



2018 PCRA Annual Convention April 13 - 15

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh Downtown
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SCHEDULE of Seminars

Schedule subject to change without notice. CEUs pending.

Friday, April 13, 2018

2:00pm – 6:00pm **Registration**

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Networking and Vendor Break**

SESSION 1: **Motivation: Rekindle Your Spark** **.15 CEU**
3:00pm – 4:30pm *Meredith A. Bonn, CSR, RPR, NYRCR*

Motivation is one of the strong components of success, and knowing how to keep yourself inspired is vital to ensuring the health of your career. Learn how to measure the impact motivation has on your business. Also, learn how to rekindle the spark to deliver the best service possible to your clients as well as potential clients.

4:30pm – 4:45pm **Networking and Vendor Break**

4:45pm – 6:15pm *Concurrent sessions: Select one of the following:*

SESSION 2: **Implementing Rule 4000: What Works and What Doesn't** **.15 CEU**
Cheryl Hansberry, RDR, CRR and Melissa Keating, RPR

PCRA created and made available to reporters a webinar outlining Rule 4000, reporters have been able to view the AOPC webinars detailing the changes in the Rules of Judicial Administration regulating court reporting, and the adopted version of the new rules, which now focuses on regulating the creation of the record. In this session, participants will have the opportunity to share how jurisdictions have implemented the rules. Audience members should come prepared to ask questions, as well as brainstorm their own plan of attack to implementation, and share suggestions on how their county has dealt with the implementation.

SESSION 3: Financial Wellness: Running a Debt Free Business .15 CEU
Constance Lee, RPR, RSA, CSR

Find your “why” in what brings you financial peace of mind and what running a debt free business means. Make a plan and learn key strategies to help you execute your plan for a brighter future.

Dinner on your own

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8:00am – 5:00pm **Registration**

8:30am – 9:00am **Continental Breakfast**

SESSION 4: Critical Incident Defense Training .10 CEU
9:00am – 10:00am *Scott D. Young and Brendan Peters, Crawford County Deputy Sheriffs Department*

This seminar, taught by Scott D. Young, Crawford County Deputy Sheriff and martial artist, will discuss educating, equipping, empowering, and preparing ourselves for safety while on the job. He will present different lethal and non-lethal options for protecting ourselves in different situations that may arise in the workplace, including focusing on ways to defend yourself while in a seated position. Most importantly, Scott will review various “what-to-do-if” scenarios and suggest ways to keep yourself safe and out of harm’s way in these situations.

10:00am – 10:30am **Networking and Vendor Break**

10:30am – 12:00pm *Concurrent Sessions: Select one of the following:*

SESSION 5: RULONA: Pennsylvania’s New Notary and How it Impacts You .15 CEU
Marc Aronson

The new notary public law contains fundamental changes in the way Pennsylvania notaries fulfill their notarial duties. Attend this session to learn how RULONA impacts you.

SESSION 6: From Student to Court Reporting: What Path is Best for You and How to Get There .15 CEU
Kathy McHugh, RPR, CRR; Donna Cascio, RMR, RDR, CMRS; Amanda Lundberg, RPR; and Kathy DiLorenzo, RDR, CRR, CBC, FAPR

Learn about the different career paths your degree in court reporting can take you from a panel of experts representing the freelance, official, and captioning marketplace. Panelists will also share their tips on how to be a successful student and how to complete the court reporting degree program.

12:00pm – 1:30pm **PCRA LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING**

1:30pm – 1:45pm **Networking and Vendor Break**

1:45 – 3:15pm

Concurrent Sessions: Select one of the following:

SESSION 7:

Mock RPR Exam

.15 CEU

Marybeth Everhart, MA, RPR, CRI, CLR, CPE

Bring your machine and be prepared to test! Well, actually, bring your machine and write while the one test candidate in the room writes too. By now you've heard that NCRA skills tests have been moved online. But, what exactly does that mean and how does it affect you, if at all? No doubt, you have lots of questions, so let's try to answer them. In this seminar, Marybeth Everhart will review the entire online testing process, from registration to completion—soup to nuts, you might say.

What equipment will you need? Where can you test? Who is ProctorU and how are they involved? For answers to these questions and more, you'll want to attend this seminar! And bring your equipment so you can write a practice test!

SESSION 8:

Professionalism: How to Keep Get Your Edge

.15 CEU

Kathy DiLorezno, RDR, CRR, CBC, FAPR

Yes, we all are part of the court reporting "profession." But what does it mean to be a "professional" within the profession? With industry and technology changes come changes in many ways of how professional behavior is defined. How does a court reporting agency see you and your behavior? How are you viewed through the eyes of your peers? Are your skill sets, knowledge and certifications undermined by your behavior? In this session, take a second look at how your actions affect you, your peers, your profession and the industry as a whole.

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Networking and Vendor Break (This is your last chance to purchase auction tickets.)

SESSION 9:

Rebuilding our Profession – Together – One Student at a Time

.10 CEU

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Nancy Varallo,

Nancy Varallo, co-founder of Project Steno and chair of NCRA's A to Z Task Force, has spent decades training students and developing reporters for successful careers in our time-honored profession. In this motivational and upbeat presentation, Nancy will discuss the need for all of us to work – together – to bring young people into court reporting and captioning. Learn about the grassroots A to Z program and the new A to Z Online offering. Hear about Project Steno's exciting awareness campaign and tuition assistance/student monitoring program. Walk away with a new can-do spirit. Yes, WE can do this!

SESSION 10:

Court Reporting Family Feud!

.10 CEU

4:45 – 5:45pm

Melissa Keating, RPR; Cheryl Hansberry, RDR, CRR; and Julie Wilson, RPR, CRI

Before heading out to dinner, join President Keating at the PCRA Family Feud – a fun way to test your steno knowledge and briefs. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served; cash bar.

Winning auction tickets will be posted before the start of the party.

PCRA Reception

5:45-6:30pm

Dinner on your own

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:00am – 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

SESSION 11: Role of the Coroner: Terms You Need in Your Dictionary

8:30 – 10:30am

Jeffery Lee, Cambria County Coroner

.20 CEU

This session will focus on coroner terms and processes that will help you build your dictionary and be better prepared for your next trial or deposition. Topics will be manners and causes of death; processing a death scene investigation, and court room testimony. Graphic photos of scene investigation will be shown.

10:30am – 10:45am **Break**

SESSION 12: Living the Dream – Traveling and Working Abroad as a Court Reporter.10 CEU

10:45 – 11:45am

Lisa Feissner, RDR, CRR, CRI

Do you dream of traveling around the world? Would you like to get paid to do it? Find out what you need to know – and how easy it really is to take your court reporting job on the road. Learn about the requirements, challenges, and pleasures of becoming an international court reporter. We'll talk equipment, regulations, types of work, and I'll share some photos of the amazing places I've been while on the job.