

MINUTES OF FALL STATEWIDE MEETING - REVISED  
Saturday, September 22, 2007  
TOLEDO, OHIO

Attended by:

**CPA (Cincinnati):** Kirsten Max; Jose Pedro Santos; Carolyn Saenz; Debbie Aldred; and Angela Baker-Colyer.

**CAP (Cleveland):** Debbie Littler and Katafa Reed.

**GDPA (Dayton):** Krista Smith.

**PACO (Columbus):** Amanda Coleman; Natalie Walden; Linda Hill; Barry Kiser; and Catherine Hawes.

**PANO (Toledo):** Jennifer Miller; Carol Warnimont; and Tammy Kellar.

**MVPA (Miami Valley):** Kay Glasgow; Denise Unger; and Linda Borgert.

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As discussed:

**Approval of Minutes from Spring 2007 Meeting**

Minutes from Spring 2007 Statewide Meeting were reviewed. Not changes were made and minutes were approved as recorded.

**Local Association News**

PACO: Reported that they held elections and the new administration is looking to fill the position for NFPA representative. 16 PACO members passed the OSBA examination. Also reported that the Paralegal Day was successful with the exception of a bottleneck of people at the registration table. The Pro Bono Committee is looking at new names due to trademark issue with the attorney holding the mark.

GDPA: The association is now affiliated with the Dayton Bar Association (DBA). There is now a Paralegal Committee at DBA. Benefits of the affiliation include discounted membership to the DBA; discounts on future CLE seminars until June 30, 2008; and the DBA will arrange for CLE speakers in the Dayton area for Paralegals. Membership to GDPA increased 20% after becoming affiliated with the DBA.

CAP: Reported having a full board, with membership of 146 currently and are conducting a member outreach. The association is also discussing merging with the Cleveland Metro Association. 4 CAP members are OSBA certified.

CPA: Reported that they are maintaining its records electronically. Their goal is to simply turn over a flash drive when there is a transfer in boardship. CPA reported 13 members passed the OSBA certification. The Pro Bono Committee has scheduled a Dress for Success clothing drive to coincide with their Wills for Heroes Event set for October 27, 2007. CPA is planning a trip to Keeneland.

PANO: Jennifer Miller reported that PANO is currently trying to increase its membership by holding two Career Paths by PANO, one at Stauzenberger College and the other at the University of Toledo. PANO held a successful Attitude Adjustment with future Attitude Adjustments planned. It was also reported that PANO will be helping with the Habitat for Humanity build.

MVPA: This association has been in existence for little over a year. Created because distance from Greene County to Dayton made participation in the GDPA difficult. Currently have 20 members. The Green City Bar Association put a link for MVPA on its website. They currently have 2 or 3 members involved with CASA

**National Associations Update and National News:** The American Alliance of Paralegals held its Summit during which a case out of the U.S. District Court in DC, *Wersinger v. Bank of America* and *Medical Legal Consultants v. Evans*, out of Texas were discussed. Also discussed during the summit was reciprocity of CLE. It was also reported that John Goudy from WPA is pushing Wisconsin for licensure of paralegal through that state's Supreme Court.

**Ohio Paralegal Associations Guidelines:** There were a few changes made to the guidelines corrected from the fall statewide meeting. Barry Kiser will make the corrections and re-send to the statewide associations.

**Future Statewide Meeting & Forum Dates:**

- CAP Spring, 2008
- GDPA Fall, 2008
- CPA Spring, 2009
- PACO Fall, 2009 (Forum)
- MVPA Spring, 2010
- PANO Fall, 2010
- CAP Spring, 2011
- GDPA Fall, 2011 (Forum?)
- CPA Spring, 2012

**Other Business:** Discussion was held regarding the format of future Ohio Paralegal Association forums, given the poor turn out of the fall forum held in Toledo. The possibility of eliminating the CLE speakers and possibly making the forum more of a paralegal convention was discussed. Each association is to come up with 5 questions by the end of October to be put together as a survey to be sent out to the membership of all the associations to garner feedback for future platforms.

Discussions were also held regarding to a lack of continuity within the paralegal profession regarding standards for education and how that impacts the Department of Labor's definition of a paralegal.

It was also suggested that name tags be issued at the spring 2008 Statewide Meeting.