

WCRA 2009 FALL CONVENTION AGENDA
THEME: We Create Realtime Access

Dear Colleague:

The WCRA Board and Convention Committee would like to invite you to attend our 2009 Fall Convention in Elkhart Lake. The event will take place at The Osthoff Resort on October 23-25, 2009. As much as we've enjoyed planning our conventions for the last four and a half years, this will be our last one. We will be turning our coordinator duties over to Michelle Stello and Judy Zickert. They bring enthusiasm and eagerness to their new positions and have exciting things planned for us. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time serving WCRA and look forward to seeing you all at future conventions!

Karla Sommer
Donna DeBiase

CONVENTION AT A GLANCE

Friday, October 23rd

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception and Early Registration. Hors d'oeuvres served. Cash bar.

Saturday, October 24th

7:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration

7:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Vendors

7:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Silent Auction

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Seminar Sessions

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch/Business Mtg.

1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Seminar Session

Sunday, October 25th

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Seminar Sessions

Saturday, October 24th
Concurrent Seminar Program

8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Palm Garden A, B & C

1. "Overcoming Fear and Mastering Strategies for Handling Tough Realtime Situations" (.15 CEUs)

Anita Paul Johnston

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Palm Garden A, B & C

2. "Conflict Resolution" (.15 CEUs)

Anita Paul Johnston

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Palm Garden D, E & F

Lunch & Business Meeting

(lunch included in registration)

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Palm Garden A, B & C

3. "Solving Word Boundary Problems with Clean Prefixes and Suffixes" (.15 CEUs)

Anita Paul Johnston

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Villa Gottfried Room

4. "Briefing on the Fly" (.15 CEUs)

Adam D. Miller, RPR, CRI, CSR(DE)

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Palm Garden A, B & C

5. "Mastering Alphabets and Numbers" (.15 CEUs)

Anita Paul Johnston

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Villa Gottfried Room

6. "The ABCs of Backing Up" (.15 CEUs)

Adam D. Miller, RPR, CRI, CSR(DE)

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Palm Garden A, B & C

7. "Creating Instant Smart Strokes, Advanced RT Techniques" (.1 CEUs)

Anita Paul Johnston

Sunday, October 25th
Seminar Sessions

8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

8. "Town Hall Session" (.15 CEUs)

WCRA Board and NCRA Representative Adam Miller

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

9. "Reporting on Capitol Hill" (.15 CEUs)

Learn the challenges that face the official reporters to the House of Representatives. How does one prepare for the rigors of reporting the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, or the committee hearings of Congress?

How do they properly identify 435 discrete speakers? Learn what skills, backgrounds, and qualifications are sought in candidates for this intriguing work. Hear personal stories from the Chief Reporter of the House, as well as an official reporter, about their experiences in the U.S. Capitol recording history as it's made.

Joe Strickland, RPR, CRR, Chief Reporter, U.S. House of Representatives

Ed Johnson, RPR, CRR, FAPR, Official Reporter, U.S. House of Representatives

The Osthoff Resort
101 Osthoff Avenue, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020
Tel: 800-876-3399
www.osthoff.com

If you require overnight accommodations, please contact The Osthoff at 800-876-3399 to make your reservation. Make sure to mention you are with the WCRA Convention when calling AND call before **Wednesday, September 23, 2009**, to receive the discounted room rate.

Room Rates:

Run of House Guest Rooms and
One-Bedroom Suites: \$109 plus tax
Two-Bedroom Woodland Suite: \$149 plus tax

Hotel Check-in/Check-out:

Check-in: 4:00 p.m.
Check-out: 11:00 a.m.

Deadline for booking rooms:

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

The Osthoff Resort, located midway between Milwaukee and Green Bay, is known as one of the Midwest's premier waterfront resorts. The AAA diamond resort features an indoor swimming pool, two whirlpool spas, sauna, Aspira Spa, two restaurants, two fitness centers, tennis and basketball courts, and an arcade. Hiking, biking, and horseback riding are located nearby. Sheboygan County was named the number three golf destination in the country by *Golf Digest* magazine. Quit Qui Oc Golf Club, a 28-hole golf course, is located adjacent to The Osthoff Resort.

The Osthoff Resort provides a number of dining options with an emphasis on a relaxed and comfortable dining experience. Menus include traditional favorites, and imaginative regional cuisine prepared by our award-winning chefs. Lola's offers fresh regional cuisine, an outstanding wine list and a delightful decor with beautiful views of Elkhart Lake. Otto's Restaurant offers a full menu of American cuisine in a casual setting.

For more information, check www.osthoff.com

Additional Convention News

The Plymouth Food Pantry

At this convention we are encouraging you to consider making a monetary donation to the Plymouth Food Pantry. Please consider donating nonperishable food items or making a cash donation.

Door Prizes & Conduit Fund

As always we will be giving out door prizes from various vendors and reporters. If you would like to donate a door prize, we would appreciate that; just bring it to the convention. Conduit donations will also earn you a ticket for prizes.

Silent Auction

You won't want to miss our Silent Auction to benefit the Student Scholarship Fund! Not only will you get to shop, but you will be investing in our future reporters/CART providers/captioners at the same time. By now many of you may have heard from Judy DeRuyter and Jessie Waack requesting donations. If you haven't, please contact one of them to let them know what your donation will be. Judy can be reached at Judith.deruyter@wicourts.gov or 920-459-3039, or Jessie at jwaack@wi.rr.com or 414-839-1203.

Steno Paper

Don't forget to recycle your steno scraps for the students! Bring them with you.

Social Package

For those of you who are retired or would like to reunite with old friends or attend the Business Meeting, but do not wish to attend the seminars, WCRA continues to offer a social package. This includes Saturday's continental breakfast and lunch/business meeting. The cost will vary for each convention based on the hotel charges. It does not include admission to the seminars.

Official Reporters

Please plan ahead if you will be requesting vacation time on the Friday of upcoming conventions. Due to the reporter shortage, coverage may be difficult. Please check your calendars for October 23, 2009; April 16, 2010; and October 22, 2010!

Lunch Included in Registration

A buffet lunch is included in the convention registration fees. The business meeting will be held in conjunction with lunch. We will continue to offer a Friday night social and early registration to allow you to pick up your folders.

Retired Reporters

If you are aware of a retired reporter that is interested in attending any of our social events at any of our conventions, please pass the necessary information along to them.

ANITA'S REALTIME MASTERY WORKSHOP IS A HANDS-ON SEMINAR, SO BRING YOUR STENO MACHINE AND LAPTOP! POWER STRIPS WILL BE PROVIDED

**Anita Paul Johnston,
CSR-CCR-CRR-CRI-CPE-CBC-CCP-CSP**

Anita has been a certified court reporter since 1974, serving as an official in the Los Angeles municipal and superior courts for over 17 years and as a freelancer since 1992. Teaching at court reporting night schools for about 12 years fulfilled her love of teaching. In 1991, she was instrumental in creating the first complete CIC courtroom in the state of California, including video synchronization, wherein she reported back-to-back realtime dailies with her partner for a year-and-a-half, networked to 11 computers. Anita went through the process of transforming her own writing skills and gave numerous presentations and trainings to fellow court reporters for two years. In 1992, she combined her experiences and expertise with extensive realtime theory research and created her own company, Anita Paul Realtime Seminars and Workshops, a subsidiary of Anita Paul International. Her training company presents inspirational and content-driven realtime workshops, seminars, keynotes, peak performance strategies, and attorney presentations worldwide, including almost every state in America, England, British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Mexico, Canada, Hong Kong, Trinidad, the Bahamas, and the Virgin Islands. Anita has successfully presented at numerous NCRA and state conventions, and has done extensive trainings for local, statewide and national, and international government agencies. Anita has been a member of the National Speakers Association since 1996 and has mastered her presentation and teaching skills to earn her the reputation of a world-class leader in facilitation, keynotes, and presenting seminar trainings. She implements the latest cutting-edge learning techniques, including NLP, and creates a fun, exciting learning environment. Anita has written books, produced numerous tape and CD training series, and has expanded her realtime workshops to include seminars on advancing technologies, transition to C.A.R.T. and Broadcast Captioning, and a dynamic seminar for attorneys on creating an effective record. In 2007 Anita achieved the highest speaking honor one can earn in the National Speakers Association, the Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) designation.

**Ed Johnson, RPR, CRR, FAPR, Official Reporter,
U.S. House of Representatives**

Graduated with an Associate's Degree in Court Reporting from Madison Area Technical College in 1980. After freelance reporting for a year in Milwaukee, Ed worked as a circuit court reporter for the State of Wisconsin from 1981 to 2007. Since May of 2007, Ed has been an Official Reporter with the U.S. House of Representatives, reporting proceedings held in committees of the House. Ed has been involved with and chaired numerous NCRA committees and task forces. He formerly served as NCRA Legislative Advisor. He was an instructor at NCRA Legislative Boot Camp, and has presented several legislative-related seminars for state court reporter associations.

Adam D. Miller, RPR, CRI, CSR(DE)

Adam is a former blackjack player, professional juggler, bartender. He discovered court reporting in 1991, then realized that it required some actual dedication in 1995. Graduated in 1996. Married his theory teacher. Freelance reporter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for five years, in Wilmington, Delaware for eight, the last three as a firm owner. Registered Professional Reporter, 2000; Certified Reporting Instructor, 2001. Immediate Past President Delaware Court Reporters Association. Member, Backup Audio Media Task Force. National Committee of State Associations (NCSA) delegate, 2003-2005; NCSA Governing Board, 2005-2007. Veteran of Multiple State Leadership Conferences and Legislative Boot Camps. Convention junkie. Word Nerd. Forum maven. Geek.

Though his hobbies are bicycling and (watching) baseball, his wife -- Pat Miller (Certified Reporting Instructor, Certified Program Evaluator, certified grader for NCRA skills tests, office manager and proofreader *par excellence*) -- and he basically eat, breathe, and sleep court reporting.

Adam is beginning his third year of a three-year term on the NCRA Board of Directors. He likes nothing better than chatting with, engaging, debating, inspiring, encouraging, listening to, interacting with the nicest and smartest bunch of professionals anywhere: court reporters.

**Joe Strickland, RPR, CRR, Chief Reporter,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.**

Joe Strickland joined the staff of the Official Reporters in 1993, reporting House Committee hearings. He became Chief Reporter in 2005. He has reported the State of the Union speeches of President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush, as well as the first joint session speech of President Barack Obama. Prior to his time on the Hill, he was a broadcast captionist for KVIA-TV in El Paso, Texas, and a freelance reporter in Washington, D.C. He attended court reporting school in Richardson, Texas, and holds a bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

Future Convention Dates & Locations

Spring 2010, April 16-18
The Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire
www.plazaeauclaire.com
Call 715-834-6498 for reservations
Room rate: \$89 plus tax

Fall 2010, October 22-24
Country Springs Hotel, Waukesha
www.countryspringshotel.com
Call 262-547-0201 or 800-247-6640 for reservations.
Room rate: \$114 (sgl/dbl with or without waterpark passes)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Milwaukee

- Take I-43 North out of Milwaukee
- Veer left to Exit #97, which turns into Hwy 57 North to Plymouth
- Turn left onto Hwy 23 West
- Follow Hwy 23 West to the Hwy 67 Exit (right-hand exit off of 23)
- Turn north (left) onto Hwy 67, and follow into Elkhart Lake
- Turn left at Community Bank onto East Osthoff Ave
- Turn left again onto Osthoff Ave, The Osthoff Resort is located on the right.

From Green Bay

- Take I-43 South to Hwy 23 West
- Follow Hwy 23 West to Hwy 67 North (right-hand exit)
- Follow Hwy 67 North into Elkhart Lake
- Turn left at the four-way stop onto Rhine Street
- Turn left onto Osthoff Avenue

From Fond du Lac

- Take Hwy 23 East to Hwy 67 North (right-hand exit)
- Follow Hwy 67 North into Elkhart Lake
- Turn left at the four-way stop onto Rhine Street
- Turn left onto Osthoff Avenue

From Madison

- Take Hwy 151 North to Hwy 23 East
- Exit onto Hwy 23 East (Johnson St. Exit)
- Follow Hwy 23 East to Hwy 67 North (right-hand exit)
- Continue on Hwy 67 North into Elkhart Lake
- Turn left at the four-way stop onto Rhine Street
- Turn left onto Osthoff Avenue

WCRA 2009 FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

1. NAME AND ADDRESS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Certifications _____

Position: ☐ Official – What county? _____

☐ Freelance ☐ Captioner ☐ CART ☐ Teacher

☐ Student –What school? _____

Will you be attending Saturday buffet lunch? _____
(included with registration)

What CAT software are you currently using? _____

Do you plan on attending the CAT breakout sessions at the
2010 Spring Convention in Eau Claire? _____

2. REGISTRATION

Please circle your selections.

	WCRA Member*	Non-Member
Full Weekend	\$175	\$275
Saturday ONLY	\$150	\$250
Welcome Reception	\$10	\$10
Student	\$40	\$40
Sponsor a Student	\$40	\$40
Social Package	\$40	(not eligible)
(includes Sat cont bkfst & lunch – not admission to seminars)		
Postmarked after October 16 –LATE FEE		\$25
Deduct Credit vouchers (must be enclosed) \$		_____

Register online by midnight October 16 to avoid late fee!

* WCRA Member or Member of State NCRA Affiliate Association

3. CONCURRENT SESSION CHOICES

(Please make a choice. Sessions 3-6 on Saturday are the only concurrent sessions.)

☐ 3 or ☐ 4 ☐ 5 or ☐ 6

Support our Students

For a small donation, you can invest in the future of your profession by sponsoring a student's registration fee. Also, consider donating an item to the Silent Auction. Proceeds go to the Student Scholarship and Recruitment Fund.

Convention theme

We
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Welcome Reception

*Be sure to sign up for the
Welcome Reception on Friday
night. Hors d'oeuvres are
included. Cash bar.*

4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

☐ My check made payable to WCRA is enclosed.

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please register online at
www.wicourtreporters.org.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration form and payment must be received by Friday, October 16, 2009. If you mail it after October 16, please add the late fee of \$25 to your payment.

Mail to:

Karla Sommer
4008 Crestwood Dr.
Wausau, WI 54403

Questions:

715-581-1605 or
[kmsommer@
charter.net](mailto:kmsommer@charter.net)

Online

Register online at no extra charge through WCRA Web site, www.wicourtreporters.org. Register online by midnight, October 16, to avoid \$25 late fee.

On-Site Registration

On-site registration is available on Saturday, 7:15 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. The additional late fee is \$25.

Cancellations

A \$25 cancellation fee will apply to cancellations. Call 715-581-1605 to cancel.

Pay your membership dues and convention registration online!

We encourage all members to register and pay for membership dues and convention registration fees online using a credit card. Simply go to wicourtreporters.org, and click on Conventions & Events for the forms that need to be filled out for membership and/or convention registration and payment. Your secure online payment will be made through PayPal. You do not need to have a PayPal account to use the service. This service can not be used if you are applying a credit voucher or gift certificate for registration or membership fees. Please let us know if you have any comments or concerns.