

Region 3 Connection

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Director's Message

This is just a short newsletter to keep you updated on what is happening with NALS and to wish each of you a very happy holiday season.

There's still time to make plans to attend the NALS Professional Development Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 12-14. More information is contained in this newsletter and on the NALS website, nals.org.

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Membership Highlights



We welcome the following new members to NALS and Region 3. We look forward to meeting you at a meeting, seminar, or conference.

October

Amber Foley (IL)
 Florance G. Adkins (MI)
 Lillian K. Howell Bell (MI)
 Caroline T. Christenson (MI)
 Alisha C. Kaszubski (MI)
 Marilyn Marcum (MI)
 Tiffany McIntyre (MI)
 Owen Monday, Jr. (MI)
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 Deborah S. Yost (MI)
 Paula Coulter (OH)
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 Sherry L. Mognet (OH)

November

Deborah M. Baker (MI)
 Bridgid Klodzinski (MI)
 Jenna Brink (MI)
 Teddie Lee (MI)
 Mai Nishikubo (MI)

Membership Report

The breakdown of membership within the Region as of August 31, 2008, is:

State	No. of Members
Illinois	21
Indiana	9
Kentucky	8
Michigan	319
Ohio	74
West Virginia	1
Total Members	432

Certification



One way to demonstrate your preparedness for the demanding field of law is by becoming an ALS. This designation is awarded after passing a four-hour, three-part examination. Attaining this goal demonstrates your commitment and aptitude for succeeding in the ever-changing legal environment. **Current Number Certified: 2,700**



How do your skills compare with the hallmark of a professional? PLS® is the designation for lawyer's assistants who want to be identified as exceptional. Certification is received after passing a one-day, four-part examination which demonstrates not only dedication to professionalism but acceptance of the challenge to be exceptional. Personal motivation is necessary to attain such a goal. **Current Number Certified: 5,509**



Are you looking for a way to establish your credentials nationwide as a Professional Paralegal? Established in 2004 at our members' request, the Certified PP designation is an attainable goal for paralegals who wish to be identified as exceptional in all areas of law. The certificate is received after passing a one-day, four-part examination. **Current Number Certified: 421**



Region 3 Pin



Region 3 Pins are still available. Your cost is only \$5, unless order is mailed (add \$1 shipping and handling fee).

excitement of working on a NALS committee by taking an active role through leadership service. Participation on a NALS committee will enhance your personal goals and professional growth. You'll have a FUN time getting to know other NALS members from around the country. The preference form can be downloaded from the NALS web site.

NALS Professional Development & Education Conference

TULSA 09
experience something new

Make your plans today to travel to Tulsa and attend the Professional Development Conference March 12-14, 2009. Each year NALS leaders and members gather at the home of NALS to learn and have a great time while making life long memories. Don't miss this opportunity to make the most out of your membership.

Online Learning Center

Get the most out of your membership and take advantage of the NALS Online Learning Center! The most accessible CLE credits are here for you.

All sessions (including the Online Study Group) will start at 8:00p.m. central time. There are going to be fewer sessions with more in depth topics so you can make the most out of your time. Take a look at the upcoming sessions and for more sessions look at the complete schedule for 2008-09 and mark your calendars today!

Online Learning Centers sessions are scheduled to last about one hour while Online Study Group sessions are scheduled to last two hours, and you are welcome to join chats already in progress.

Region 3 Retreat

The 2009 Region 3 Retreat is being planned for July 24-26, 2009, in LaPorte, Indiana. The tentative plans are to have the NALS of Michigan Board meeting on Friday afternoon with a welcome party and "fun" education Friday night. On Saturday after educational speakers we will tour the Barker Mansion in Michigan City, Indiana.

Reminders/Announcements

January 31 - NALS of Ohio Meeting
February 7 – NALS of Michigan Board Meeting
April 4 – NALS of Ohio Annual Meeting
April 24-26 – NALS of Michigan Annual Meeting

NALS Leadership Team

MAXIMIZE YOUR POTENTIAL and be part of the 2009-2010 NALS Leadership Team. No experience necessary! Join in the thrill and



REGION 3 RETREAT

July 24-25, 2009
LaPorte, Indiana

NALS Region 3 Chronicle

Regional Directors

1997 - 1998	Pamela K. Bryson PP, PLS	Michigan
1998 - 1999	Vickie Hayes Compton PLS	Michigan
1999 - 2001	Catherine A. Hankins PP, PLS	Ohio
2001 - 2003	Kathleen R. Amirante PP, PLS	Michigan
2003 - 2005	Carole M. Schneider PP, PLS	Michigan
2005 - 2007	Sherri J. Bowden PLS	Michigan
2007 - 2008	Jane Cramer	Ohio
2008 - 2009	Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS	Michigan

Regional Meetings

October 2 - 4, 1997	-	Kalamazoo, MI
August 20 - 22, 1999	-	Dayton, OH
July 28 - 30, 2000	-	Lawrenceburg, IN
July 27 - 29, 2001	-	Bridgman, MI
August 2 - 4, 2002	-	Fort Wayne, IN
July 25 - 27, 2003	-	Bloomington, IL (Joint Regions 3 & 5)
July 30 - August 1, 2004	-	Fremont, OH
August 5 - 7, 2005	-	Bay City, MI
June 16 - 17, 2006	-	Novi, MI
August 10 - 12, 2007	-	Ashtabula, OH
July 18 -19, 2008	-	Lexington, KY

