



“EMBRACING CHANGE”

**VCRA ANNUAL MEETING
AND CONVENTION
MARCH 9 - 11, 2012**

at

**Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

The Hotel Cut-Off Date for The Group Rate is February 8, 2012

2012 VCRA ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION AGENDA

Friday, March 9th

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Zumba Fitness - Session 1 (.10 CEUs-VCRA)

Emily Budd, RN will instruct the latest dance craze - Zumba- A Latin Inspired Aerobic Routine. Zumba is a unique, fun way to get a full body workout and to get in shape - a great way to start the weekend.

(Emily holds a BS in Nursing from the University of Virginia and is a family practice nurse in Charlottesville. She studied Cecchetti ballet for 13 years in Northern Virginia and continued her dance training at UVA with Rhapsody Dance Ensemble. Emily also taught ballet and lyrical dance for 7 years. After an injury took her away from dance, she became a certified Zumba instructor which allows her to continue to use her dance background to inspire students to get a full body workout.)

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Welcome Reception and Early Registration. Hors d'oeuvres served. Cash bar

Friday Total Points .10 CEUs (VCRA)

0.00 POINTS (NCRA & NVRA)

Saturday, March 10th

7:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Vendors Available

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (includes a 15-minute break/visit with Vendors)

Embracing Change Session 2 (.30 CEUs/3.0 CEs)

Anita Paul Johnston

TOPICS:

Confidence and competence-building techniques
How to handle difficult attorneys/judges, etc. (What to say when...)
Strategies to realtime mumblers, foreign accents, people talking on top of each other, talking too soft, etc.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Session 3**

**Lunch, Annual Business Meeting & Elections/
NCRA Representative-National Update**

(.10 CEUs/1.0 CEs)

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Pathology and How It Relates to You

Session 4

(.15 CEUs/1.5 CEs)

Lisa Phelps, PA

Have you transcribed cases and simply been curious about what the disease or organ looks like? Let's take a look inside the human body to help give you a basic foundation in human anatomy and terminology that will help make your job a little easier.

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Break /Visit with Vendors

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Embracing Change Session 5

(.15 CEUs/1.5 CEs)

Anita Paul Johnston

CART and Captioning Overview

Saturday Total Points

7.0 CEs (NVRA) & .70 CEUs (NCRA & VCRA)

Sunday, March 11th

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet, Installation of Officers & Awards

7:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Vendors Available**

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Embracing Change Session 6

(.15 CEUs/1.5 CEs)

Anita Paul Johnston

Writing techniques to conquer

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break/Visit with Vendors

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

It's your legacy. Pass it on! Session 7 (.15 CEUs/1.5 CEs)

Diane Gray

Recently, Diane joined the online [Living Legacy Project](#) to record her lifestories. As she progressed within the site, she realized how little is written about the everyday lives of court reporters. So to not lose these memories, she created a group specifically for the VCRA where we can collectively write and share our unique experiences. Diane will be showing you more about the [Living Legacy Project](#).

Sunday Total Points

3.0 CEs (NVRA) & .30 CEUs (NCRA & VCRA)

POINTS AWARDED FOR THE ENTIRE CONVENTION

VCRA - 1.1 CEUs

NCRA - 1.0 CEUs

NVRA - 10 CEs

(Stay tuned to our website at www.vcra.net for convention updates)

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send your Registration Form and payment to:

Virginia Court Reporters Association

P. O. Box 3325

Portsmouth, VA 23701

REGISTER BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND RECEIVE A \$25 DISCOUNT AS WELL

AS ANOTHER TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2011

(Double check with your accountant)

If you have any questions please contact
Colette Boes, Executive Director of VCRA

Tel: 757-646-3294

Email: executivedirectorcb@cox.net

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Registration Form Continued

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

**Register before December 31, 2011 and receive a \$25 discount
as well as another tax deduction for 2011**

(Double check with your accountant)

(Mail-ins must be postmarked by December 31, 2011)

REGISTRATION FEES

VCRA Member

- Whole Convention - \$275.00
 Saturday Only - \$200.00

Non-Member

- Whole Convention - \$325.00
 Saturday Only - \$250.00

Student:

- Whole Convention - *complimentary
 Saturday Only - *complimentary

Non-reporter/Guest(s):

- Whole Convention - \$150.00
 Saturday Only - \$100.00

*Contact Colette Boes for details.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration form and payment must be received by Thursday, March 1, 2012

After March 1, add \$25.00 to all rates

On-Site Registration – All Rates Add \$35.00

Please check the association(s) that you will be applying CEUs towards:

VCRA NCRA NVRA Other: _____

PAYMENT:

Check: Please make check payable to VCRA

Credit Card

Name on Card: _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Please Circle: Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!!!

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Anita Paul Johnston, CSR, CRR, CPE, CRI, CBC, CCP, CSP

Anita has been a certified court reporter since 1974. She served as an official in the Los Angeles municipal and superior courts for over 17 years, became a freelancer in 1992, and during her 17 years as an official taught court reporting at night school for about 12 years. In 1991, she was instrumental in creating the first complete CIC (computer integrated courtroom) in the State of California, including video synchronization. During that time Anita developed her passion for realtime and quality realtime skills as she reported back-to-back realtime dailies with her partner for over a year.

Anita underwent the process of transforming her own writing, and she provided numerous presentations and trainings to fellow court reporters for two years. In 1992, Anita combined her expertise and extensive realtime theory research to create Anita Paul Realtime Seminars and Workshops, a subsidiary of Anita Paul International. Her company provides inspirational and content-driven Realtime workshops, seminars, keynotes, peak performance strategies, and attorney presentations. Anita has presented in Europe, Africa, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Asia, Trinidad, Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, and of course the United States. Anita has successfully presented at numerous NCRA and state conventions and has provided extensive trainings for local, state, national, and international governmental agencies.

Anita has been a member of the National Speakers Association since 1995 and has mastered her presentation and teaching skills to earn her the reputation as a world-class speaker and trainer. She utilizes the most current cutting-edge techniques, and her genuine love for her work, together with her witty humor, creates a fun and inviting learning environment. Anita has written books, produced numerous tape and CD training series, and has expanded her realtime workshops to include seminars on advancing technologies, transition to C.A.R.T. and Broadcast Captioning, and an effective seminar for attorneys on creating an exceptional record. In 2007 Anita achieved the highest speaking honor one can earn in the National Speakers Association, the Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) designation.

Anita has recently expanded her programs to include Personal and Business TeleCoaching. People can work through challenges and difficult situations to achieve phenomenal results in their lives.

Diane Mason Gray, RPR, CRR, CVR, CCR

Diane Mason Gray has been a stenographic court reporter since 1974. She free-lanced for 21 years before serving nine years as an Official U.S. Court Reporter in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division. Since December 2003, she has been the Court Record Manager for the Courtroom 21 Project at the Center for Legal and Court Technology, College of William and Mary School of Law in Williamsburg, Virginia. She holds the Registered Professional Reporter (1975; retested 1986) and the Certified Realtime Reporter (1992) certifications from the National Court Reporters Association as well as the Certified Verbatim Reporter certification (1998) from the National Verbatim Reporters Association. She holds state court reporting certifications from Virginia and North Carolina.

Currently, she is a member of the National Court Reporters Association, the National Verbatim Reporters Association, and the Virginia Court Reporters Association where she previously served as convention planner for 14 years and two-year terms respectively as treasurer, vice-president, president-elect, and president. She is affiliated with the United States Court Reporters Association and the American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers and also serves on the advisory board of Fortis College in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She has authored several articles published by the *Journal of Court Reporting*, and in 2010, she completed Boston University's 14-week online paralegal course with honors.

After joining the Association of Personal Historians in 1999, Diane attended two of that organization's national conferences, and in 2009 started her own personal historian business called Legacy in Words, LLC. She currently serves as a Personal Legacy Advisor for the [Living Legacy Project](#), an independent consultant with [HeritageMakers.com](#), and an ambassador for Remembered Voices [www.rememberedvoices.com](#).

Her husband, Fred, operates their family business, [North Bay Shore Campground](#) in Virginia Beach. In her spare time, Diane enjoys genealogy and *genetealogy*—solving genealogical problems through DNA—having been the manager for the Higgerson/Higgason/Hickerson DNA Project for several years as well as a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Virginia Genealogical Society, among others.

Lisa Phelps, PA (ASCP), MT, (ASCP)

Ms. Phelps has always had an interest in biology, which was extremely apparent from eighth grade. She graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with concurrent Bachelor's degrees in both biology and clinical laboratory sciences. During her college years, she managed to squeeze in volunteer work at the Suffolk County Medical Examiners Office in New York, being involved in high-profile cases such as the TWA Flight 800 crash. Ms. Phelps then decided to pursue her passion for body parts and solidify a career in pathology by being accepted to train as a pathologist's assistant. Upon graduating from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut with honors in 2001 with a Master's degree as a pathologist assistant, a job opportunity arose that led to a move from the East Coast to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she is currently employed as a pathologist's assistant at St. Luke's Medical Center. Ms. Phelps works at a large transplant center where she manages the autopsy service, does a variety of autopsies, and analyzes body parts removed during surgeries.

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HOTEL INFORMATION**



Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
3001 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach VA 23451
757-213-3001
www.hiltonvb.com

Group Name: Virginia Court Reporters Association

Dates: March 9 – 11, 2012

Group Reservation Code: VCR

Group Room Rates: Superior City View \$129

Superior Ocean View \$159

Rate Available Until: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Guestroom Reservations by Phone:

Guests may make reservations by calling the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront directly at 757-213-3001 and requesting to speak with In-House Reservation Department or by calling Hilton Central Reservations at 1-800-HILTONS. Attendees should identify themselves as part of the Virginia Court Reporters Association. (GROUP CODE IS VCR)

Guestroom Reservations Online:

Reservations may be made online at the hotel's website www.hiltonvb.com. Once at this site, Guest will click "Check Availability" and be taken to the Dates & Preferences page. The Group Code VCR must be entered in the "Group/Convention Code" field listed under SPECIAL ACCOUNTS to access the contracted guestroom rates.

Frank G. Tayloe Award Nomination Form

The Virginia Court Reporters Association, in remembrance of Frank G. Tayloe and his many years of outstanding service to the profession, seeks nominations for a recipient of the 14th Annual Frank G. Tayloe Award. This award will be presented at the 2012 Annual Convention of the Virginia Court Reporters Association, March 9-11, 2012 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Like the award's namesake, nominees should exhibit qualities of the highest integrity, professionalism and dedication to the profession of court reporting. Some of the ways in which the recipient of this award could demonstrate these qualities is through involvement in NVRA, NCRA and/or VCRA, by holding offices or working on committees, participation in pro bono work, performing realtime services for the hearing impaired, donating time to local court reporting schools and/or co-workers, or exhibiting exemplary standards and services to the courts and justice system.

Are you now thinking of anyone who exhibits these or similar qualities? Why not nominate them for this award?

Nominees need not necessarily be reporters. Perhaps you know an outstanding court reporting teacher or an absolutely awesome judge or attorney who is always supportive of and helps facilitate the needs of the court reporter. Perhaps there's an office support person where you work who always keeps everything running smoothly for all the reporters on the staff.

Whom do you have in mind? Don't let this process lie on the back burner until it is too late. Let's honor Frank's memory by really thinking and doing something about this nomination process. We all know outstanding people in our profession, and too often we fail to recognize and appreciate their excellence.

Please give some thought to potential nominees and send in your nominations along with a narrative explaining your choice. The deadline for submissions is February 10, 2012. Don't delay. Do it today!!

Past recipients are: Diane M. Gray, Edward Donovan McCoy, Doris O. Derieux "Pinky," Ruth J. Greiner, Jeanne V. Wiley, Jesse S. McCraw, Howard Keith Crane, Dave Stanley, Mario A. Rodriguez, Brian Coleman, Geneva Smith, Carol M. Tayloe and Colette A. Boes. Please note past recipients are not eligible for the Frank G. Tayloe Award.

Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

ATTENTION!!

Please use the back of this form to let us know why you think this person is deserving of this prestigious award.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 10, 2012.

Mail to: Colette Boes, VCRA

P.O. Box 3325, Portsmouth, VA 23701, or fax to: 757.625.7077



COMMUNITY SERVICE/PRO BONO COMMITTEE

Nomination Form

Pro Bono or Community Service
Provider of the Year Award

The Virginia Court Reporters Association Community Service/Pro Bono Committee has established an annual award bestowed to that person who donated their time and skills for the community within which they live.

That special person may have provided free court reporting service to a needy individual or family, donated their time as a court reporter for a community project, taught seminars, mentored, volunteered or any other supportive undertaking that positively affected the life or lives of the citizen(s) of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Nominees do not necessarily have to be reporters or have donated time and skills in a court reporting capacity.

If you know someone who should be recognized as Pro Bono Person of the Year, would you please submit their names and the justification as to why you believe they are worthy of our attention and commendation. That special person will be recognized at our Annual Business Meeting, **Saturday, March 10, 2012, Virginia Beach, Virginia.**

Nominee: _____

Justification for recognition:

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____ Your email: _____

Nominations are due no later than February 10, 2012

Please mail this form to: Colette Boes, VCRA
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