



REGION 5 NEWSLETTER

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I want to express a very heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all Region 5 members for allowing me to serve as your Region 5 Director these past two years. Meeting and corresponding with so many members from Region 5 has been very rewarding. Please keep in touch. I will still be around as NALS Certification Director and look forward to continue serving you and NALS in that capacity. Brenda Johll will be installed as the new Region 5 Director in Tulsa on March 13.

NEW MEMBERS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

Congratulations to NALS Twin Cities! All of the new members listed on the NALS website for December/January are from the NALS Twin Cities Chapter:

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GOOD LUCK to all those who are taking NALS certification exams on Saturday, March 7. It takes a great deal of time, effort, and dedication. **There are 10 people from the Black Hills taking the various exams.** I hope other chapters have a good turnout as well. I wish all examinees the very best of success!!

UPCOMING CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Many chapters are searching for volunteers to serve as local officers and committee chairs. Enrich your life by becoming an officer or chair in your chapter. The best way to learn is to get involved.

UPCOMING REGION 5 EVENTS!

The next Region 5 meeting will be on **Friday, March 13, 2009, at 11:15 a.m.**, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. If you have any business to be brought before the meeting, please contact Brenda Johll, the 2009-10 Region 5 Director, at brendajohllpppls@gmail.com

**2009 REGION 5 CONFERENCE
IN EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN**

Karen Dempksi, PLS, President of the Wisconsin Association of Legal Professionals, announced that they will host the 2009 NALS Region 5 Conference in Wisconsin. They are now finalizing the program, but here's what we know so far:

August 6, 7, 8, 2009

Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center
5872 23rd Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703
715-874-2900

The room rates will be \$74.99 plus tax. The hotel website is:
www.sleepinn.com/hotel-eau_claire-wisconsin-wi139

Stay tuned for more details!



The NALS Annual Education Conference & National Forum will be **October 8-11, 2009**, in Irvine, California. Check out NALS.org for a listing of education sessions, hotel information, registration form, and local information.

OTHER NALS NOTES



NALS wants to know a little more about the readers of @Law magazine. This will help us get a better understanding of what you like and dislike as well as what you would like to see more of. We are also gathering some demographic information to help us get a better understanding of where you are coming from and how NALS can better serve you! Check it out at NALS.org.

There is a NEW NALS Community!

Due to an increase in spam and a decrease in activity, NALS is switching the service providers for our NALS Community. In March the original NALS Community will be replaced by one using Ning. If you are registered with the original Community you will have to re-register for the new one...but we think it will be worth it to you!

Go Ahead and Get Started on the New NALS Community Today! It is already up and running! www.NALSnet.ning.com

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EDUCATION

The NALS Education Committee would like to remind everyone that there are currently three seminars available for sale – the PP seminar, The Nuts & Bolts of Grammar, and The NALS Case Management and Trial Preparation Seminar.

The PP Seminar has been updated for the March 2009 exams and includes over 200 pages of lesson plan outlines, over 450 pages of PowerPoint slides, and has 235 review

questions. The PP Seminar covers all four parts of the exam.

The Nuts & Bolts of Grammar has 113 pages of lesson plan outlines, 113 PowerPoint slides, and 33 pages of handouts that includes a pop quiz.

The NALS Case Management and Trial Preparation Seminar has over 40 pages of lesson plan outlines, 198 PowerPoint slides, 22 pages of legal terminology, a pop quiz, and over 100 forms.

All three are available through the NALS Resource Center and would be a great addition to your current study group materials or provide the perfect format for a weekend cram session!!

Again, thank you for allowing me to represent you on the NALS Board of Directors. Best wishes to Brenda Johll in the upcoming year.

Kathy

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