

Make EVERY Connection Matter!

The NCRA logo features a yellow square above the letters "NCRA" in white, which are set against a dark blue rectangular background. The background of the entire top half of the page is a night-time photograph of a city skyline with a multi-lane highway in the foreground. The highway shows light trails from cars, and white curved lines connect various points across the city and highway, symbolizing a network or connections.

NCRA

Our Association is powered by volunteers.

You have strengths, talents, and knowledge that, if shared, will make a difference in our Association and our industry. We encourage each of you to look deep inside yourself and your colleagues and see the value that you can lend to our profession to guide its future. Please consider serving on the NCRA Board of

Directors or nominate someone you respect and admire. Together we can make a positive difference for current stenographic court reporters, captioners, and videographers and for those who will follow us. Service on the Board is a great way to expand and strengthen your network of peers and NCRA's sphere of influence throughout the legal profession.

Visit *NCRA.org/Nominations* to complete and submit the online Board nomination form by January 19, 2024.

Who is eligible for elective office

Article III, Section 9 (c) of the NCRA Constitution & Bylaws states, “Only Registered Members who are verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners or Retired Members and Retired Lifetime Members who have been verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners or Honorary Members who have been verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners shall be eligible to hold an elective office of the Association.”

Service as an officer

(executive committee of the Board of Directors)

These positions, as a rule, are filled by those who have served or are currently serving on the NCRA Board. Since NCRA has a membership of nearly 11,000 and a budget of approximately \$6 million, service as a director is essential for the candidate to understand and fulfill the duties that come with such responsible positions.

Who may recommend candidates

Only voting members of NCRA may submit individuals for candidacy. These include Participating Members who are verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners and Registered Members who are verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners, as well as Retired Members, Retired Lifetime Members, and Honorary Members who have been verbatim stenographic reporters and/or stenographic captioners.

When recommending yourself or another for a directorship, remember that some of the criteria the Nominating Committee looks for are:

- dedication and commitment to the profession
- good team player
- excellent communications skills
- outstanding reputation and character
- strong leadership
- visionary/thought leadership

Board service is uncompensated and requires significant time commitments. Most expenses involved in Board service are reimbursable.

The election process

As provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, the Nominating Committee shall meet at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual election of the Association to draw up a slate of nominees for the following offices of the Association to be elected prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

- President-Elect
- Vice President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Two Directors (three-year terms)

Members of the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee

CHAIR:

Jason Meadors, FAPR, RPR, CRR, CRC, Fort Collins, CO

MEMBERS:

Geanel Adams, RMR, CRR, CRC, CRI, Raymond, MS

Kimberly Farkas, RPR, CRR, Henderson, NV

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Robin Nodland, FAPR, RDR, CRR, Portland, OR

Catherine Phillips, FAPR, RMR, CMRS, Collierville, TN

Jennifer Sati, RMR, CRR, CRC, CRI, Dayton, MN

Carl Saucedo, FAPR, RMR (Ret), Hayward, CA

ALTERNATE:

Michelle Kirkpatrick, RDR, CRR, CRC, Breckenridge, CO

Terms of office

No elected officer shall serve for more than one full term in the same office except the Secretary-Treasurer, who may serve for no more than three consecutive terms. Directors may only be reelected if at least one year has elapsed since the end of their prior term.

Directors with terms expiring in 2024

Saba McKinley Roberts, RPR, CRI

Erika Sjoquist, RPR, CRR

Secretary-Treasurer Cathy Penniston, RPR, CRI, is eligible for renomination as Secretary-Treasurer during 2024-2025. All current board members, including those directors whose terms expire in 2024, are eligible for election to higher office.

Webinar

A webinar about serving on the NCRA Board of Directors will be held on Jan. 9, 2024, 8 p.m. Eastern. To attend the webinar, please visit [NCRA.org/Nominations](https://ncra.org/Nominations) to register.

Declare your candidacy or recommend a candidate

Take this opportunity to make a difference in the future of reporting. Declare your candidacy or nominate your recommended candidates by completing the online Board nomination form on [NCRA.org/Nominations](https://ncra.org/Nominations). A separate online form must be completed for each nomination. Nominations must be submitted by Jan. 19, 2024.

For more information, to register for the webinar, or to nominate yourself or a colleague, visit [NCRA.org/Nominations](https://ncra.org/Nominations).

**Questions? Contact Laura Butler
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