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NCRA elects 2026-2027 officers at National Conference & Expo

RESTON, Va., July, 22, 2026— The National Court Reporters Association ([NCRA](http://NCRA.org)), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, today announced that the membership elected and installed its 2026-2027 officers during the Association's [2026 Conference & Expo](#) held July 16-18 in Bellevue, Wash.

The 2026-2027 slate of Officers include:

- President Cathy Penniston, RPR, CRI, a court reporting instructor and broadcast captioner from Waukee, Iowa;
- President-Elect Carol Naughton, RDR, an official court reporter from Virginia Beach, Va.;
- Vice President Stacey Potenza, CRC, a broadcast and CART captioner and agency owner from McKinny, Texas; and
- Secretary-Treasurer Kelly Keyes-Linkowski, RPR, CRR, CRC, CPE, a captioner from Rittman, Ohio.

In addition, two new members of NCRA's Board of Directors were also installed at the Conference & Expo to serve three-year terms. They are:

- Geanell C. Adams, EdD, FAPR, RMR, CRR, CRC, CRI, an official court reporter and adjunct instructor from Terry, Miss.; and
- Jeanna Zunker, RPR, CRI, a freelance court reporter and agency owner from St. Cloud, Minn.



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Returning Directors include:

- RandiAnn Harvey, RDR, CRR, CRC, an official court reporter from Cambridge, Minn.;
- Dana Hayden, RMR, CRR, CRC, a freelance court reporter and agency owner from Fayetteville, Ark.;
- Lynette Mueller, FAPR, RDR, CRR, an agency owner from Memphis, Tenn.;
- Shellene Iverson, RPR, a court reporter and agency owner from Portland, Ore.; and
- NCRA Immediate Past President Cindy Isaacsen, RPR, an official court reporter from Shawnee, Kan.

The court reporting and captioning professions offer viable career choices that do not require a four-year college degree and yet offer good salaries, flexible schedules, and interesting venues. There is currently an increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available nationwide and abroad. Court reporters and captioners rely on the latest in technology to use stenographic machines to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in real time. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, providing live captioning of events, and assisting members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities with gaining access to information, entertainment, educational opportunities, and more.

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter or captioner, or to learn more about the lucrative and flexible court reporting or captioning professions and the many job opportunities currently available, contact pr@ncra.org.

[About NCRA](#)

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) has been internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 125 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 10,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator, and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to be one of the fastest areas of projected employment growth across all occupations. Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at DiscoverSteno.org.