

GREATER DAYTON PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC. (GDPA)
OHIO PARALEGAL ALLIANCE FALL 2008 REPORT

Current Officers:

President	Rima Davidson
First Vice President	Stephanie Tracy
Second Vice President	Krista Smith
Secretary	Laura Lantrip, OSBA Certified
Treasurer	Pauline Olon
Trustee (2008-2009)	Donna Middlebrook
Trustee (2007-2009)	Lori Meyers
Trustee (2008-2010)	Jennifer Blessing
Trustee (2008-2010)	Barbara Furman-Ashby
Board Advisor	Megan Jones

Appointed Positions:

Historian	Susan Witherspoon, RP
Internet Administrator/PR	Megan Jones
Job Bank Administrator	Laura Lantrip, OSBA Certified
Statewide Primary	Krista Smith
Statewide Secondary	Rima Davidson

Membership Committee – Chair Krista Smith

Active	43	
Associate	6	
Sustaining	1	
Student	<u>8</u>	
	58	Includes 13 new members

Committee to work on bringing the non-renewing members back and on sending a “mass mailing” to all local firms and corporations to continue to recruit new members

Finance/Scholarship – Chair Pauline Olon

The 2009 budget was finalized and approved at the Board Retreat in August. The Board approved the budget of two \$750 scholarships to be distributed yearly; one each for Sinclair’s Paralegal Program and RETS Tech Paralegal Program

Records Committee Report – Chair Lori Meyers

Goal is to archive the 25 years of records currently stored in the basement of Susan Witherspoon’s home. A GDPA Records Retention Policy has been created

Newsletter Committee Report – Chair Rima Davidson

The GDPA newsletter is to be issued semi-monthly alternately with the months that membership meetings are held. The newsletter will be distributed electronically to out members as well as posted on our website.

Anniversary Celebration Committee Report – Chair

GDPA was founded in 1984 and therefore there will be a 25th anniversary celebration some time in 2009

Holiday Committee Report – Chair Stephanie Tracy and Co-chair Pauline Olon

The holiday committee has three proposed locations to discuss with the board. We anticipate the gathering being held on December 12. We also anticipate inviting members of the legal community who are not current members.

Pro Bono Committee Report – Chair (pending)

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Membership Meetings and Events:

- May 14 Annual meeting – Election of current Board and approval of revised Code of Regulations and Policies and Procedures
- May 19 Paralegal Day at Sinclair Community College – GDPA had a booth with a giveaway drawing which enabled us to send applications to the participants and increased our student membership
- June 11 Installation of Board and Question/Answer session with Melissa Quick and Kalpana Yalamanchili from OSBA
- August 13 – Evening Social Gathering at Mimi's Café at The Greene
- Upcoming speakers include Rita Keller, Glen Evans and possibly Paul Perdue

Board Notes:

- Big projects include forming a mission statement, the 25th anniversary celebration, the records archival and retention and fund raising
- The President has called upon all Board members to commit to attending each scheduled Board meeting so that business is not conducted over the internet