

CHAIRMAN'S *Report*

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Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Have you already broken one or more of them? With the events of September 11 still in the forefront of our minds, many of

us may now view priorities in a completely different light than we did before that tragic date. I know I do. Many things that once seemed so very important, are now trivial at best. Many things that occur on a day-to-day basis that once would have caused me to worry and fret, are now brushed aside. Events in our lives, although thankfully are seldom as tragic as those of September 11, force us to reevaluate ourselves and our future.

Change is a natural part of life. Some people relish the new opportunities set before them, while others cringe in dread and fear. I do not believe in fate, luck or coincidence. I try to be observant of the events around me so that I can take advantage of the open doors of opportunity made available. At the same time I'm grateful for the doors of opportunity that are closed to me, and recognize those closed doors as experiences I was not meant to encounter (at least at that point in time).

As many of you are aware, change is on the horizon for the paralegal profession. NCPA's Regulation Task Force (RTF), has done considerable research, as a committee and as NCPA's delegates to the Alliance for Paralegal Professional Standards (APPS). The RTF has done an excellent job of keeping our members abreast of national and state developments as relate to the regulation of our profession. Much work has been done to date, with much more work yet to be done. I remain optimistic, as I know without a doubt that our profession will see significant changes in the not too distant future.

I hope that you are aware of the impending changes in our paralegal profession. NCPA continually puts the reports and progress of the RTF and APPS before our membership in an effort to make certain that you stay current on their efforts and recent developments. I hope that you understand the importance of these developments, and the fact that these impending changes will affect you personally, as a member of the paralegal profession.

I encourage you to support the efforts of the RTF and their involvement as delegates to the APPS, and that you share your opinions with them in their endeavors on your behalf. You can be an active participant in deciding the future of your profession, or you can be passive and leave your future to the discretion of others. I encourage you to be involved, so that whether the changes that ultimately come about effect you in a positive or negative way, you can say that you were an active participant, and you can view the changes as open doors to seize new opportunities.



Calendar **OF EVENTS**

March 14, 2002

EC / Board Meeting, New Bern

March 14-16, 2002

NCPA's 22nd Annual Meeting & Seminar
Sheraton Grand, New Bern

July 10-14, 2002

NALA Convention 2002
Savannah, Georgia

September 13-14, 2002

Mid-Year Seminar CLA
Review Course, Asheville, NC

March 20-22, 2003

NCPA's 23rd Annual Meeting & Seminar
Wrightsville Beach, NC

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