report on it.

We also had our first in person dinner/speaker meeting on June 28th since COVID started. There were a few of us and we ended up having a roundtable with Shelly Walker and Julie Lowrey from Polsinelli Law Firm about being back in the office, working from home or hybrid situations. It was very informative to see what other law firms are doing.

The Executive Board has decided to do hybrid meetings until we can get more attendance for in person meetings, so we will do every other month starting in August with a Zoom lunch and learn and then dinner/speaker meeting the month after. Our first Zoom lunch and learn will be with Elite Investigations LLC. I hope you can attend! If you have any ideas for either dinner speakers or Zoom speakers, please let me know. We are also working on our Annual Seminar and will have details soon. Stay safe and healthy the rest of the summer!

--Marlene Lubowicz

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We want to hear from you!
Share new jobs, promotions,
awards, graduations, etc.

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<https://www.facebook.com/HeartlandParalegalAssociation/>

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**ZOOM
LUNCH &
LEARN**

**Tuesday
August 30 2022
Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

- * **WHAT DOES A PI DO?**
- * **COMBINING PARALEGAL & PI
"KNOW HOW"**
- * **INFO ABOUT ELITE INVESTIGATION**
- * **AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**Great Registration &
Attendance Prizes!!!**



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-----MEMBERSHIP NEWS-----

Lauren Butler, Chair



Current members: 36

Voting - 22
Sustaining - 5
Student - 7
Honorary – 2

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sustaining Member

Stephanie Eckhart, Elite Investigation LLC

Voting Member

Becky Mehrmann, Sanders Warren & Russell LLP

Student Member

Courtney Castro, Kansas City Kansas Community College

- **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- Networking – Connect with other area paralegals at monthly meetings, social events, annual seminar, and community outreach programs.
- Education – HPA provides quality continuing legal education opportunities during monthly meetings and at its annual Fall Seminar.
- Community Outreach – Join other members in serving the Kansas City Community with hands-on volunteer opportunities several times throughout the year.
- Discounted monthly meetings and Fall Seminar
- HPA Headnotes Newsletter
- Job Bank – Get the inside scoop on new jobs in the metro area

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

VOTING MEMBERSHIP - Open to individuals in Kansas City and surrounding areas, who qualify through education and/or experience as a paralegal or legal assistant. Annual membership is \$40.00.

PARALEGAL STUDENT- Open to individuals who are either full-time or part-time students in good standing in any college, junior college, or other school pursuing a course of study as a paralegal.

Visit our About Us page below for additional info and requirements. <https://www.heartlandparalegalassociation.org/Paralegal-Membership-Benefits>

JOIN NOW

<https://www.heartlandparalegalassociation.org/Membership>

Membership Renewals

Already a member? Membership renewal started back on April 1. Watch for your renewal invoice by email, or login at www.heartlandparalegalassociation.org to renew your membership. Please take a few minutes to review and update your membership profile too. Some fields have changed due to website updates.

Are you having trouble paying your membership fee? Please reach out to [Lauren Butler](#) or [Marlene Lubowicz](#).

-----NALA News-----

Jennifer Kempf, NALA Liaison



Nala Conference & Expo Report

By Jennifer Kempf



We're back! Back in person, that is, for the 2022 Annual NALA conference at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona. Even though there were many of us in person, there were others who joined us virtually for this first-ever hybrid event.

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Excitement was in the air, and you could feel it everywhere you went. This was my first year being able to attend in person, and let me tell you, it was amazing! From the positive energy felt around, to all the wonderful new friends, to all the amazing speakers who gave insightful presentations, it was so much fun.

There were many sessions to choose from. A few sessions that stood out to me the most were 1) Police Shootings, Excessive Force, and the Constitution; 2) Social Media and Paralegals – Ethical Pitfalls; and 3) Are you guilty of UPL? Police Shootings, Excessive Force, and the Constitution. This particular session went over the courts’ treatment of police officers’ use of excessive or deadly force in the context of the U.S. Constitution. Social Media and Paralegals – Ethical Pitfalls discussed how to properly use social media without crossing ethical boundaries, basically the do’s and don’ts. Are you guilty of UPL? examined the dangers of unauthorized practice of law, how to determine if it is being done and how to avoid it.

There was so much information crammed into three days, but it didn’t matter, you kept going. I want to send a big thank you to NALA for putting on such an amazing conference, all the sponsors who made the conference happen and to the Marriott for being a gracious host for the conference. If you ever get the chance to go to a national NALA conference, I urge you to do so because you won’t regret it. I can’t wait for next year in Boston.

-----ELECTION NEWS-----



Meet your 2022 – 2023 Executive Board

We had our annual meeting on May 17, 2022, and our executive board nominated a couple of positions from the floor, with some familiar faces returning to resume their roles. Thank you 2021 – 2022 executive board for your service, and welcome to our current board!



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President

Marlene Lubowicz

First Vice President / Membership Chair

Lauren Butler

Second Vice President / Programs Chair

Open – *if interested in applying, please contact [Marlene Lubowicz](#)*

Position Description: The Second Vice President shall automatically be chair of the Programs and Education Committee. These duties shall include planning seminars, workshops, and working with the NALA Liaison in the event of co-sponsoring any of these events with NALA. The Second Vice President shall also be responsible for fulfilling the educational requirements of NALA as set forth in these Bylaws, and shall report such educational events to the NALA Liaison.

Secretary

Nicole Conner

Treasurer

Christi Walker

NALA Liaison

Jennifer Kempf

---COMMUNITY OUTREACH--- **Kate Stuart, Chair**

HPA Summer Community Outreach: HopeBuilders KC

August 27, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: **TBA**

Sign up at heartlandparalegalassociation.org

Please sign up by August 19, 2022



HopeBUILDERS

What They Do

HopeBUILDERS helps qualified homeowners maintain or repair their homes.

HopeBUILDERS is a nonprofit that exists to help low-income older adults and people with disabilities in the Kansas City Metro area live in safe, accessible, and healthy homes . HopeBUILDERS does this by providing accessibility solutions (ramps, door widenings, and bathroom modifications) and other critical home repairs. Through these projects, HopeBUILDERS helps others age in place.

The HopeBUILDERS' philosophy is based on close cooperation between the homeowner, the non-profit and many partner organizations. HopeBUILDERS provides the project management, labor and arranges with partner organizations and donors to secure the project funding.

Who Can Attend:

- HPA members
- Non-member paralegals, legal assistants, and paralegal students are welcome to register

Questions? Contact Kate Stuart at (816) 616-6321 or by email at kstuart@hab-law.com.

-----PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION-----

HPA ANNUAL SEMINAR

Friday, March 31, 2023

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Thompson Barn,
Lenexa, KS



Our annual seminar never disappoints! We'll have several different speakers covering a wide variety of topics, including legal ethics.

We'll need some help putting this together, so keep an eye out for an email from seminar committee!

Registration coming soon!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 27, 2022 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Community Outreach	Summer Community Outreach Volunteering with HopeBuildersKC Location TBD https://www.heartlandparalegalassociation.org/event-4861717
Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Virtual CLE	Lunch & Learn Virtual CLE Speakers: Stephanie Lindquist, Elite Investigations LLC Via Zoom Registration coming soon!
Friday, March 31, 2023 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seminar	Annual HPA Seminar Thompson Barn, Lenexa, KS More information coming soon!

Visit HPA's Events page for more information and to register.
<http://www.heartlandparalegalassociation.org/ParalegalCLEvents>



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