Happy October! We have had some exciting news with the recently passed bill in California allowing voice writers to now work in California! (See article in this eVoice.) One state closer to total acceptance, which is always our goal!

We have our convention set in Tampa, Florida, July 27-30. Join us! Stay tuned for more info, including some exciting changes and additions we plan on offering this year!

Did you know that NVRA has a members-only group discount program? The program is called **Windfall** and it is located under the Members tab on our website. I just checked car rental prices and they are significantly lower than if I rent from the vendor.

I also noticed under the tickets tab there is a deal for **Disney** tickets! I hear that a few of our members are going to make a trip to Disney before the convention. Save money, learn, and have fun in one trip!

*Maranda Sullivan, RCP, CVR, RCP-M, President, NVRA*

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**TAMPA Convention 2023**

We’re going to TAMPA!!

Join NVRA at our annual convention

July 27-30, 2023, at

**The Westin Tampa Waterside.**

The room rate for guests will be $139.00 per night for king or double queen. (Compared to current online rates, these same dates and rooms are $400+ per night.) This is a fantastic rate that NVRA was able to secure for our members!

The Westin is in a great location with beautiful views of the bay and within walking distance of many restaurants, as well as the Tampa Riverwalk.

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**Book Your Room at the Westin!**

[https://book.passkey.com/e/50385535](https://book.passkey.com/e/50385535)

Book your room online utilizing the hotel's secure online booking passkey system.
BREAKING NEWS:
Voice Writers Approved to Work as Certified Shorthand Reporters (CSR) in California!!!!

New legislation signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom September 27 adds voice writing as an approved method of court reporting and authorizes the Court Reporters Board of California to license voice writers to work as Certified Shorthand Reporters. The passage of A.B. 156 repeals a previous law and authorizes the Board to accept license applications from voice writers. The hope is the new legislation will help alleviate pressure on courts struggling to find certified court reporters, as demand continues to outgrow supply.

Until a new form is available, voice writing candidates may use the existing First Time Application for examination as a Certified Shorthand Reporter. Upon completion of the application, applicants must note voice writing as their qualifying method of reporting. An applicant qualifies using the existing pathways, with the substitution of the NVRA certification for the NCRA certification.

Candidates become eligible for the two written portions of the exam upon approval of the application. Please note there are three testing cycles per year, and candidates may take the written portion one time per test cycle.

The application can be found on the Board’s website.

Additional information about A.B. 156 can be found here.

To learn more about the Court Reporters Board, visit this link.
The NVRA Board of Directors extends its sincere concern for our members in Florida and other states impacted by Hurricane Ian and wishes to lend a helping hand. Please, if you are a member in need of replacement equipment or other professional assistance, let us know how we can help.

August Board Meeting Highlights

NVRA’s Board of Directors met in Atlanta in August to tackle a daunting to-do list. Following a refresher on the Board Code of Conduct and Conflicts of Interest, the Board heard reports regarding ongoing business:

- Treasurer
- NASA and Legislative Committee
- Membership Committee
- NVRA Store Committee
- Education Committee
- Convention
- Membership
- Realtime Contest at Convention
- Bylaws and P&P Revisions
- Credentialing Committee
- Social Media

New business included strategic planning and Forward Focus, appointment of the Nominating Committee, upcoming Town Hall Meetings, Identimap, and engagement of a CPA to conduct NVRA’s 2021 audit and tax filing. The full official minutes will be available on NVRA’s website following approval at the October meeting.

Your all-volunteer Board is working hard for YOUR organization! They will meet again October 21-22, 2022, in Atlanta. Have something for the agenda? Let Maranda know. marandasullivan@outlook.com

2022-2023 Board of Directors

Meet Our Board

President: Maranda Sullivan (IN)
Secretary: Carley Adamson (GA)
Past President: Gail Conaway (MO)
President-Elect: Becky Bazzle (SC)
Vice President: Annette Myers (NC)
Treasurer: Laurie Axtell (GA)

One-Year Directors:
- Pam Piehler (CA)
- Danielle Sargis (GA)

Two-Year Director:
- Linda Winfrey (WA)

DO SOMETHING TODAY THAT YOUR FUTURE SELF WILL THANK YOU FOR.

The actions and decisions today will shape the way we will be living in the future.
### Convention Tentative Agenda

#### Sunday, July 23
Optional: Technical Training TBA*

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#### Tuesday, July 25
Testing (Readiness Session, Written Knowledge Testing)*
NVRA Board of Directors Meeting

#### Wednesday, July 26
Testing (CVR, CM, GLE)*

#### Thursday, July 27
NASA, Vendor Training Sessions, Opening Session 4pm

#### Friday, July 28
Educational Sessions

#### Saturday, July 29
Educational Sessions
NVRA Board of Directors Meeting
Evening Closing Gala
*Additional registration required.

### Back by Popular Demand
One Free Test Segment

*Free test segment of your choice with full package registration. A segment may be a written knowledge test or dictation skills test (up to three legs).
*Student convention scholarships. Details to be announced.

### What Will the Convention Theme Be?
We are looking for a great convention theme for '23 in Tampa! Come up with a catchy theme for the convention to win a $50 gift card and your name on our convention t-shirts! Some previous themes have been "On the Record in Memphis" and "UnMASK Your Potential (New Orleans)". Be creative and try to incorporate some element of the profession. Email your suggestion to nvra@nvra.org by October 21st! The theme will be selected at the fall Board Meeting.
Urgent Need for Volunteers!

The Credentialing Committee has an URGENT need for help in two areas.

**PLEASE** consider volunteering to help with syllable/word counts of scripts to record for certification tests.

In the alternative, do you have the transcript of an interesting deposition or trial? How about a jury charge that includes the elements of the offense charged?

Read any interesting things on the Internet lately?

Please send 12-20 pages of any of that to us so that we can turn them into scripts for tests.

Please email nvra@nvra.org with your interest and willingness to help.

**We need volunteers!**

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**What the Heck?! NVRA Historical Tidbit**

Since the early 1950s, the **Gray Model 5A** had been the preferred transcription machine used by Stenomask reporters. Panic spread through the membership of the National Stenomask Verbatim Reporters Association when it was learned that the Gray 5A might be discontinued. Finding a satisfactory alternative became an issue that would preoccupy the membership for several years.

[Gray Audograph]
Congratulations! Way To Go!

Certified Verbatim Reporter (CVR)
Heather Bonds, CVR
Melissa Dunn, CVR
Maryellen Hawkland, CVR
Mallory Jones, CVR
Phillip Lane, CVR
Jennifer Murphy, CVR
Amy Pennica, CVR
April Sargent, CVR
Alexia Vandermeulen, CVR

Registered CART Provider - Master (RCP-M)
Chris Ales, RCP-M, RBC-M
Melissa Hale, RCP-M
Dalton Harris, RCP-M
Victoria Holland, RCP-M
Denise Miller, CVR, RCP-M
Sarita Noel, RCP-M

Registered Broadcast Captioner-Master (RBC-M)
Chris Ales, RCP-M, RBC-M
Sebastian Andrade-Miles, RBC-M

Realtime Verbatim Reporter (RVR)
Tammy Johnson, CVR-CM-M, RVR
Kelly Walters, CVR, RVR

Upcoming Testing Opportunities
Remaining Test Schedule for 2022

November 5-6 Jacksonville, FL
December 10-11 Atlanta, GA

The schedule for 2023 testing will be available on the NVRA website (www.nvra.org) beginning in early November 2022.

THE FOLLOWING tests are offered at each in-person testing event:
- CVR, CVR-S
- GLE - Georgia Licensure Exam
- CM, CM-S

REMOTE TESTING: The following tests are given remotely throughout the year:
- RBC-M and RCP-M
- RVR, RVR-S
- RVR-M, RVR-M-S

REGISTER NOW
CE Quiz - Reading Comprehension

Did you pay close attention as you were reading this eVoice? Let’s find out!

Which NVRA committee has an urgent need for volunteers?  
What is a Gray Audograph?  
Where will NVRA’s November testing be held?  
Where might some members visit pre-convention?  
What is Windfall?  
Who is NVRA’s current president?  
Which state is the most recent to permit voice writers in their state courts?  
Who is the governor of that state?  
Where will NVRA’s next board meeting be held?  
At which hotel will the 2023 Convention be held?

To receive your 1 FREE CE credit, scan and email your completed CE Quiz to membership@nvra.org. We'll post your credit and email acknowledgement to you.   QUIZ expires: December 1, 2022

Name: ___________________________ Date: ______________