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A WORD FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

We had an awesome NALS 57th Annual Education Conference and National Forum in Norfolk, VA. Below you will find a recap of the meeting.

We held our Region 4 meeting on Saturday afternoon. We had 17 members in attendance. We discussed our next Region 4 meeting location and it was decided with a vote of the members present along with the vote of those that sent me your vote that our next Region 4 meeting will take place in Savannah, Georgia at the Mulberry Inn. This is a beautiful historical hotel on Bay Street that parallels with River Street. I have signed the contract with the Mulberry Inn and feel sure you will be happy with this selection. Our meeting will be July 31 – August 2, 2008.

You also voted that you wanted to ask the NALS President, President-Elect or Secretary/Treasurer to attend our meeting. Incoming President, Julie Abernathy and Patti Infanti both will be attending their Region meeting at the time of our meeting. Kathleen Amirante, PP, PLS very excitedly accepted our invitation. I think you will thoroughly enjoy Kathie.

If you have anything you would like to include in our Newsletter, please send that information to me as well, and I will include it in the next Newsletter. Contact me if you have any suggestions or questions regarding our Region or NALS.

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**NALS EDUCATION CONFERENCE
AND NATIONAL FORUM**

**Celebrate Life & Career
Head East with NALS!**

**Norfolk, Virginia
September 11-14, 2008**

HEAD EAST WITH NALS! We "sailed" into the maritime town of Norfolk, Virginia, amidst the United States Navy ships (and sailors) and other vessels gliding in and out of port, toured historic Williamsburg and other fascinating sights, and gained immeasurable amounts of knowledge for our personal and professional lives through networking, education, and fun.

Thursday, September 11, 2008

The Thursday morning ethics session entitled, "Are You Sure That Document is Confidential?" was presented by Glen Huff, Esq., of Huff, Poole & Mahoney. Mr. Huff explained why privileged documents may not be privileged when an office receives a subpoena for copies of files. He provided on-point scenarios demonstrating reasons why attorney work product may be unprotected.

Thursday morning continued with Robin Smith of Lawyers Staffing discussing "Interviewing Skills and Resume Writing." Ms. Smith informed attendees of current trends in preparing resumes, how to explain gaps in employment, and how to handle inappropriate interview questions.

In the afternoon, attendees were able to choose from either the Avery session on technology and software innovations through Business Solutions for Greater Productivity presented by Karl Schoen, or "Intellectual Property Law," presented by Robert Tata, Esq. of Hunton & Williams. Mr. Tata provided insightful information regarding IP practice and explained his David v. Goliath patent infringement case in Norfolk's federal court.

The afternoon wrapped up with the annual Meet the Board/Swap Meet. NALS President, Dee Beardsley, PP, PLS, introduced the Board and staff from the Resource Center (Saundra Bates, Membership Services Manager; Jennifer Reed, NALS Executive Assistant; Jay Moore, Communications Manager; Diana Price, Education/Certification Manager; and Tammy Hailey, CAE, Executive Director). All NALS Committee Chairs and committee members and task force members were asked to stand and be recognized. In the absence of Nominations and Elections Chair, Kathy Siroky, PP, PLS, Tammy Hailey announced that Julie Abernathy, PP, PLS, from Texas will serve as the 2009-10 president, Dee Beardsley, PP, PLS from California will serve as immediate past president, and also announced that Faynell Poe, PP,