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## 2018 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

February 10-17



Tipton County Courthouse, Covington, Tennessee



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DANA WEBB, LCR, CCR  
TCRA President

WOW!! What an exciting time for our profession right now. There is so much going on and it's time for us all to get out, get excited and get involved!!

We're only a few days away from Court Reporting and Captioning Week. There are so many things you can do to celebrate this amazing time of recognition in our profession. TCRA will be sending out different opportunities for you to get involved and actually make a difference during this *Court Reporting and Captioning Week*. Whether you're a captioner, a freelancer, a CART provider or an official, make this week a great week of showing off what we do – introduce people to the world of court reporting, even share it on your personal Facebook page and other social outlets, so that others can be inspired by your enthusiasm.

Another way that TCRA is spreading the word about Court Reporting during *Court Reporting and Captioning Week* is by making our presence known in Nashville at the Tennessee General Assembly for TCRA's Day on the Hill. We will have volunteers working a booth on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4:30. This is a way for us to show legislators what we do and how valuable our services are. If you are interested in volunteering to work the booth, please e-mail [administrator@tcra.com](mailto:administrator@tcra.com) to get involved.

So please, don't just sit back and think to yourself that others will step up to the plate and take our profession to the next level. Get involved. Get out there and show the world what a great career this can be.

Remember, there is a 5,200 court reporting shortage anticipated for 2018. If we don't make our voices heard, our profession known, our importance recognized, we may find ourselves competing with technology other than the wonder of a steno machine. Speak up and show out. Court Reporting, at any level, in any arena, is a profession to be proud of.

Happy Court Reporting and Captioning Week. Go make a difference!!

Sincerely,  
Dana

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendars now for the TCRA Annual Convention being held June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Four Points Sheraton in Brentwood. Your convention committee is hard at work planning a great agenda with some wonderful speakers and fun activities. It will also be a great way to network with your fellow court reporters from across the Great State of Tennessee as well as our neighboring states.



## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

JAMES L. VOWELL, RPR, RMR, LCR  
TCRA President-Elect  
Bylaws Committee Chair

Changes have been made to the Bylaws to reflect the amendments voted on by the membership at last year's annual convention, and they have been posted on our web site. The committee is currently working on making changes to the policies and procedures to conform to the bylaws changes. They will be ready for handout at our next annual business meeting in June 2018.

Let us remind you that if you have suggested changes to the bylaws, they need to be submitted to the Bylaws committee at least 45 days prior to our annual business meeting. Regarding changes/amendments, our bylaws state:

### ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at such meeting, provided the text of such proposed action is provided to each member not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.



In order for the bylaws committee to have time to review your suggested amendment and publish it to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting, we request that you submit your [Bylaws Resolution Form](#) to the Administrative Director forty-five (45) days prior to our annual business meeting. She will forward it on to the committee for review as to form. It will then be submitted to the membership at the annual business meeting. Submissions must be received by April 16, 2018.





## CONVENTION COMMITTEE

SARAH MOTLEY, LCR

TCRA Vice President

Convention Committee Chair

Mark your calendars for the 2018 TCRA Convention. It will be June 1st and 2nd, 2018, in Brentwood, Tennessee. Some of the seminars to look forward to are a financial planner, memorable moments of court reporters, a movie day with popcorn, and seminars focusing on the future of court reporting in our state.



Brush up on your trivia knowledge because our Friday fundraising event will be Trivia Night! We will also be doing Bingo throughout our seminars. The Convention Committee is looking forward to putting on a very fun and informative convention this year and hope you will all join us!

## SUPPORT OUR LOYAL CONVENTION PARTNERS





## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

KORIAN NEAL, RPR, LCR, CLR, CCR-AR  
TCRA Western Director  
Education Committee Chair

The Education Committee in the Western District has plans to visit three high schools' career days to showcase the amazing profession of court reporting. I challenge the Middle District as well as the Eastern District to do the same. Nothing like getting the word out about our great profession. Thanks!



## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

CAROL X. WEST, LCR, CCR  
TCRA Eastern Director  
Fundraising Committee Chair

Our greatest fundraising effort is coming soon: 2018 Annual Convention!!!! The convention committee will be contacting you in a couple of months for Silent Auction items. Please start now by checking out the sales and picking up anything you would want to donate that members might bid on. With this big of a head start, who knows what kind of deals you can find for "cheap," to donate that might create a last-minute bidding war at the convention. Please help us make this a success! If you are unable to attend the convention, we will get the item or items at your convenience.

If you have any suggestions for TCRA logo items that we could offer for sale at the convention, let me know. We need fundraising ideas!!!

Our convention will be held on June 1-2, 2018 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Brentwood, Tennessee. Please contact Lynn at [administrator@tncra.com](mailto:administrator@tncra.com) with the item you plan to donate so we can coordinate pickup or delivery. With your help, this might be our biggest silent auction ever, and we THANK YOU in advance for your generosity!

This is a license renewal year, and we know that CEUs are available all over the internet from sources other than TCRA. Please remember your association NEEDS you! We hope you will plan to attend convention and earn your CEUs with us so that your association can benefit. Our convention committee is working on some great presentations where you can earn your CEUs, help the association, and have a great time with friends and colleagues as well!!!



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

DEBBIE WEST, CLNR, LCR  
TCRA Eastern Director  
Membership Committee Co-Chair



LESLIE McANALLY, LCR, CCR  
TCRA Middle Director  
Membership Committee Co-Chair

2018 is underway! TCRA is pleased to welcome all of our new members who have joined the association. We now have a total of 221 members. The breakdown is 214 professional members, 4 student members and 3 associate members. Of those members, 75 are CCRs. Currently we are working on a membership drive for 2018, and more details will be announced as the membership drive gets underway.

NCRA's A to Z program has been a huge success. If you would be generous enough to sponsor a student or recent graduate, please contact our Administrative Director, Lynn Terrell, at [administrator@tcra.com](mailto:administrator@tcra.com) for names of students or recent graduates, and we will put you in contact with one. Several of our members have already stepped up and offered to pay the first year's dues for a student member. We need to start them out right!!!

We have some huge issues facing us, and we are much more effective in greater numbers. Electronic recordings are threatening our skilled profession. By [joining the association](#), you will be able to keep abreast of recent changes in legislation and updates on our profession. Please implore your colleagues to join TCRA so we can work together to fight this threat and keep our profession alive!

We hope to see many of you at the convention this year, being held at the Four Points Sheraton in Brentwood, Tennessee, on June 1-2, 2018. It will be a wonderful event and a great way to network with colleagues while earning the CEUs that you need for your licensure.



### TCRA MEMBERSHIP

PROFESSIONALS	214
ASSOCIATES	3
STUDENTS	4
TOTAL	221

### NEW MEMBERS

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[Join or Renew your membership today](#)





# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MARILYN MORGAN, LCR, CCR

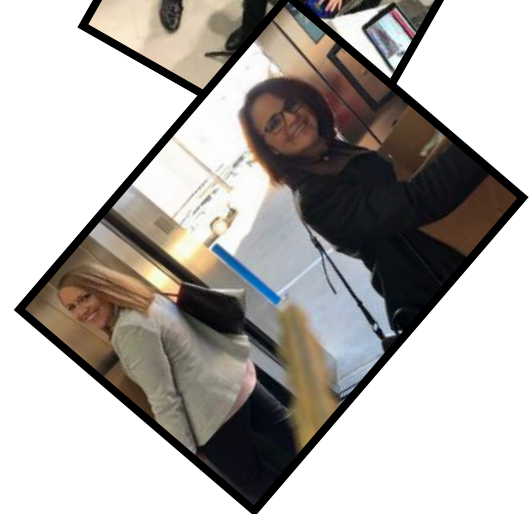
TCRA Past President

Legislative Committee Chair



## TCRA's Day On the Hill

Since a picture is worth a thousand words, I will only add that I am grateful for and humbled by the gracious sharing of time and talents by these ambassadors for our profession.





# SCHOLARSHIP/MENTORING COMMITTEE

JANIS McMASTER, LCR  
TCRA Secretary  
Scholarship/Mentoring Committee Chair

## A to Z across Tennessee!!

Volunteers in West, Middle, and East Tennessee have taught A to Z classes and many of the students have graduated. We would like to express our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of these teachers: Kathy May, Debi Pearce, Sheryl Weatherford, Sheri Allen, Linda Worsham, Korian Neal, Dana Webb, Max Curry, Karyn Menck, Ken Gibson, and Rhonda Sansom.

And to the graduates of these classes we offer our congratulations for a tough job well done! For those of you who have enrolled in a court reporting school, we would like to invite you to join TCRA as a student member. As a student member we can offer you mentoring by seasoned professionals to help you along your journey. You will also be eligible to apply for our **Tiffany Brosemer Student Scholarship** which will be awarded at our 2018 Annual Convention in June. Please email us at [administrator@tncra.com](mailto:administrator@tncra.com) for help with membership application and scholarship application. We have sponsors available to help with the cost of membership.

## CONGRATULATIONS, A to Z GRADUATES!!



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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Alicia Dorty         | Memphis, TN         |
| Lisa Marshall        | Memphis, TN         |
| Caroline Horton      | Greenwood, MS       |
| Kimberly Tanzy       | Memphis, TN         |
| Amanda Mattingly     | Memphis, TN         |
| Brian Faine          | Memphis, TN         |
| Keva Partee          | Memphis, TN         |
| Vickie Spearman      | Memphis, TN         |
| Cameron Cox          | Kingsport, TN       |
| Mary West            | Knoxville, TN       |
| Taylor (Alex) Dillon | Murfreesboro, TN    |
| Michelle Nulty       | Cumberland City, TN |
| Kaitlyn Bilyeu       | Nashville, TN       |
| Suzanne Harper       | Escondido, CA       |



# Tiffany Brosemer Student Scholarship Fund

Each year TCRA sponsors a scholarship for court reporting students. Students may participate in the program by writing a short essay. The student scholarships are awarded to deserving students each year at our Annual Convention.

In honor and memory of Tiffany Robinson Brosemer, we have renamed the Student Scholarship Fund to the "Tiffany Brosemer Student Scholarship Fund." Tiffany lost a courageous battle with cancer on December 14, 2009. She was a long-time member of TCRA, having served on several committees and as a Middle Division Director during the years 2005-2006. We feel it is especially fitting to rename the Student Scholarship Fund, as Tiffany was the first recipient of the Student Scholarship Award in 2003.

The deadline for the submittal of essays is 15 days prior to our Annual Convention. If you have any questions regarding this program, please address questions to our Administrative Director at [administrator@tcra.com](mailto:administrator@tcra.com). Or, if you prefer, you may contact her at the following address:

TCRA - Scholarship Application  
P.O. Box 135  
Brunswick, TN 38014

## General Guidelines for TCRA's Court Reporting Scholarship

- 1) Student must be a current student member of TCRA (Dues are \$25 a year)
- 2) Student must provide proof of enrollment (signature of instructor) at an institution or online program that has been designated as an NCRA-certified or NCRA-participating program.
- 3) Student must provide official transcript from one of the preapproved court reporting schools.
- 4) Student must write an essay of 100-300 words entitled Why I Want to be a Court Reporter, Why I Want to be a Captioner, or Why I Want to be a CART Provider.
- 5) Applications must be submitted [online](#), by email, or by USPS postmarked 15 days prior to our Annual Convention.

TCRA - Scholarship Application  
P.O. Box 135  
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Free dictation – 5000 most common words for stenography

Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibadJk2aydg&t=25s>

Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rgmr4Kxg5o>

Part 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asTGj9WYbMw>

# TCRA BOARD CHANGES



**TCRA** would like to congratulate Karyn Menck on her appointment to the **NCRA** Board. However, that left the Middle Tennessee Rep position vacant. Beth Frazier has agreed to step in to that role. Please welcome Beth to our Board. She will be a great asset to our Association and board.

Here is a little info about our new Middle Tennessee Rep:

## **Beth Frazier, RMR, CRC**

Beth Frazier began her career in court reporting in 1991 after graduating from Edmondson Junior College in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She moved to Nashville, Tennessee, in 1992 and continued her career as a freelance reporter. She began providing CART and Captioning in a variety of settings in 2000, including church services, high school and college courses, meetings, seminars and conferences, as well as theatrical, musical and sports productions across the country.

Since 2012 she has worked exclusively as a CART Captioner and truly believes she has the best job in the world! Beth holds the Registered Merit Reporter and

Certified Realtime Captioner certifications with the National Court Reporters Association.

She lives on a small farm in Smyrna, Tennessee, with her husband, Troy. They have two daughters, Abby and Savannah, who are both currently away attending college and leaving them with an empty nest.

# TCRA BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee will be searching for people to serve in open positions on the TCRA Board in the upcoming term. You may review and print the nomination form online. If you, yourself, would like to serve or if you know of anyone who may be willing to serve, please complete the [nomination form online](#) and/or email it to [administrator@tncra.com](mailto:administrator@tncra.com). A committee member will contact all nominees to ascertain their willingness to serve and to answer any questions they may have about what the various positions entail. Nomination forms must be received by March 31, 2018.



# IN MEMORIAM

*Written by Karyn Menck*

## Bettye King Menck

July 14, 1933 - January 15, 2018

The court reporting community lost one of their own on January 15, 2018. Bettye King Menck of Shelbyville, Tennessee, was one of the last pen writers in the state - perhaps the country! She began her court reporting career after completing her training through a civil service program and began working for the federal government at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida to pay for her training. In 1965, she moved to Shelbyville to become one of the seven charter members of the official criminal court reporters of Tennessee.



A letter she received in 1977 from the Executive Secretary of the state reads, in part: "In 1965 you accepted the challenge of this post as an adventurer in an endeavor with an uncertain future. It was a new idea in Tennessee, one that was created by the application of the concept of 'equal protection under the law.' The members of the Supreme Court join me in extending our personal gratitude to you for your efforts in a job well done. It is our hope that you will continue your efforts for many years to come."

When her judge retired in 1990, Bettye continued on as a freelance reporter until 2004 - when, at the age of 71, she laid down her pen for good. Not only did she serve the legal community well, she was also a mentor to many new reporters through the years. I knew the family from a young age, and in my senior year of high school I went with her on career day to sit in on hearings in the criminal court; and, ultimately, changed my course of study. It was that day I decided I was going to court reporting school. I know of at least two other current court reporters that learned of court reporting through "Miss Bettye." Not only was Bettye Menck my mentor, she was my former mother-in-law and my friend. Her impact on the court reporting community will not be forgotten by those of us who knew her.

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TCRA gratefully acknowledges these  
generous donations to the  
Tiffany Brosemer Student Scholarship Fund:

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In loving memory of Bettye King Menck  
by the Farmer Family

In honor of Mike and Jennifer Carollo  
by Katie Kellum



# RED TAPE, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

**Court reporter licenses in Tennessee** are now administered by the [Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance's Division of Regulatory Boards](#). All questions regarding licenses should be directed to that office.

TDCI's contact information has changed. Please contact Dennis O'Brien at TDCI with any concerns or questions at (615) 532-5654 or by email at [Dennis.O'Brien@tn.gov](mailto:Dennis.O'Brien@tn.gov).



## \*\*\*\*NEW ON-LINE licensing system for Court Reporters coming soon\*\*\*\*

Introducing CORE !  
**Comprehensive Online Regulatory & Enforcement Software**



The on-line, one-stop shop for all your licensing needs – to be launched in time for the June renewals.

### **The BENEFITS:**

- Apply for licenses
- Renew licenses
- Make contact information changes
- Download license copies
- 24/7 access
- All major Credit/Debit cards and eChecks accepted

### **The STEPS:**

1. Create your account at the on-line portal
2. Link your license to your account
3. Manage your license and information at any time, as and when required

### **An UPDATE:**

We have already tested the front-end you will see in your portal and the back-end we manage at this office – and it works flawlessly J

We are currently mapping all the old licensing data into this new system and running tests to ensure that all your information makes it over accurately.

Once done – it will be all systems go for a launch date!

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VOLUNTEER FOR A COMMITTEE  
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**





**JAMES L. VOWELL, RPR, RMR, LCR**  
**TCRA President-Elect**  
**Newsletter Committee Chair**

The Volunteer Reporter is a publication produced quarterly for members of TCRA and other interested parties and is dedicated to the improvement of our profession and to provide a link between TCRA and its members.

Letters for the newsletter are welcomed and will be printed according to space availability. The Newsletter Committee reserves the right to edit letters according to space and formatting requirements or as ethics require, so long as the original meaning remains intact. Additionally, research articles may be written to earn TCRA CEU credits. Author must submit online and receive approval of such in order to earn CEUs. Contact the Newsletter Committee for details.

Submission and advertising deadline is 15 days before publication date. Material received less than 15 days after deadline will be held for next issue.

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11 Daylight Savings Time Starts 11-13 <a href="#">NCRA Legislative Boot Camp</a>	1 Easter Sunday	13 Mother's Day
17 St. Patrick's Day 23 <a href="#">TBCR Meeting</a>	12 TCRA Board Meeting	28 Memorial Day
30 Good Friday 31 <a href="#">TCRA Board Nominations</a> due	16 <a href="#">Bylaws Resolution Form</a> due	31 <a href="#">TCRA Membership Renewal</a> Deadline