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(Left to right standing: Rich Germosen, Karen Tyler, Lance Boardman, Sandy Narup, and NCRF Manager Jill Parker Landsman. Sitting left to right: Meredith Bonn, Doug Friend, and Early Langley.)

National Court Reporters Foundation announces its 2024-2025 Trustees at national Conference & Expo

RESTON, Va., Aug. 6, 2024 — The National Court Reporters Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, announced the new slate of its 2024-2025 National Trustees. The announcement was made during the Association's 2024 Conference & Expo held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 1-3.

The 2024-2025 Trustees include:

- Chair R. Douglas Friend, FAPR, RDR, CRR (Ret.), from Vancouver, Wash.;
- Chair-Elect Meredith A. Bonn, RPR, CRR, an official court reporter from Webster, N.Y.;
- Secretary-Treasurer Stacey Potenza, CRC, a broadcast and CART captioner and agency owner from McKinny, Texas;
- Lance Boardman, RDR, CRR, an official court reporter from Cleveland, Ohio;
- Rich Germosen, FAPR, RDR, CRR, a freelance court reporter from North Brunswick, N.J.;
- Patricia K. Graves, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, a captioner and agency owner from Monument, Colo.;
- Andrea M. Kreutz, CLVS, a videographer and firm owner from Des Moines, Iowa;
- Early Langley, RMR, a freelance court reporter from Danville, Calif.;
- Linda K. McSwain, RPR, CCR, an official court reporter from Mobile, Ala.;
- Sandy Narup, RPR, a court reporter from Apopka, Fla.;



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- Karen Tyler, RDR, CRR, CRC, a court reporter and agency owner from Shreveport, La.; and
- NCRA Executive Director Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, from Reston, Va.

The court reporting and captioning professions offer viable career choices that do not require a four-year college degree and yet offer good salaries, flexible schedules, and interesting venues. There is currently an increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available nationwide and abroad. Court reporters and captioners rely on the latest in technology to use stenographic machines to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in real time. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, providing live event captioning, and assisting members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities with gaining access to information, entertainment, education opportunities, and more.

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter or captioner, or to learn more about the lucrative and flexible court reporting, captioning, and legal videography professions and the many job opportunities currently available, contact $\underline{pr(a)ncra.org}$.

About NCRA

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) has been internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for 125 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 12,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, captioning, educator, and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership.

Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to be one of the fastest areas of projected employment growth across all occupations. According to 247/WallSt.com, the court reporting profession ranks sixth out of 25 careers with the lowest unemployment rate, just 0.7 percent. Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at NCRA DiscoverSteno.org.

About NCRF

National Court Reporters Foundation is the philanthropic arm of NCRA. As a charitable organization, the NCRF relies almost solely on tax-deductible donations, the majority of which come from NCRA members and associated businesses. To donate, or for information on NCRF's programs, visit <u>NCRA/Foundation.org</u>.