

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HPA Members,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all stayed well and had a good holiday season. As you have probably concluded, we took a couple of months off. But as the new year starts, we would like to get more programs going, starting off with a Happy Hour at the end of February. Details will follow soon and we hope to see you there.

Elections will take place in the late spring, and we need new ideas so if you would like to be a part of planning programs/dinners please get in touch with me or Lauren Butler. Also be on the lookout for our Annual Seminar which will take place at the Thompson Barn in Lenexa on Friday October 27, 2023. We have already started a wonderful line up of speakers.

I realize working from home and with COVID concerns for the past couple of years everyone just wants to stay in, but the Board and I would love to start seeing everyone start coming to our dinners, learn something new and network. Thank you all for being patient with us. See you in February.

--Marlene Lubowicz

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

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STAY CONNECTED




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

Lauren Butler, Chair



Current members: 40

Associate - 2
Voting - 24
Sustaining - 5
Student - 7
Honorary - 2

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Voting Member

Lisa McLellan, Burns Law, LLC

Lisa, we are excited to have you join our organization!

- **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>

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Membership Renewals

Already a member? Membership renewal starts 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 concerned you won't be able to pay the membership fee? Please reach out to [Lauren Butler](#) or [Marlene Lubowicz](#).

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

Jennifer Kempf, NALA Liaison



Happy New Year HPA Members!

Here are the recent happenings at NALA:

1. NALA has a great deal for students - if any HPA student members are not members of NALA they can join under a student membership for \$5 for a limited time (which is normally \$50).
2. Submission to declare your candidacy for the NALA Board of Directors is due March 15, 2023.
3. The annual NALA Conference and Expo is July 12 – 14, 2023 in Boston, MA; for more details, [click here!](#)



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



Message from the Nominations Committee

DEAR HPA MEMBERS:

The current membership year is counting down and it will soon be time for election of a new Executive Board for the 2023-2024 membership year. Our current officers are happy to explain their duties to anyone interested in running for a particular position.

If any member wants to be added to the slate of proposed officers, please contact Marlene Lubowicz or [Lauren Walker](#). We're happy to nominate you from the floor during our annual meeting!

Here is quick review of the nominations and elections process:

- late February / early March 2023: email will be sent with voting information, including proxy holder instruction, to all HPA voting members; a newsletter reporting/review of all candidates will be sent for member review (and is included with this newsletter)
- late March / early April 2023: Proxy holder designations due (if utilized) due date will be noted in email to members.
- April 2023: Annual membership meeting and election of officers
- May 2023 (or date TBD): Executive Board "transition" meeting — outgoing and incoming Board members exchange notebooks and answer questions.

Not ready to commit to the board, but still want to be involved? We have several committees you can help us out with!

- Audit Committee
- Media Committee
- Job Bank Committee
- Bar Liaison Committee
- Nominations/Elections Committee
- Paralegal Program Committee

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

HPA WINTER SOCIAL

Thursday, February 23, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Brew Lab,
Overland Park, KS



[Click here to register!](#)

Looking to get out of the cold and meet some new people? Make some new friends and re-connect with familiar faces at our FREE winter social!

Grab a beer, share some appetizers, and catch up with other paralegals from the Kansas City area.

Non-member paralegals and paralegal students are welcome to join us.



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Winter 2023

HPA ANNUAL SEMINAR

Friday, October 27, 2023

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

Location: Thompson Barn,
Lenexa, KS



Registration coming soon!

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

We've pushed it to this fall, so we can have some extra time to plan.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 23, 2023 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. FREE Social	HPA Winter Social Brew Lab, 7925 Marty St, Overland Park, KS 66204
Friday, October 27, 2023 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seminar	Annual Fall Seminar Thompson Barn, Lenexa, KS More information coming soon!

More events coming soon! Check your email!

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



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