

The Paraview

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Save the Date

Read about our upcoming events!

Meet the Board

The new Executive Board members were elected on April 11 and installed on May 17.

Awards

On May 17, the MPA announced the Paralegal of the Year and Meredith R. Pollette student scholarship award winners.



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Save the Date

July 21, 2018: MPA Family Picnic Fun Brunch

October 19, 2018: Fall Fest CLE Seminar

- It will be held at the CPCC Harris Conference Center. An email will be sent with registration information and an agenda.

December 14, 2018: Holiday Social

2018 MPA Family Picnic Fun Brunch

✦ Join us for the 2018 MPA Family Picnic Fun Brunch!! ✦

When: Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Mint Hill Veterans Memorial Park, Shelter #3 beside the children's playground, 8850 Fairview Rd., Mint Hill, NC. (Park website: http://minthill.com/parks_recreation.php?Parks-Recreation-Mint-Hill-Veterans-Memorial-Park-3)

What to bring: Your family, children, parents, etc.

What to wear: Weather appropriate attire; Swimsuits for playing in the sprinkler (if the water pump works!).

What to expect: Games, prizes, food, fun!

CRAZY tee-shirt contest (kids only): Fun age-appropriate prizes given for the **craziest** 3 tee-shirts.

Games: For children and adults. Prizes will be awarded.

MPA Members: Major door prize is 2 adult tickets to a 40-minute horse-drawn carriage tour of historic Uptown Charlotte by Charlotte Center City Tours. Other fun door prizes and game prizes will be awarded. You must be present to win.

RSVP: Reply to the email containing this invitation by **NO LATER** than **JULY 18, 2018**. **YES only** and **HOW MANY**. No's need not reply.



Meet the Board



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meet the 2018-2019 Executive Board Members

Renae Elam, CP, NCCP, President

Norma Morris, NCCP, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

Lynda Nester, NCCP, 2nd Vice President, Programs Chair

Carrie Marshall, NCCP, Secretary

Candace Russell, ACP, NCCP, Treasurer

Jessica DeLaura, NCCP, Parliamentarian

Marie White, NCCP, Student Liaison

Alison Foster, NCCP, NALA Liaison

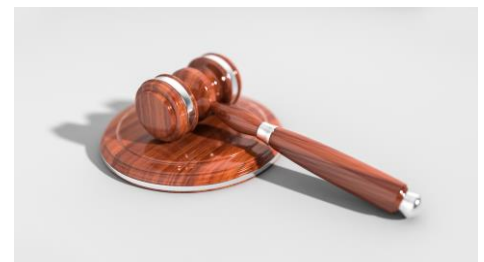
Not pictured:

Shafia Ahmed, NCCP, 1st Vice President, Membership Committee

3rd Vice President, Website, Job Bank, & Social Media

Tim Chamness, Audit Chair

Allison Yezek, NCCP, Programs Committee



Awards

Paralegal of the Year

CARRIE MARSHALL, NCCP

"She is a model for all to follow."

Congratulations to Carrie Marshall, winner of the MPA Paralegal of the Year award! Carrie has been a Litigation Paralegal for over 20 years. She currently works for Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP. She was nominated for Paralegal of the Year by two Parker Poe partners: Sarah Hutchins and Annette Ebright. Carrie currently serves as the MPA Secretary and has served on its Executive Board since 2012. She won the award for performing her work in an exemplary manner with dedication, professionalism, ingenuity, and integrity. "Carrie takes ownership of each and every one of her cases and looks for ways to support every matter that exists within our group," Sarah Hutchins and Annette Ebright wrote in their nomination for her. They detailed how Carrie consistently takes on additional duties, exhibits leadership, helps find workplace efficiencies, and increases the visibility and reputation of the paralegal profession. "Her peers consistently seek her advice, both on work and personal matters," they added. "She is a model for all to follow."



Meredith R. Pollette Scholarship

PAULINE McMEEKIN STYERS



Pauline McMeekin Styers was this year's student scholarship winner. She was presented with a \$500.00 cash award, award certificate, and one year's associate membership to the MPA at the May 17th MPA General Membership Meeting. She has worked as a legal assistant for over five years. She takes one to two paralegal classes per semester at Gaston College and has four more remaining. In the essay that she submitted for the scholarship, her final paragraph reads: "My life experiences and lack of competing in the Olympics have brought me full circle in my daily life as a paralegal. Sometimes you pour countless hours in preparing a case for trial, and next thing you know all of that work is set aside due to the case settling. I like the high in the pursuit of justice no matter what side of the law you are defending. Being organized, efficient, and self-motivated are the qualities you need to be a paralegal. I was sworn in as an American Citizen as an older adult in a coliseum full of immigrants. America is the land of the free, we all have the ability to do anything if we work hard enough. I am so excited to be a small part of the pursuit of justice." Congratulations, Pauline!

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