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IT'S ELECTION TIME!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kimberly Dilks—Villanova University

Robyn Barbell-Widener University Delaware Law School

Robyn Barbell — Student Member

Mary Fuchs-Student at Rasmussen College

ATTENTION

Credential Renewal Reminder

*NFPA PACE Registered Paralegals *NFPA CRP Certified Registered Paralegals Pa.C.P. Credentialed Paralegals

Do your Credentials expire between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020?

The Keystone Alliance Paralegal Association has granted waivers which extend the deadline to renew.

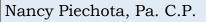
*extension does not extend to NFPA: RP's and CRP's

If your credentials expire October, November, and December

NOW is the time to submit your renewal application and proof of CLE.

For more information, visit: RP and CRP – <u>www.paralegals.org</u> or Pa.C.P. – <u>www.keystoneparalegals.org</u>

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS!





Nancy is a Paralegal at the law firm of Mannion Prior, LLP in King of Prussia. Nancy also serves as Chair of the Marketing Committee. She lives in Berks County and rescue dogs.



Noreen Messmer, Pa. C.P.

Noreen is a Paralegal with the law firm of Ford & Buckman, P.C. in Blue Bell and has worked with Sarah Ford, Esquire for over 40 years. She has been a Board member since 2010 and also serves on the Hospitality/ Planning Committee. Noreen lives in Blue Bell and is the mother of three and Nana to three granddaughters.



Dana Joana, Pa. C.P.

Dana has been an active member since 2013. Dana assists in the areas of Civil Defense Litigation, Medical Malpractice, Legal Malpractice and Personal Injury defense at the Kane Pugh Knoell Troy & Kramer, LLP law firm since 2013.



Lisa Effrig Lagreca—Municipal Paralegal

Lisa's focus is in municipal law with a background in Intellectual Property. Lisa currently works for Dischell Bartle & Dooley. As a member of MCPA since 2017, Lisa currently sits on the Board and is its Newsletter Editor.

OCTOBER 2020 CLE Seminar

| When: | October 22, 2020 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | 6:00 p.m. |
| Where: | Via Webinar |
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| Topic and Speaker: | PRIMER ON THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TORT CLAIMS ACT |
| | (Part Two of a Two-Part Series)* |
| | Presented by |
| | Christopher M. Horn, Esquire |
| | Fowler Hirtzel McNulty & Spauling LLP |
| | **Applying for approval of CLE 1.0 (S) by NFPA and Keystone Alliance** |
| | *You do not need to have attended Part 1 to attend Part 2. |
| | <u>Free</u> for MCPA Members |
| Cost: | \$10.00 for NFPA affiliated members (evidence required) |
| | \$20.00 for non-members MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF CHILDREN & YOUTH |
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| | (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1668FD8RG09L6?ref =wl share) |
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| RSVP: | To register please visit: |
| | Link to be provided |
| | For any questions, please contact: |
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Board Highlights

The Board met for the first time in person since the COVID outbreak on October 1, 2020.

Membership at the time of the meeting stands at 103 members. The Association has been receiving new members despite the COVID-19 closures.

The September webinar went very well. The Planning Committee is working on another webinar for November to be held in the evening. The 2020 Breakfast meeting has been postponed until 2021.

The Membership Committee will be preparing a membership directory to be distributed to the members of the Association.

NFPA will be holding their annual convention virtually this year. Donald Bristol, RP, Pa.C.P. has been nominated for the position of Region IV Director which is our region of NFPA. NFPA will also be discussing the implementation of new policies and procedures and revising the NFPA Bylaws. There is also an agenda topic regarding modifying the CRP and RP eligibility to include a substitution for LLLT certifications. The Board will discuss this modification in further prior to convention upon review of additional details.

The Board voted unanimously to keep 2021 membership rates the same as 2020.

If you have any questions or comments regarding any of the Board items mentioned above, or any items you would like the Board to discuss, please contact Dana Jorna (djorna@kanepugh.com) or any Board Member

The Board will meet again in person at the law office of Dischell, Bartle & Dooley, on November 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

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Dana is a Litigation Paralegal at the law firm Kane Pugh Knoell Troy & Kramer, LLP. She has been a member of the Montgomery County Paralegal Association since 2013, and a board member since 2018. More recently, she has become the MCPA's Job Bank Coordinator and co-chair of the Community Outreach & Pro Bono committee.

Tracey Barnes, Pa.C.P.-Vice President

Dischell Bartle & Dooley P.C. (215)362-2474 <u>MCPAvp@gmail.com</u>

Tracey is a Paralegal at the law firm of Dischell Bartle & Dooley P.C. in its Lansdale office. She has been an active member since the organizations inception in 1999 and has been a Board Member, Secretary, Treasurer and President. She is currently the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations Credentialing Chair. In 2017, she was appointed as the CLE-Associations Co-Coordinator for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA).



Christopher Gregg—Treasurer

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Chris works for the law firm, Kane, Pugh, Knoell, Troy & Kramer as a Paralegal. He has been an active board member for the past 3 years and serves as its Social Media Committee Chair. Chris was born and raised in Willow Grove and still resides there with his family and their dachshund Queenie.



Deborah L. Arbuckle, Pa.C.P.—Secretary

Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein (610) 941-2573 MCPAsteno@gmail.com

Deb is a Paralegal at the law firm Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein in its Blue Bell office. She has been a member of the Montgomery County Paralegal Association since 2003, serving as a board member from 2007 through 2011. Debbie has also co-chaired the MCPA Marketing Committee and currently co-chairs the Pro Bono and Community Outreach Committee. She has served as the primary delegate for the MCPA to the National Federation of Paralegal Associations for 10 years.

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Noreen Messmer, Pa.C.P.

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Trista L. Davis, Pa.C.P.



is Trista an Estates Administration Paralegal at Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys in Wyomissing. She attended Pennsylvania Central College completing the Paralegal Program and graduated in 2009. In 2014, she received her Pa.C.P.certification through the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Association. Trista lives in Douglassville with her husband and son.



Lisa Effrig Lagreca

Lisa is a Municipal Paralegal at the law firm of Dischell Bartle & Dooley P.C. in its Lansdale office. She recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bucks County Community College's Paralegal Program and attends Pierce College. Lisa is a mother of four and grandmother and has been a member of the MCPA since 2018.

Jennifer L. Echikson, Pa.C.P.



Jenn is a Family Law Paralegal at the law firm of Dischell Bartle & Dooley P.C. in its Lansdale office. She graduated from Peirce College in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies. She became a certified paralegal through the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Association in 2015. Jenn is on the planning and outreach committees for the MCPA and is also membership chair of the Family Law Paralegals of Pennsylvania.

Karen D. Manzanares



Karen is a Law Clerk for Attorney Michelle A. Fioravanti and recently became a realtor. After graduating from Villanova University she spent 22 years as a law clerk for the Governor's Office, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Chief Counsel in King of Prussia. Page 8

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