



# On The Record

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## Of Note In This Issue

On August 6, 2009, you can vote online and voice your opinion on NCRA's three proposed amendments and, also, vote on the incoming NCRA Board. If you are an NCRA member, voting instructions are on Page 2.

If you are not current on the debate surrounding NCRA's three proposed amendments, please read Page 3, which contains TCRA's Letter to its members. There is also a link to TCRA's website where you can download an Impact Statement that details effects the proposed amendments may have. Another resource on the topic is [www.concernreporters.com](http://www.concernreporters.com). Please Vote!

Also, Pages 4-6 contain HCRA's "On The Go" Seminar Registration and Agenda. Road Warriors Mike Miller and Richard Reinstra will speak on traveling abroad. Tom Downing, marketing specialist, will teach us the basic tenets of marketing. President Shauna Beach asks, "What's In Your Case?" and will also present the Realtime On The Go session where you can learn three steps in providing a clean rough draft. HCRA now accepts seminar and membership payment through PayPal.



## August 16, 2009 TCRA Board Meeting in League City

TCRA will be holding a **Board Meeting at South Shore Harbour Resort located in League City on August 16, 2009**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is the only Board Meeting for this coming year that will be held in Area 8. Come out and see what we're all about. I encourage you to meet the officers and board members! Be informed; stay informed through your state association!

South Shore Harbour Resort  
2500 S Shore Blvd  
League City, TX 77573-2998  
(281) 334-1000

## In the News.....



This section contains links to articles of interest, either related to court reporting, the legal profession and/or current events.

### NEW YORK TIMES: **\$80,000 for a Year Off? She'll Take It!**

By [SUSAN DOMINUS](#)

Published: April 12, 2009

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/13/nyregion/13bigcity.html?\\_r=1&scp=1&sq=%2480,000&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/13/nyregion/13bigcity.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=%2480,000&st=cse)

### THE ECONOMIST: **Lone Star Rising**

Published: July 9, 2009

[http://www.economist.com/specialreports/displaystory.cfm?story\\_id=13938917](http://www.economist.com/specialreports/displaystory.cfm?story_id=13938917)

## NCRA August 6<sup>th</sup> Vote

On Thursday, August 6, all eligible voting NCRA members will have the ability to vote online on three Bylaws Amendments and one contested election. The online vote will start within two hours of the end of Annual Business Meeting and will be open for 12 hours. The business meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (5:30 a.m. Pacific).

Information about the Bylaws amendments, the contested election, instructions on how to vote as well as links to a realtime feed, and a live Webcast of the meeting are located on the NCRA Web site at: <http://www.ncraonline.org/vote>.

When voting begins an e-mail will be sent to all eligible voting members for whom NCRA has a valid e-mail address with a link to a secure Web site.

At the secure Web site, you will be asked to input your e-mail address and press the submit button.

If you are an active NCRA member, the system will verify that the e-mail address you submitted is the one we have on record. If it is, a unique user ID and PIN will be generated and automatically sent to that same e-mail address. Once you have received the e-mail (which should be within a few minutes), you can then return to the secure voting site. You can then use your unique user ID and PIN to view the online ballot and vote. The online ballot will then display. As the screen shot above shows, there are a number of features to the online ballot.

First, you can view full descriptions of the proposed bylaws amendments by clicking the "Read a full description" links. A new pop-up window will display with the description. Simply press the

“Close Window” button to close the pop-up window.

You may also view each of the candidates' biographies by clicking on their names. Again a new pop-up window will display with the candidate's biography.

To vote click on the buttons beside “Yes” or “No” under the bylaws amendments or by the individual candidates' names under each of the elections.

When you have made your choice, press the “Submit” button at the bottom of the ballot to submit your vote.

**Important Note:** You will only be able to vote once. If you try to re-login to the election site after you have submitted your vote, the system will not allow you to access the ballot for a second time.

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## From the TCRA President

Dear Fellow Court Reporter,

If you are an NCRA member, please read the following carefully. If you are not an NCRA member, please indulge me and read the following anyway so that you may be aware of what is currently happening with NCRA.

The National Court Reporters Association has three proposed amendments to the bylaws and one contested race to be voted on at their Annual Business Meeting on August 6, 2009. If you are not planning to attend, be sure that NCRA has your current email address in their database so that you can vote online. Please contact NCRA regarding this **prior to July 28, 2009**. You may read the rules about online voting at [www.ncraonline.org](http://www.ncraonline.org).

There is one contested race regarding the President-Elect position between Judith Lehman and Melanie Sonntag. Visit their web pages at [www.melaniefornkra.com](http://www.melaniefornkra.com) and [www.vote4jude.com](http://www.vote4jude.com) to learn more about the candidates.

The Texas Court Reporters Association is concerned about the three proposed amendments. To educate you about them, TCRA has prepared impact statements for each proposed amendment. These impact statements are meant to help Texas court reporters understand the significance of these proposed amendments and how they can affect you and our profession.

The impact statements are **ATTACHED** to this email, or you may access it in PDF form here: <http://www.tcra-online.com/pdf/impactstatement.pdf>

It is the intention of TCRA to present this information without comment and in a neutral format, thereby giving all Texas court reporters the ability to reach an informed decision about the proposed amendments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact TCRA. Thank you for staying informed and keeping abreast about events surrounding NCRA.

Respectfully,  
Pam Esquivel  
TCRA President

*“On The Go” 2009 CEU Seminar*



Tips and tricks that make travel, at home and abroad, for the On-The-Go Reporter lighter and more efficient.

Saturday, September 19th, 2009

7:30 a.m. Registration

Crowne Plaza,

2712 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77097

**Whole Day Seminar:**

Postmarked by August 21 – All registrants - \$225

Postmarked August 22 - September 4 – Members - \$225; Non-members - \$240

Postmarked September 5 – September 11\* – All registrants - \$265

Student All-Day Rate: \$70

**Ethics Only:**

Postmarked by August 21 – All registrants - \$60

Postmarked August 22 - September 4 – Members - \$60; Non-members - \$70

Postmarked September 5 – September 11\* – All registrants - \$80

\* Cancellations must be in writing and must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2009. A \$35 administrative fee may be charged per cancellation. No refund will be given for failure to attend.

Email Treasurer  
for PayPal  
payment request.

**PayPal**

**Registration Form**

**Membership information: (please check one)**

HCRA Member  Non-Member

**I am signing up for: (please check one)**

Full Day  Ethics only

I am enclosing a check or money order in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE SO WE CAN GET YOUR INFORMATION ACCURATELY. THANKS!**

**(If you do not fill in your NCRA number, you will not receive an NCRA punch card.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CSR # \_\_\_\_\_ NCRA # \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration form and check or money order to: HCRA, P. O. Box 2205, Houston, Texas 77252-2205.

**AGENDA – HCRA’S “ON THE GO” SEMINAR  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

- 7:30 Registration and Coffee/Muffin Bar
- 8:00 – 9:30 **Session 1 - .15 Ethics CEUs** **Ethics Primer**  
Hear Judge Russ Ridgway outline the standards of conduct and principles that attorneys and judges expect of court reporters. Professional judgment, honesty, integrity and fair dealing with parties, counsel, and the bench will be discussed.  
Judge Russ Ridgway
- 9:30 – 9:50 **Breakfast - Danish, Fruit, Breakfast Tacos, Drinks**
- 9:50 – 10:50 **Session 2 - .1 Ethics CEUs** **Ethics Jeopardy**  
Professional Judgment for \$500, please. Based on Jeopardy, this fun-filled game will propose ethics scenarios that are possibly risky, harmful and destructive to a court reporter’s impartiality and neutral position in the judicial process.  
Kaetheryne Kryiell, CSR
- 10:50 – 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Session 3 - .1 CEUs** **Reporter Requisites**  
What do attorneys look for in a court reporter? Attorney Troy Chandler will speak about the qualities and qualifications that attorneys seek in court reporters and court reporting services.  
Troy Chandler, J.D.
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Lunch - Choice of Chicken Caesar Salad or Club Sandwich**
- 12:30 – 2:00 **Session 4 - .15 CEUs** **Road Warriors**  
World travelers Mike Miller and Richard Reinstra will together discuss traveling the world with steno and video equipment and what they’ve learned through trial and error. Country requirements for entry, traveling with equipment, foreign accents, and much more will be addressed to assist you in traveling and reporting abroad.  
Mike Miller, RDR a/k/a depoman.com and Richard Reinstra
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Session 5 - .1.0 CEUs** **Marketing Magic**  
Tom Downing has “developed customer experiences for national organizations like AT&T, Disney TeleVentures and Budget Rent A Car,” to name a few. Learn the basic tenets of marketing that will assist you in creating and solidifying those business relationships that will have your clients calling back.  
Tom Downing with The Turning Point
- 3:00 – 3:10 **Break**
- 3:10 – 4:10 **Session 6 - .10 CEUs** **Pressure Points**  
It isn’t always carpal tunnel. A hand therapist will discuss how stressing and straining different muscles can cause aches and pains that affect your hand movements and will demonstrate exercises that can alleviate and possibly prevent repetitive-motion injuries to the hand.  
Judy Del Pino, Memorial Hermann Industrial Rehabilitation, Pain Management, Wellness, and Occupational Medicine Programs
- 4:10 – 4:30 **Snack Break**
- 4:30 – 6:00 **Session 7 - .15 CEUs** **What’s In Your Case?**  
Whether at home or abroad, how much can you fit in your case and travel?  
With small and lighter technological gadgets and reporting equipment, hear how this reporter has downsized her reporter’s case to carry-on standards and still maintains the capability of providing real-time feeds to multiple attorneys, scanning exhibits and much more.  
Shauna Beach, CCR, RDR, CRR
- 6:00 – 6:10 **Break**
- 6:10 – 7:40 **Session 8 - .15 CEUs** **Realtime On The Go**  
Realtime for real working reporters. In three short steps you too can provide a rough draft at any time without the fear of embarrassing drops or mistranslates. No need to learn a new theory, just employ these three steps and you too can be a realtime reporter on your next job.  
Shauna Beach, CCR, RDR, CRR

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

- Room rates at the hotel for Friday and/or Saturday night are \$79.00 per room, not including State and local taxes, currently 17%. You will contact the hotel reservation department directly at 713-523-8448 and identify yourself as being with the Houston Court Reporters Association to receive the contract rate.
- Rooms may be guaranteed for late arrival with a credit card or advance deposit. Guaranteed reservations must be cancelled 24 hours prior or will be charged to the credit card or against the advance deposit.



Self-Parking is included in the price of the seminar!!!

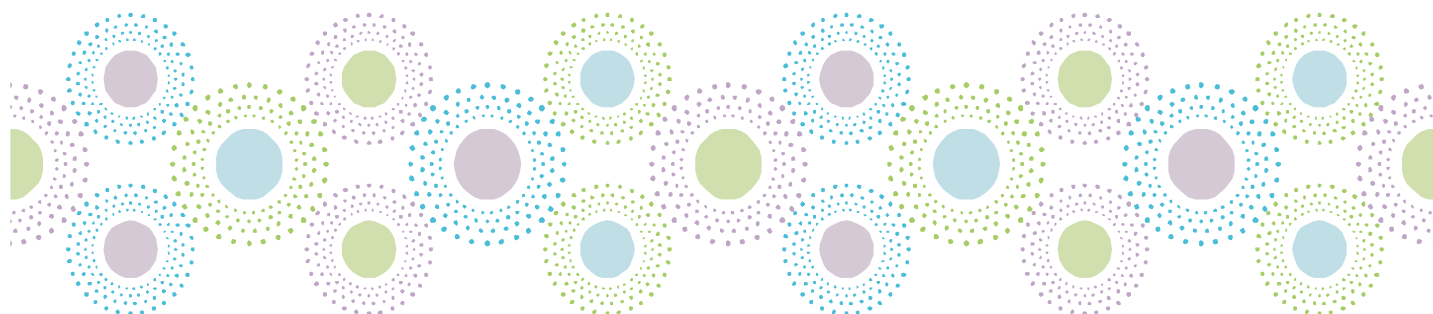


*Houston Court Reporters Association donates 10% of the Seminar proceeds to the Houston Bar Association's Habitat for Humanity Project.*



*HCRA now accepts PayPal.*

Go to <http://www.hcrainfo.com/calendar.html> or contact Treasurer Kaetheryne Kyriell at [kkyriell@gmail.com](mailto:kkyriell@gmail.com) to receive a Seminar PayPal payment request.



## Houston Court Reporters Association

### 2009 Membership Application

Dues: Professional Dues \$35 / Student Dues \$15 / Associate \$25 / Past President \$0

## Contact Information

### Please Print Neatly

Name				
Firm/Court/School				
Address	City:	TX	ZIP	
Home Phone:	Fax:			
Work Phone:	Cell:			
E-Mail Address:				

HCRA MEMBER Directory on Web Site: Include Me  Do Not Include Me   
 (HCRA sends monthly meeting reminders, newsletter notices and periodic important information via email.)

## Member Information / Volunteer Opportunity

**Type of Reporter:** Freelance / Official (State/Federal) / Deputy Official / Captioner / CART / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Texas CSR No.: \_\_\_\_\_ NCRA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Method: Machine / Gregg / Pitman

Other Certifications: RPR / RMR / RDR / CRR / CBC / CCP / CLVS / Notary Public

I would like to mentor a student: Yes  No

**Student:** Reporter Student / Scopist Student

**Associate:** Instructor / School Official / Retired Reporter / Proofread / Scopist / Transcriptionist / Attorney / Paralegal  
 / Secretary / CLVS / Vendor / Other \_\_\_\_\_

**CAT Software:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to volunteer with HCRA:** Yes  No

## Agreement and Signature

I certify the above information is correct. I pledge myself to abide by the requirements of the bylaws of the Association. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form and payment to: Houston Court Reporters Association, Attention: Membership Committee,  
 P.O. Box 2205, Houston, Texas 77252-2205



Pay online at [www.hcrainfo.com](http://www.hcrainfo.com)

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Pleasure in the  
 job puts perfection  
 in the work.

~Aristotle

(384 BC - 322 BC)

## 2009 HCRA Calendar of Events

September 19 – HCRA's On The Go Seminar

November

December 3 – Judges Appreciation Luncheon