

MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

**RE: Montgomery County Paralegal Association 2023 Membership Drive**

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your membership and interest in MCPA during 2022.

We currently have approximately 102 members who work in law firms, corporations, banks, life insurance companies, our local courthouses, nonprofit organizations, as well as freelance and virtual paralegal positions.

The MCPA continues to maintain its membership with the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations and the National Association of Paralegal Associations so that the MCPA may continue working to promote the paralegal profession in Pennsylvania and across the country.

It is once again time for our annual membership drive. For 2023 dues received by February 10, 2023, are \$80 for Voting Members, \$65 for Associate Members, \$35 for Student Members. For renewals received after that date, the fees increase by \$5 to \$85 for Voting Members, \$70 for Associate Members, and \$40 for Student Members. MCPA annual dues include the yearly membership dues to the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. and the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations.

MCPA is currently accepting membership renewals and payments via our website ([www.montcoparalegals.org](http://www.montcoparalegals.org)). If you are currently a Voting, Associate or Student member and wish to renew in the same classification, you may either complete the three-page form attached with this letter or complete your renewal electronically via the website.

If you wish to change membership categories, you may either complete the Application electronically via the website or print out and complete an Application for Membership form which is found on the website.

Please return your completed form and/or your membership dues check made payable to "MCPA" to Montgomery County Paralegal Association, PO Box 1765, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Return your Renewal Form by February 10, 2023, to ensure that you remain on our mailing list and ListServ.

New Members are always welcome. Please feel free to copy and share this mailing with your colleagues and friends who may be interested in the MCPA.

Remember to check the Association's website frequently as we update the website regularly with Association news and events. Also check us out on Facebook and LinkedIn.

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*Tracey L. Barnes*

Tracey L. Barnes, RP, Pa. C.P.  
Chairperson, Membership Committee

**MCPA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

I would like to renew my membership for 2023 as follows:

- Voting Member:** Any person currently employed as a paralegal, legal assistant or any equivalent position and/or who performs paralegal duties as the primary work activity shall be eligible for membership as a "Voting Member".  
*\$80 on or before 2/10/2023; \$85 after 2/10/2023*
  
- Associate Member:** Any person who has **recently graduated** from a formal course of study, upon the completion of which such person is qualified to be employed as a paralegal; Any person whose **primary responsibilities and job classification are not paralegal but does perform paralegal duties on a limited basis (full time paralegals do not qualify as Associate Members and must apply as Voting Members)**; Any person previously employed as a paralegal or equivalent position, subject to approval of the Board and Membership Committee.  
*\$65 on or before 2/10/2023; \$70 after 2/10/2023.*
  
- Student Member:** Any person who is enrolled in a formal course of study, upon completion of which such person would be qualified to be employed as a paralegal, shall be eligible for membership as a "student member". Applicant **must provide** written verification of enrollment by the Director of Program (form attached) or a copy of current registration.  
*\$35 on or before 2/10/2023; \$40 after 2/10/2023.*
  
- Dual Member:** Any person who is a member, whether voting, student, or associate, of another NFPA state or county affiliated paralegal association and whose membership dues to NFPA have been paid through such other association for the current year. **You cannot choose MCPA as your Primary Association to enroll in this category.**

If applying for a Dual Membership you must include the name of the other NFPA Affiliated Association to which you are a member.

- Dual Voting \$55 before 2/10/2023; \$60 after 2/10/2023*
- Dual Associate \$40 before 2/10/2023; \$45 after 2/10/2023*
- Dual Student \$30 before 2/10/2023; \$35 after 2/10/2023*

Name of other NFPA-affiliated paralegal association: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for confirmation purposes: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of President or Membership Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, have a new e-mail address or changed jobs, please let us know so we can update your records.

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All Voting and Student Members may chair or be a member of any MCPA committee. If you are interested in joining or gathering further information about any of MCPA's Committees, please check any of the following and the Committee Chair will contact you to discuss.

- \_\_\_ **NEWSLETTER:** Prepare Association newsletters consisting of information from committees and any other material which is determined to be of value to the general membership; solicit and write articles for newsletter; review newsletters from other associations
  
- \_\_\_ **PACE/CRP:** Led by PACE/CRP Coordinator, who is the liaison between MCPA and NFPA on all PACE- and CRP-related issues. Responsible for organizing PACE and CRP Study Groups, obtaining and distributing PACE and CRP information and materials to members, and keeping the Board and General Membership apprised of PACE and CRP developments.
  
- \_\_\_ **PLANNING/CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Organize and promote monthly general membership meetings on a variety of topics throughout the year. Responsible for preparation and issuance of CLE certificates after monthly meetings and obtaining appropriate pre-approval of post-approval for same. Responsible for creating and promoting continuing education seminars during the year.
  
- \_\_\_ **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Assist in identifying worthy organizations in the Montgomery County area for collections of food, clothing, gift cards at the MCPA general membership meetings and special holiday collections. The MCPA also organizes volunteer opportunities for members, such as helping to serve at Manna on Main, "cheerleading" at Villanova University's Special Olympics Fall Fest. Ideas for new volunteer opportunities are always welcome.
  
- \_\_\_ **MARKETING:** Assists other committees with the promotion and funding of Association meetings, seminars and other activities. Solicits sponsors for the Association as well as advertisement for the newsletter. Find those sponsors where the benefits of their sponsorship would be beneficial to Association as well as the sponsor.
  
- \_\_\_ **MEMBERSHIP:** Responsible for maintaining membership database for new and renewing members, effecting the annual membership drive, and preparing welcome packets for new members as well as developing programs to promote membership
  
- \_\_\_ **JOB BANK:** Maintain contact with all associations in Pennsylvania and surrounding states as well as periodically contact area businesses in relation to paralegal job openings; disseminate information to MCPA members requesting notification of employment opportunities.
  
- \_\_\_ **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Assist other committees with promotion of activities, seminars, meetings, activities, etc.; advertise and prepare press releases to the legal community and general public on MCPA functions or activities; organize and coordinate community outreach activities; maintain and update any association brochures; prepare a list of resources and maintain documents, banner and promotional items for distribution as needed.
  
- \_\_\_ **WEBSITE:** Shall provide timely information to members, the paralegal profession and the general public through MCPA's website. The committee will also be responsible for website maintenance such as providing updates, removing any dated material and adding pertinent current material as well as monitor MCPA's Email Account

Please give us your comments and suggestions so that we can work towards making 2020 another great year.

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\_\_\_ Check here if you do **not** want your contact information available to other vendors and/or companies other than the Montgomery County Paralegal Association and the National Federation of Paralegal Associations.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION AND THAT ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION. I AM AWARE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND/OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL REVIEW THIS APPLICATION.** I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts requested is cause for the disqualification for membership in the Montgomery County Paralegal Association.

**IF ACCEPTED, I WILL BE PLACED ON THE ASSOCIATION'S MAILING LIST AND LISTSERV. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE AND THAT I MEET THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND THOSE OF THE CATEGORY FOR WHICH I AM APPLYING. I AGREE TO NOTIFY THE ASSOCIATION OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR CHANGE IN MY STATUS THAT AFFECTS THE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP APPLIED FOR ON THIS APPLICATION.**

*\*\*Renewal dues are payable annually.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day): \_\_\_\_\_

Current email address at work: \_\_\_\_\_

Current email address at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail application and check to:                   Montgomery County Paralegal Association  
  PO Box 1765  
  Blue Bell, PA 19422

***\*Please make checks payable to: "Montgomery County Paralegal Association"***

*All information provided is subject to verification and approval.*

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FOR ASSOCIATION USE ONLY

Dues Payment Received:                   Amount:                   Date of Board Approval:

Membership Category:                   Check#:

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION (MCPA)**

**VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT**

MCPA endeavors to insure that its members maintain a high level of education and integrity. For our records, please verify the following information, to the best of your knowledge, information and belief:

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby verify that  
*Print Title*

\_\_\_\_\_ is currently enrolled in an ABA approved program  
*Student Name*

and/or a program which meets AAFPE institutional membership standards at \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Institution*

I further verify that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Name*

Anticipates graduating in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Month/Year*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date