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Message from the President

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of attending the NFPA's Joint Regulation / Leadership / PACE Ambassador Conference along with your NFPA delegates, Primary Deborah L. Arbuckle, Pa.C.P., and Secondary Sherry Barag, Pa.C.P.

All three of us attended the Regulation Conference which was held on Friday, June 4th. We were given a primer on the different types of paralegal regulation, followed by a presentation on the current status of regulation in various states across the country as well as international efforts. Since Pennsylvania now has a voluntary credentialing program, we were pleased to be able to participate in the ensuing discussions and to offer advice to representatives of those states which are just beginning to form alliances for purposes of establishing some type of regulation.

Both the PACE Ambassador and Leadership Conferences were presented on Saturday, June 5th. Sherry took part in the PACE Conference while Deb and I sat in on Leadership. As we sat through the presentations on various aspects of leadership and leader-follower relations, Deb and I were pleased to note that we are already in the process of implementing many of the strategies for organization, retention, and member satisfaction that were being suggested.

When Deb and I later met up with Sherry, she was full of excitement about what she had learned at the PACE Ambassador Conference not only about the PACE exam, but also about the new PCC exam which NFPA hopes to introduce in 2011. Sherry shared with us the ideas that were explored with regard to promoting these exams at the local level.

The purpose of such conferences is to promote leadership at the local level and to encourage camaraderie among all associations in the interest of supporting the paralegal as an individual and as a profession. To that end, we look forward to sharing with our members the insights that were gained as a result of attending these Conferences at a general membership meeting later this year.

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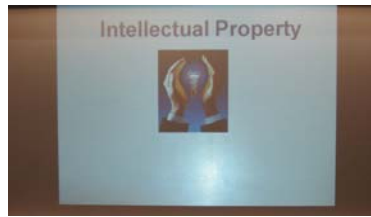
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May 2010 CLE: Intellectual Property by Sherry Barag

Our latest CLE/monthly meeting was held on May 18, 2010 at the law offices of Miller Turetsky Rule & McClennan in Collegeville, PA, where our speaker was Keith B. McLennan, Esquire, a partner of the firm. Mr. McLennan specializes in all types of business law, including intellectual property. We all thank Mr. McLennan for a primer on the world of intellectual property.

Intellectual property is comprised of copyrights, trademarks and service marks, patents and trade secrets.



Copyrights: This form of protection covers the manner in which ideas are expressed, but does not cover the ideas themselves. To obtain copyright protection, a work must be original and fixed in a tangible medium of expression, such as the written word, music, photography, and even choreography. It is also possible to copyright the appearance of useful articles having a function, such as Mickey Mouse ears.

The symbol © plus the year of creation and the identification of the owner is used to place the world on notice of the claim to ownership.

A copyright owner has the right to reproduce the work, prepare derivative works based on the original copyrighted work, distribute copies and perform and/or display the copyrighted work publicly. An owner also has the right to enforce the copyright in the United States and the additional countries who are signatories to the Berne Convention.

The length of copyright protection is generally the life of the author plus 50 years. If it is a work for hire owned by a company, the protection is 75 years from publication.

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Trademarks/Service Marks: A trademark is a word, name, symbol or device, or any combination, used or intended to be used, in commerce to identify and distinguish the goods of one manufacturer or seller from goods manufactured or sold by others, and to indicate the source of the goods. The symbol ™ is used to indicate that rights are claimed in the mark.

A service mark is similar to a trademark, although it refers to services which are provided and are intended to indicate the source of the services. The symbol SM is used to indicate that rights are claimed in the mark.

The symbol ® is used only after registration has been obtained through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and would replace the TM or SM symbols.

To obtain federal protection, a mark must be unique, must be used in connection with the previously-identified goods and/or services, and must be used in interstate commerce.

More information relating to trademarks and/or service marks is available from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at www.uspto.gov.

Patents: A patent is basically a legal monopoly for the exclusive use, manufacture and sale of an invention which is novel, useful and non-obvious. A utility patent is available for “useful” devices”. The term of these patents is 20 years from the date of filing of an application for the patent. A design patent is for the ornamental appearance of a useful or functional article. The term of a design patent is 14 years from the date of issue. A plant patent protects asexually reproduced new varieties of plants.

A designation of “patent pending” should be marked on any device as soon as an application covering the invention is filed. The designation “Patent (insert patent number)” should be marked on the device as soon as the patent is granted.

More information relating to all types of patents and patent protection is available from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at www.uspto.gov.

Trade Secrets: A trade secret is a process, method, plan, formula or other information unique to a manufacturer, which gives it an advantage over competitors. The employer must take reasonable steps to protect the secrecy of this information.

For all of these forms of intellectual property, the owner may enter into an assignment, contract or license which permits another person or company to copy, make and/or sell the item covered. The owner may also sell the intellectual property outright.

There are also procedures established by international treaties to obtain parallel intellectual property in most foreign countries.





Where has the Mentoring Committee Been??

By: Lisa M. LaPenna, Pa.C.P.

On April 13th I spoke to the students at Manor College about my role as a Litigation Paralegal. On May 17th, the MCPA attended the Spring Reception and Networking Event at Peirce College. If you would like to contribute toward the Mentoring Committee or help promote the MCPA to college students, please contact me at llapenna@kaplaw.com or (610) 941-2523.



Congratulations to Michele (Shelly) Geib on the birth of her first grandchild-- Samantha Rose. Shelly is a paralegal at the law firm of Wisler Pearlstine, LLP.



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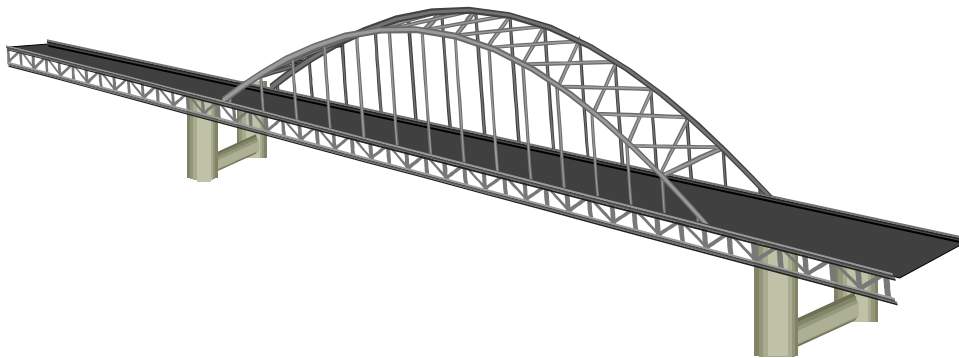
Submitted by NFPA Primary Representative, Debbie Arbuckle, Pa.C.P.

The NFPA Region IV Spring Conference was held in Pittsburgh, PA on April 24, 2010. Sherry Barag, Pa.C.P., and I attended on behalf of MCPA. It was announced at this meeting that just a few days prior, the Bucks County Paralegal Association's application for membership in NFPA had been approved. Welcome, BCPA!

MCPA's student liaison program was highlighted in the course of discussions as to how local associations can interest students. Several local associations expressed interest in our program and have followed up with me to inquire as to how our program is run. It is apparent that the program MCPA has instituted will be a role model for other Region IV associations. It is very fulfilling for the current Board and those who planted the seed for a student liaison program to know that others are looking to our program as a matrix for their own.

There was a PowerPoint presentation regarding the new Paralegal Core Competency Exam ("PCC"). CORE stands for Competent – Organized – Responsible – Ethical. This exam is expected to be rolled out in early 2011 and is geared to recently graduated paralegals and experienced paralegals who may not qualify to take the PACE exam. NFPA is very excited about this new exam.

During the weekend of June 4 through June 6, 2010, NFPA held its Joint Regulation/PACE/Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. I attended along with Sherry Barag, Pa.C.P. and Debbie Long, Pa.C.P. We all gained a wealth of insight into the topics discussed and are planning to present a short seminar at a General Membership meeting, hopefully sometime in the Fall.





Persuading the Jury : Trial Presentation Techniques

By: Lisa M. LaPenna, Pa.C.P.

On April 21, 2010, Lou Verrelli, Sr., Vice President with DiscoveryWorks Global, spoke to the MCPA about various trial techniques. I found the topic to be extremely interesting because we're in a world where technology is drastically changing.

In the legal process, we are searching for ways to present the information in a way, which will be understood by our audience. DiscoveryWorks Global provides creative, compelling multimedia presentations of evidence, supplied by the attorneys, at legal proceedings in order to help a judge and/or jury better understand complex issues in a case.

Lou provided the group with numerous suggestions. He indicated that we should make our case compelling by telling a story and to keep in mind who our subject/audience is. The legal team should determine what evidence you are allowing – what will your audience understand/not understand. You should ask yourself the following questions: when did the key events occur, when should I introduce exhibits, where did the evidence come from, where is my presentation equipment in the courtroom?

Courtroom technology. For Judges, technology can increase opportunities to control proceedings, set time limits, and speed up the flow of a trial. For jurors, it can increase sense of participation and improve the understanding of the facts while staying interested. The foundation of courtroom technology is to display, draw attention to, and enhance the matter.

Persuading the modern juror – understand your audience's learning style. There are three learning styles: visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. Two-thirds of any jury are visual learners and two-thirds of all lawyers are auditory. Seventy-five (75) percent of what we know comes to us visually. Visual should be believable and understandable. The rules for visual aids are color, visual interest, and motion (i.e. PowerPoint).

The three D's are Documents, Depositions, and Demonstrative Exhibits.

There are presentation styles from Old School to High Tech. Old School is paper exhibits, poster board blowups (which are large and clumsy), copies – all of which are difficult to navigate. Mid Tech would be a document projector/screen or PowerPoint. High Tech is the presentation

software such as digitized exhibits, deposition video excerpts, animation, multiple plasma or LCD monitors.

Evaluate your courtroom's layout – is there a war room to store the equipment. Find out if the room is electronically capable, which side is bringing the equipment, and you may want to suggest to opposing counsel to split the fees regarding the technology. Bring your presentation software, know who is operating the presentation system (hot seat operator), have a backup plan – make sure you have several copies of exhibits and bring equipment in duplicate. If you have any questions regarding the courtroom layout, you can contact the clerk in that court's county.

In summary, Trial Consulting services include strategy and planning, presentation, design and creation, trial exhibit preparation and scanning, analog to digital audio/video conversion, video and text synchronization, electronic courtroom setup, audio and video equipment for the courtroom, consulting, and courtroom presentation.

(Event hosted by Streamlight, Inc. with dinner and sponsored by Varallo Alfe Reporting)



MCPA APPAREL, MUGS and TOTES

MCPA long-sleeved t-shirts and short-sleeved polo shirts are still available. The long-sleeve shirts are \$10 and the short-sleeve shirts are \$20. Show your MCPA spirit by purchasing a shirt (or two).

MCPA coffee (or tea, or hot chocolate) mugs and re-usable MCPA Totes are also still available! Each at a low cost of \$5. Show off your MCPA spirit in the office with a new mug and in the community with a tote bag or two.

All MCPA spirit items will be available at the general membership meetings or you may contact Christine Horace at chorace@good-lawyer.com.



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Ro Fedorka, Chairperson

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PARALEGAL WEEK
July 26-30, 2010

PARALEGAL DAY
July 30, 2010

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WHEREAS, paralegals are highly educated, trained, and experienced professionals with expertise in legal and case research, interviewing clients and witnesses, legal and correspondence writing, and other critical areas of successful and efficient law practices; and

WHEREAS, the value of talented paralegals is often overlooked by the general public, but their worth is never underestimated by the lawyers and firms for which they work; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations, along with other associations, is dedicated to the advancement of the paralegal profession through education, a network of support, and raising public awareness and appreciation.

THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim July 26-30, 2010, PARALEGAL WEEK, and July 30, 2010, PARALEGAL DAY throughout our Commonwealth.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

Edward G. Rendell

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor



MCPA AND THE MILITARY OUTREACH PROGRAM



Dear Colleagues,

For the past several years, the Montgomery County Paralegal Association has joined the NFPA in supporting our colleagues that are serving our country in combat zones around the world. Many of these paralegals are reservists that have left their safe and secure homes and families to defend our way of life. These military paralegals are from each and every branch of the military. In an effort to show our appreciation and support, MCPA has been sending care packages on your behalf to Iraq and some to Afghanistan. Recently, the program has been revised in an effort to support more of our colleagues. Instead of being assigned an individual to send the packages to, we are now supporting a JAG (Judge Advocate General) office of paralegals so that no one in that office is left out.

I have been given the honor of continuing to coordinate those packages for our troops. Please visit the MCPA website (www.montcoparalegals.org) for suggested donations for the package. It is my hope that we will get enough donations to be able to send an extra package now and then to help lift the moral of our troops. As a veteran, I cannot tell you how much mail and packages mean to those away from home. Please DO NOT send any items that can be considered obscene or even questionable in any way and DO NOT send anything that contains pork or a pork byproduct. The troops must respect the customs of the country where they are stationed.

I have placed my contact information below so that anyone wishing to donate will be able to reach me. Feel free to contact me at any time. Items may also be given to Board members. Thank you so much for your support of MCPA and the Military Outreach Program.

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The State Library of Pennsylvania is in the process of compiling a list of researchers, who, for remuneration, would be willing to do legal research within the legal parameters of what a paralegal can do. They are now in the process of soliciting people willing to be listed and who accept their framework for inclusion. If you would be willing to provide them a list of people, with their email address and/or phone numbers, please forward that information to Martha Ruff, mruff@state.pa.us, to see if he or she would be willing to participate. The State Library had a list on paper many years ago, and is excited that they can offer this service to the citizens of Pennsylvania on the public PDE website (State Library link).

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/genealogy_local_history/8730/pennsylvania_researchers_state_library/524107

Suggestions for helpful websites always needed.
Please submit to Tracey Barnes at tbarnes@dbyd.com.

Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations (KAPA) **News of Note**

The MCPA is a member of the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations (“KAPA”), a professional organization comprised of paralegal organizations located throughout Pennsylvania. The member associations represent in excess of 1,400 paralegals of varying backgrounds, experience, education, and job responsibilities, reflecting the diversity of the paralegal profession. The Keystone Alliance was formally established in 1995 from groundwork laid in the 1980's by the paralegal associations in Pennsylvania.

Be sure to visit KAPA’s web site for more updates at <http://www.keystoneparalegals.org/>.



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2. Applicant must be a legal resident of the United States of America;
3. Applicant must satisfy Education/Experience or Grandfathering requirements;
4. Applicant must submit declarations from one (1) attorney in good standing with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania who will attest to his/her direct knowledge of the Applicant's skill level and his/her work as a Paralegal;
5. A Paralegal making application under work experience only must submit declarations from two (2) attorneys; and
6. Certified copy of Applicant's official transcript(s) from the educational institution(s) attended OR a letter from the education institution(s) attended indicating the dates of the Applicant's attendance and the date(s) of the Applicant's graduation OR a copy of the Diploma/Certificate received by the Applicant from the education's institution(s) attended. Certified Legal Assistants ("CLA"), Certified Paralegals ("CP"), Registered Paralegals ("RP"), or Paralegals holding another Paralegal credential approved and recognized by the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations need only submit a copy of their original credential certification and their current letter of good standing. Applicants who are making application for certification under work experience only, do not need to submit transcripts or Diplomas/Certificates.

GRANDFATHERING PROVISION:

Prior to June 30, 2012, Applicant must meet one (1) of the following criteria:

1. Bachelor's Degree in Paralegal Studies from an ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND one (1) year of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
2. Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND a Certificate/Associate's Degree from an ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND one (1) year of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
3. Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND three (3) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
4. Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies AND three (3) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
5. Certificate from an ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND three (3) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
6. Associate's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND five (5) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
7. Certificate from a non-ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND five (5) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
8. Seven (7) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
9. Designation of CLA, CP or RP or other Paralegal credential approved and recognized by the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations AND two (2) years of substantive Paralegal experience.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

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3. Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND three (3) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
4. Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies from a Paralegal Program AND five (5) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
5. Certificate from a Paralegal Program AND five (5) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
6. Designation of CLA, CP or RP or other Paralegal credential approved and recognized by the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations AND two (2) years of substantive Paralegal experience.

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- Examination – No exam at this time.
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Paralegals receive two major benefits by taking PACE. The exam

(www.paralegals.org -- NFPA's Official Website)

- provides a fair evaluation of the competencies of paralegals across practice areas; and
- creates a professional level of expertise by which all paralegals can be evaluated.

PACE presents a bold opportunity to all paralegals to advance the profession. This exam provides hard facts about the competency of experienced paralegals. While PACE does not address all the issues of regulation, including certification and licensing, it does provide the legal service industry with an option to evaluate the competency level of experienced paralegals.

As members of a self-directed profession, all paralegals should consider the vital role the profession performs within the legal service industry. PACE is independently monitored and well-structured. PACE provides test results across practice areas and, possibly, state-specific laws. While the test is offered on a voluntary basis, all experienced paralegals are encouraged to sit for the exam.

NFPA® is committed to ensuring the paralegal profession responds to the changing needs of the public and legal service industry. In voting to develop PACE, NFPA's membership took a bold step toward addressing the future issues facing the profession.

Lexis-Nexis has sponsored a twenty minute presentation on paralegals which highlights PACE and can be ordered from the [PACE Merchandise](#) page. For more information on Lexis-Nexis newsletter [click here](#).



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MCPA

Below are the names and contact information for the Chairpersons of the various MCPA committees. If you have an idea or would like to volunteer, please contact a Chairperson! The Fundraising and Public Relations Committees are newly formed and are actively seeking new committee members.

Membership

Coordinate membership drives and membership matters

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Newsletter

Solicit and write articles; layout and editing for the bi-monthly newsletter, MCPA Today

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Job Bank

Solicit, accumulate, and distribute current job postings to the general membership

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Solicit sponsors and advertisers for MCPA

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Public Relations

Promote the MCPA in the legal and general Community

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Planning

Plan and schedule upcoming MCPA presentations, meetings and social events

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Terri Hall
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Community Outreach

Plan and schedule MCPA charitable and community events

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Roberta Fedorka
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Fundraising

Organize and hold fundraisers for the Association and/or charitable organizations

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Mentoring

Provide a range of services and support to students interested in a paralegal career

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Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

Theodore Roosevelt

MCPA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS MAY

New Sponsor: Cal U sent in \$750.00 for a Gold Sponsorship

Treasurer's Report:

Ro Fedorka reported the current balance is \$13,771.27
NFPA dues will be paid in the amount of \$2810 later this month.

Planning Committee – A meeting was held on April 26, 2010. Several plans are in the works for the Fall 2010 General Membership Meetings:

- September 2010 – Health Seminar
- October 2010 – Billing techniques and buzzwords
- November 2010 – Election Meeting
- December 2010 – Holiday Social Event

Scholarship Committee– A meeting was held on May 12th. The committee would like the scholarships to be awarded at this year's election meeting. Three scholarships @ \$250 will be awarded. More information from Beth will follow.

2010 Elections -

Terms are up for the following officers: Sherry Barag, Christine Horace, Linda Brearey (Secretary), and Debbie Long (President). Sherry plans to run again for 2011. Debbie, Christine and Linda will not.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/24/10 Summer Social – Justin's in Skippack

10/7/10 – 10/10/10 NFPA 2010 Convention – Philadelphia, PA





And now a word from our sponsors...

Actually, a word *about* our sponsors. The relationship between the MCPA and its sponsors offers mutual benefits.

Benefits to the MCPA

The support we receive from our sponsors allows us to carry out Association functions, offer free CLE's, and participate in the development of the paralegal profession not only locally, but also at the statewide and national levels. Additionally, we have a pool of expert resources readily available if, for instance, we need to obtain a Certificate of Merit, develop a Life Care Plan, schedule a deposition, or suggest a resource for assistance with legal staffing.

Benefits to Our Sponsors

Sponsors of the MCPA have a direct link to the legal community. Information distributed at our general membership meetings can be shared with attorneys, office managers, and coworkers who may have a need for the specific services offered. Direct advertising is available through *MCPA Today*, and sponsor and vendor links are readily accessible through our website.

What Can You Do?

Check the MCPA website on a regular basis so that you know who our sponsors are. Then, share this information – as well as information you receive at our general membership meetings – with those in your office who have a need for these services. Be sure to have them mention the MCPA when they call so that the provider knows the work came through us and will be likely to renew their sponsorship next year.

Don't see one of your office's service providers on our website? Could this service provider benefit from a relationship with the MCPA? Let us know! Send an e-mail to Debbie Long at dlong@dbyd.com or Debbie Arbuckle at darbuckle@kaplaw.com. If the service provider becomes a sponsor of the MCPA, you will receive a \$25 debit card!

“This is your organization. The more involved you are, the more you will benefit from your membership.” Sharon Jones, founding President of MCPA, 1999



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO MCPA MEMBERS

Do you own your own business? Consider advertising in the *MCPA Today*.

Advertising rates offered to MCPA members are as follows:

¼ page \$15 per issue

Business Card \$8 per issue

Commit to a full year and receive one ad for free!

Complete the information below and submit along with your advertisement to Tracey L. Barnes, RP, Pa. C.P., tbarnes@dbyd.com (Word or JPEG format preferred, PDF format accepted). Payments should be mailed to MCPA, PO Box 1765, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422.

Member Name _____

Member E-Mail _____

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Business Name _____

Number of Issues _____

*All submissions are subject to Board review and approval.

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