

NFPA NEWS

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Upcoming Events

June 8, 2009

AIPS PACE™ Review Course

June 20-21, 2009

NFPA® PACE™ Ambassadors Conference
Hosted by the Minnesota Paralegal Association
Minneapolis, MN

July 25-26, 2009

NFPA® Summer Board Meeting
Providence, RI

October 29-November 1st, 2009

NFPA® Annual Convention
Come to Oregon, Be a Paralegal Pioneer
Hosted by the Oregon Paralegal Association
Red Lion Hotel on the River
Portland, OR

March 26-27, 2010

NFPA Tech Institute™
Doubletree San Jose, CA

NFPA® Upcoming Deadlines

July 31, 2009

NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships
Association Pro Bono Award
Individual Pro Bono Award
Local Outstanding Leader Award
NFPA Paralegal of the Year Award
PACE™ Ambassador Award
PACE™ Scholarship
The Hon. William R. Robie Award

Convention Corner

Did you know that you don't have to be a local association delegate or president to attend NFPA's annual convention? Regular members of NFPA local associations as well as non-members are welcome to attend as observers. Check out the convention information on the NFPA website and consider attending in Portland, OR this year or in Cherry Hill, NJ next year!

Tactical Strategies (*updates & inquiries on the Strategic Plan*)

One of NFPA's hallmark characteristics is our passion for professionalism, advanced competency and advancing the paralegal profession. To that end, we established a goal of Achieving Individual Excellence in the Profession. This month we need your help with finding ways to accomplish the educational objectives.

Thoughts to ponder:

If we want to increase opportunities for education and increase the desire to pursue educational opportunities, how can we go about doing so? NFPA has been fortunate to establish partnerships with other CLE providers to increase educational opportunities, but we need an infusion of new energy to find ways to increase our NFPA sponsored online CLE offerings. How can we find authors to write a one hour online CLE? What holds you back from volunteering to do so? Where do you obtain your CLE credits? Please send your comments to bekin@vestas.com.

Ethics Board

Did you know that NFPA has an Ethics Board that has rendered a number of opinions over the years on ethical issues regarding paralegals? Those opinions are posted on the NFPA website for your review and guidance. The Ethics Board may respond to and/or offer an opinion or recommendation on inquiries concerning the ethical conduct, obligations, utilization and/or discipline of paralegals. Inquiries may be submitted by any paralegal; attorney; corporate or governmental entity employing a paralegal; court; legislature; or bar association. You do not need to be an NFPA member to submit an inquiry. So if you have a question or concern on an ethical issue, send an e-mail to VPPI@paralegals.org for consideration by the NFPA Ethics Board.