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CCRA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the California Court Reporters Association is to advance the profession of verbatim shorthand reporting by promoting professional reporting excellence through education, research, and the use of state-of-the-art technology; establishing and maintaining professional standards of practice; and advocating before legislative and regulatory bodies on issues which impact the judicial system and others served by the court reporting profession of California.

As I sit down to write my last article as President of CCRA, I'm wondering what it is I could say to get a commitment from all of the reporters in this state to take a stand for their profession. In some of my previous articles, I have discussed concepts such as "customer service," "self-improvement," "going beyond one's job requirements." When I first started as your President I was not sure what it would take to light the fire in everyone's belly. I think I have figured out the secret of success. I'll share my secret in a few minutes.

Throughout this year, I have asked many reporters to join CCRA. They would ask, "What's the purpose of CCRA?" "What has CCRA done for me?" "What am I getting for my dues?" Oh my gosh, where to begin!!

Quoting from CCRA's bylaws, the purpose of our professional association:

- (a) To sponsor, promote and execute policies, activities and legislative initiatives which will further the profession of court reporting.
- (b) To promote verbatim court reporting technologies over alternative reporting methods.
- (c) To engage in activities which will assist in establishing and maintaining high standards of proficiency and conditions of employment under which court reporters practice.
- (d) To promote a broader understanding and acceptance of the verbatim court reporter as an indispensable part of the judicial system.
- (e) To promote lawful and professional conduct by court reporters and compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including antitrust laws.

Now that I've stated the purpose of CCRA being here, I would like to let you know what successes we were able to achieve just this year.

Last year I mentioned that my one wish for this year was that CCRA, the AOC, the Legislature, the unions and the other court reporting associations would be able to resolve our philosophical differences and establish some sort of working relationship. Guess what? CCRA has been able to do just that. The progress has been monumental.

We were able to successfully work with COCRA this year to start the process of educating the legislature on the need to increase transcript rates for officials. Yes, it has been 16 years since our last transcript increase. Yes, the courts have been able to contain their transcript costs because the reporters have personally been bearing the increased costs in tran-

script production while the courts have continued to pay sixteen-year-old rates. We plan to pursue this legislation full tilt with SEIU & COCRA during the next legislative cycle.

We've also met twice with DRA and received their support for AB 1293, which is a bill to expand the qualification requirements for indigent litigants in our State to access the funds in the Transcript Reimbursement Fund. And we've already started the process to submit a joint bill with DRA this coming year making the requesting attorney responsible for payment of your depositions.

So as you can see, we have made great strides this year in our ability to work together with the factions of our court reporting profession and also with the State's legislative decision makers. But hear my words again. There is strength in numbers! When we form a united front, we are unstoppable.

We have found that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get our members to seminars. Not because they don't want the information that we are providing, but because it's difficult to get away from your busy work and family schedules. To answer that problem, we launched our very first E-seminar, "Tips & Tricks to Passing NCRA's CRR." This online seminar will enable you to obtain that much coveted CRR. National has authorized 0.3 CEU's upon completion. It's not too late to go to CCRA's website and complete this seminar before NCRA's test on November 4th.

We also launched the "Ask A Reporter" feature on our website. This is being used daily by prospective students, currently enrolled students, and by new and experienced reporters. You can click on the "Ask A Reporter" tab and ask any question that you may have about the reporting profession. Within 48 hours, Monday through Friday, you will get a response to your question. I personally have found this very educational. As the questions came in we noticed that we were often getting many of the same questions asked over and over again, so we will soon be posting the frequently asked questions on our web site for your perusal. I encourage you to visit our web site frequently and read through the FAQ's.

Our schools and student mentoring programs are thriving. The Support our Schools Committee, chaired by my very good friend Gerie Bunch, work tirelessly on this very worthwhile program. Each of us needs to remember that these students are our future and we need to continue to invest in them and the schools. We unfortunately have had the closure of one




Doreen Perkins, CSR, RMR, CRR

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school in the San Diego area this last month. It was nice to see that the Court Reporters Board, and representatives of many of the local schools, met with the students to help them transfer into other programs.

After many years we decided to bring back our freelance and firmowner symposium. It was held this year in beautiful South Lake Tahoe. Unfortunately due to many scheduling conflicts on the same weekend in May it was not well attended, but those who did attend not only had a wonderful time, but used the event to learn and share.

As you can see, it's been a very busy year for CCRA, and a year where we have "gone beyond" our normal routines. I am truly thankful for this opportunity to serve as your president. Amongst the hard work, I have truly enjoyed this experience and all of the wonderful friends I have made along the way.

And now I will tell you my secret of success. I learned "success" is the result of infectious inspiration. Someone in my past inspired me to "go beyond" my daily job and to give back to my profession. In doing so I have succeeded in many things, and I truly hope that I have infected many of you to do the same. 

Thank You!

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Speech Recognition Update

By Sandy Bunch VanderPol, RMR, CRR, CSR, CCRA Vice President, President-Elect, Freelance


Pursuant to CCRA Bylaws, the Technology Committee shall monitor the development of alternative methods used to create a record of proceedings.

Over the past many years, I.B.M. has devoted research and development dollars to speech recognition software. CCRA, along with NCRA, has diligently tried to keep abreast of the evolution of this type of technology – tracking whether speech recognition is a viable option for creating a verbatim record of proceedings.

I.B.M. has introduced the latest version of their speech recognition software, Dragon Naturally Speaking 9.0 Professional. Dragon 9.0 claims it is “the first desktop speech-recognition solution to truly remove the time needed to train the software and still deliver results.”

Dragon 9.0 was reviewed by *PC Magazine*, with a report that after training the software and using your “normal voice at normal speed,” the accuracy rate was 95%. Without training the software to your voice, the result was 90% accurate. Albeit Dragon 9.0 is a step up from its prior version, voice recognition is a long way, if ever, from replacing the verbatim stenographic reporter, especially a reporter using realtime CAT software.

It is my personal belief that when and if speech recognition incorporates multi-voice voice recognition, then and only then will our profession have occasion to consider this a viable alternative of creating the verbatim record in judicial proceedings. Nonetheless, CCRA’s Technology Committee will continue to monitor this and any similar type of software.

For the full text of the PC Magazine review on Dragon 9.0, you may link to: <http://www.go.pcmag.com/dns9> 

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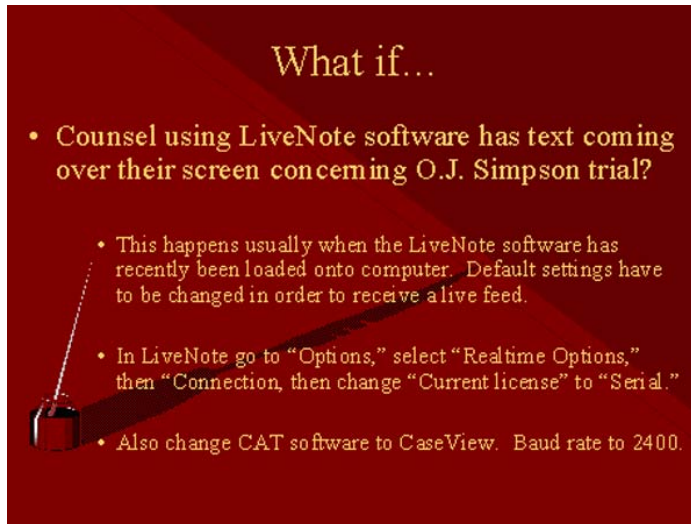
Realtime Troubleshooting Scenarios

By Sandy Bunch VanderPol, RMR, CRR, CSR, CCRA Vice President, President-Elect, Freelance

This third realtime troubleshooting scenario I would like to share with you, in my experience, seems to be one of the most prevalent when troubleshooting a connection on the end user's end, especially when using LiveNote software.

When the end user, counsel or the judge, is using LiveNote receive software is the only occasion when this error will occur. When you and/or counsel load LiveNote software for the first time onto a computer, you must be sure to change some realtime settings in order to receive the live feed from the realtime reporter.

LiveNote software, when loaded, defaults to a demonstration case, which scrolls through the O.J. Simpson testimony. In order to assure a connection to the live feed, at the LiveNote screen go to "options" select "realtime options" then "connection," then change "current license" to "serial." You must also



What if...

- Counsel using LiveNote software has text coming over their screen concerning O.J. Simpson trial?
- This happens usually when the LiveNote software has recently been loaded onto computer. Default settings have to be changed in order to receive a live feed.
- In LiveNote go to "Options," select "Realtime Options," then "Connection, then change "Current license" to "Serial."
- Also change CAT software to CaseView. Baud rate to 2400.

change the "CAT software" to "CaseView" and the baud rate should be at 2400.

When changing the CAT software to CaseView, that is assuming you are outputting from your CAT software to CaseView. All CAT software is compatible with a CaseView output, so I strongly encourage all realtime reporters to output to CaseView. In the event counsel works with different reporters using different CAT software, counsel will never have to change this setting; that is, if all reporters output to CaseView.

This simple choice you make to output to CaseView saves the client the headache of having to change the CAT software option in LiveNote.

There is no need to exit out of LiveNote or reboot the computer once you have made these adjustments to the realtime options. 🌐



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Cal-E-Licious

By Gerie A. Bunch, CSR, RPR, Public Relations/
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Nutty Sticky Buns

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ c. chopped pecans
- ½ c. maple syrup
- 3 c. flour
- ¼ c. sugar
- 2 ¼ tsp yeast
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 c warm water
- 6 tbsp. soft butter
- 1 egg (at room temp.)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ½ c. packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg

Grease 9 x 13" pan and spread evenly with nuts and syrup. Combine 2 c. flour, sugar, yeast and salt in large bowl. Stir in water, 2 tbsp. butter and egg and vanilla. Beat until smooth; gradually stir in remaining flour until soft dough forms. Cover with plastic wrap; let rise until doubled.

On floured surface, roll dough to 15 X 12" rectangle. Spread with remaining butter. Mix brown sugar with cinnamon and nutmeg; sprinkle over surface. Roll up tightly from short side.

Cut into 12 slices, place cut side down in prepared pan. Cover with plastic and let rise until doubled. Bake uncovered in 375 oven until golden brown 25 – 30 min. Cool for 1 minute; loosen edges with a knife and invert onto a serving plate. Serve warm.



CCRA Legislative Update

For information concerning this report or the information contained herein, you may contact California Court Reporters Association, Attn. Sandy Bunch VanderPol, CSR #3032, at 2400 22nd Street, Suite 110, Sacramento, California 95818 (916) 443-5090 or by e-mail at realtimcsr@calweb.com.

AB 1293 Oropeza

Transcript Reimbursement Fund.

Location: 08/31/2006-A ENROLLMENT 08/31/2006-A ENROLLMENT

Status 08/31/2006-Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

Calendar

Existing law establishes the Court Reporters Board of California and makes it responsible for issuing a certificate to practice shorthand reporting to qualified applicants. Under existing law, until July 1, 2011, funds generated by the initial certificate fee collected by the board, as specified, are used to provide shorthand reporting services for indigent persons, as defined, and deposited into the Transcript Reimbursement Fund at the beginning of each fiscal year. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a transfer to the Transcript Reimbursement Fund in excess of the fund balance established at the beginning of each fiscal year shall not be made by the board if the transfer will result in the reduction of the balance of the Court Reporters' Fund to an amount less than six months' operating budget. for expenditure for that purpose. This bill would revise the definition of indigent person for these purposes and would make the program funding shorthand reporting services from the Transcript Reimbursement Fund inoperative on July 1, 2009, and would repeal it on January 1, 2010, unless a later-enacted statute changes those dates.

AB 1588 Negrete McLeod

Professional licensing boards: review and repeals.

Location: 02/02/2006-S B., P. & E.D.02/02/2006-S B., P. & E.D.

Status 02/02/2006-Referred to Coms. on B., P. & E.D. and JUD.

Calendar

This bill would give the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection the burden of demonstrating, among other things, that its function of licensing and enforcing licensing standards is the least restrictive regulation consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare. The bill would apply to the Court Reporters Board, if passed.

AB 1797 Bermudez

Trial courts: limited-term employees.

Location: 08/31/2006-A ENROLLMENT 08/31/2006-A ENROLLMENT

Status 08/31/2006-In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

Calendar

Existing law defines the term "trial court employee" for purposes of the Trial Court Employment Protection and Gover-

nance Act. In defining this term, the act provides that any temporary employee shall not be employed in the trial court for a period exceeding 180 calendar days, except for court reporters under certain conditions. This bill would provide that a limited-term employee is a regular trial court employee if the assignment, position, or project of the limited-term employee is an integral part of the long-term, regular work of the trial court. The bill would state legislative intent to prohibit the trial courts from classifying long-term employees that are performing the regular work of the trial courts as limited-term employees. This bill would additionally provide, in Los Angeles County, that a limited-term employee, including, on and after November 1, 2007, any limited-term law clerk, is a regular trial court employee if the assignment, position, or project of the limited-term employee is an integral part of the long-term, regular work of the trial court.

AB 1995 Koretz

Trial court employees: personnel files.

Location: 08/28/2006-A CHAPTERED 08/28/2006-A CHAPTERED

Status 08/28/2006-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 187, Statutes of 2006

Calendar

Existing law requires each trial court to permit an employee to inspect his or her official personnel files that are used, or have been used, to determine that employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, additional compensation, or termination or other disciplinary action. This bill would make that requirement applicable to any personnel files.

AB 2863 Karnette

Public employees: retirement.

Location: 08/31/2006-A ENROLLMENT 08/31/2006-A ENROLLMENT

Status 08/31/2006-Urgency clause adopted. Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

Calendar

Existing law provides for the compensation and benefits of court reporters in specified counties. This bill would provide that the compensation of regular official court reporters in Fresno County shall be determined by collective bargaining between the court reporters and the superior court. The bill would also define, for purposes of retirement, the compensation of a regular official court reporter in Fresno County, as specified. This bill is to take effect immediately.

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SB 56 Dunn

Trial court judges and officers.

Location: 08/31/2006-S ENROLLMENT08/31/2006-S ENROLLMENT

Status 08/31/2006-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 38. Noes 0.) To enrollment.

Calendar

This bill would, among other provisions, provide 50 additional judges to be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the 2006-07 fiscal year to various county superior courts. The bill would require the Judicial Council, on or before November 1, 2007, to adopt, and report to the Legislature annually thereafter upon, judicial administration standards and measures that promote the fair and efficient administration of justice. This bill would require, on or before March 1, 2007, and annually on or before each March 1 thereafter, all of the following: (a) the Governor to disclose aggregate statewide demographic data provided by all judicial applicants relative to ethnicity and gender, (b) the designated agency of the State Bar responsible for evaluation of judicial candidates to collect and release statewide demographic data provided by judicial applicants reviewed and the statewide summary of the recommendations of the designated agency by ethnicity and gender, and (c) the Administrative Office of the Courts to collect and release the demographic data provided by justices and judges relative to ethnicity and gender by specific jurisdiction.

SB 395 Escutia

California Court Facilities Bond Act of 2006.

Location: 07/05/2005-A APPR.07/05/2005-A APPR.

Status 07/05/2005-From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 3.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar

Existing law, the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002, establishes the State Court Facilities Construction Fund and provides that money in that fund may be used to acquire, rehabilitate, construct, or finance court facilities, as defined, and to implement trial court projects, as specified. This bill would enact the California Court Facilities Bond Act of 2006 which would authorize, for display purposes only, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of an unspecified amount in bonds, the proceeds of which would be deposited in the 2006 California Court Facilities Bond Act Construction Fund for specified purposes relating to the acquisition and maintenance of court facilities, including payment of a county's share of building costs in a shared-use court facility. This bill contains other related provisions.

SB 1476 Figueroa

Professions and vocations.

Location: 08/31/2006-S ENROLLMENT08/31/2006-S ENROLLMENT

Status 08/31/2006-Senate concurs in Assembly amend-

ments. (Ayes 22. Noes 15.) To enrollment.

Calendar

This bill would extend the sunset review process for the Court Reporters Board by one year, making the Court Reporters Board inoperative on July 1, 2009, and would repeal it on January 1, 2010, among other provisions concerning other boards.

SB 1852 Committee on Judiciary

Maintenance of the codes.

Location: 08/10/2006-S ENROLLMENT 08/31/2006-S ENROLLMENT

Status 08/10/2006-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 37. Noes 0. Page 4852.) To enrollment.

Calendar

Existing law directs the Legislative Counsel to advise the Legislature from time to time as to legislation necessary to maintain the codes. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in various provisions of law to effectuate the recommendations made by the Legislative Counsel to the Legislature.

SCA 16 Runner

Judicial districts: superior court judges.

Location: 08/18/2005-S JUD.08/18/2005-S JUD.

Status 08/08/2006-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Calendar

This measure would provide that the superior court of any county with a population of more than 5,000,000 shall be divided into judicial districts established by three special masters appointed by the Supreme Court, and would prescribe specified population, geographical, and public hearing requirements for the establishment of those districts. The measure would provide for the assignment of incumbent superior court judges to judicial districts within the county in a one-time process conducted by the Judicial Council following the initial establishment of the districts, as specified. (2) The California Constitution provides that judges of superior courts shall be elected in their counties at general elections, except as specified. This measure would provide that judges of superior courts shall be elected in their counties or districts at general elections, except as specified. SCA 16 would divide the Los Angeles Superior Court into judicial districts. SCA 16 would create new levels of bureaucracy in the Los Angeles Superior Court, thus creating more administrative and management costs. The proposed constitutional amendment would create the potential for separate and distinct collective bargaining agreements and personnel policies, procedures or rules for each judicial district as opposed to one collective bargaining agreement and one set of policies, procedures or rules that uniformly affect all employees of the Los Angeles Superior Court.



End of Year Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee

There were no issues assigned to the Bylaws Committee during this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Arnella Sims, Chair

Continuing Education Committee

Education is a core value in the mission of CCRA.

This year we held a Freelance Business Symposium in Lake Tahoe which received rave reviews from all in attendance. We thank everyone who worked to make the program successful.

The Mock CRR program became an online class this year. Sold on our website, participants can get ready for the test, and earn CE points doing it. We strongly support certification and this program will make it easier for our members (and those around the country) to prepare for the test. Board member Lesia Mervin and her husband Dr. Computer (aka Glenn Mervin), donated their time and web server to support this program.

As in previous years, we updated and sold the *2006 Freelance and 2006 Official Compendium*. These publications provide the legal and policy requirements for the working court reporter.

This committee is also charged with planning the annual convention. We hope you enjoy the **Synergy, Energy and Social** activities during this weekend. Please fill out the evaluation form in your packet. It really helps the committee in planning next year's program.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan White, Chair

Deposition Advisory Committee

The goals of the Depo Advisory Committee were to increase freelance membership in CCRA, to promote CCRA as representing and protecting freelancers, to address the issues facing freelancers in protecting our industry, to encourage professionalism, to educate freelancers especially in the area of technology, and to increase income for CCRA.

We accomplished these goals by planning and implementing a successful Freelance Business Symposium in May at Lake Tahoe. It was very educational and enjoyable for all who attended, with wonderful seminars, entertainment, and socializing. We continued freelance education by working with the Convention Committee in developing seminars for freelancers at the convention. We encouraged the board to address in the coming year the issue of audiosync in pursuing protective language in statute making the wave file comparable to a

reporter's note file and subject to the same handling requirements. Also during the year we had the opportunity to provide opinion and input on the proposed Code of Ethics of the Court Reporters Board and also on language for the legislation clarifying attorneys' responsibility for payment of reporting services and products.

We are seeking wider representation of the entire state by members on this committee, and during the coming year one of our goals is to revise and republish a Deposition Manual as a reference for reporters and students throughout the state.

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Deanna Scarpelli
Jan White
(Ex-Officio Members:
Doreen Perkins
Sandy Bunch VanderPol)

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Turner, Chair

Finance Committee

This year CCRA switched from a printed version to an email version of our CCRA Magazine. One of the main reasons for the change is to allow CCRA to stay current with the changing tides of court reporting. Email, the Internet, and electronic media, i.e, wireless writers, uploading transcripts, etc., are no longer the cutting edge but are the wave that is flowing throughout our profession. It allows us to use your membership dues in the most comprehensive and cost-effective way possible and allows you, our members, more flexibility by being able to download the e-magazine or forward it on to other reporters. This exciting change also allows CCRA more flexibility with the magazine's production by the use of enhanced graphics, links to other helpful web sites and court reporting supply vendors. Thus, the new magazine is truly a state-of-the-art change and a big step into the future for our membership.

The finance committee is also happy to report that CCRA is in the black for this upcoming year thanks to our committed membership and board members. Let's continue to sign up new members and renew members who have let their memberships lapse.

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End of Year Committee Reports, Continued

Committee Members:

Jim Partridge
Sandy Virago

Respectfully submitted,
Carlos Martinez, Chair

Judicial Procedures Committee

As contrasted with last year, this past year was a rather quiet one for this committee. It was spent monitoring the changes that the Judicial Council proposed to various rules and jury instructions. The committee also monitored revisions being proposed and promulgated by the Law Revision Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Avery, Chair

Legislative Committee

Please see Legislative Update on page 8.

Membership Committee

Encouraged by President Doreen Perkins' contagious enthusiasm, we started this year off with a big push to bring in new members and to improve the retention rate of expiring members. Our plan was to send e-mail reminders to expiring members 90 days before their expiration, especially for memberships which expire during the holiday season. If those members chose to renew early, their expiration date would still remain the same so that they would actually have more than a year on their renewal. The plan was received very well, and many reporters appreciated the opportunity to ease up on their budgets during the holidays.

We also made an effort to obtain email addresses for all members, as Caligrams is now sent electronically. We discovered that reporters in California are very much into the techie generation and appreciate having the magazine online. Another side benefit has been that our database is more up-to-date, which will allow us to serve our members even better in the future.

Committee Members:

Sheri Turner
Carolyn Dasher
Gerie Bunch

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Bergren, Chair

Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to say what a privilege it was to have witnessed and been Chairperson of this committee. We all spent many hours intensely interviewing all candidates and reviewing their qualifications

for the respective positions. I want to thank my committee members for their commitment to this huge undertaking and the care they took in coming to their decisions.

The following persons all exhibited excellent leadership skills, commitment and dedication to the profession and CCRA, and following are the results:

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PACCRA Committee

Our major fundraiser, a PACCRA 10-10-10 drawing, is a great way to take a chance on winning money while supporting the political action committee. Thirty percent of the funds collected in the drawing will be evenly split by three winners.

At this convention, you can participate in Fun Walk/Run on Saturday and win a medal. All participants will also receive a T-shirt. Join us even if it is just to cheer others on.

We would personally like to thank all of you who have already donated to PACCRA. As you know, PACCRA's function is important and vital to our profession, and could not continue without generous donations like yours.

Thank you for your continued support of PACCRA, CCRA and our profession.

Committee Members:

Sandy Bunch VanderPol
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Respectfully submitted,
Jim Partridge, Chair

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End of Year Committee Reports, Continued

Public Relations/Support Our Schools Committee

The “**Each One Reach One**” mentoring program is in its fourth year and going strong with over 100 students being mentored by over 60 reporters/mentors. **Dina Lossone-Lidis** oversees this program and periodically seeks feedback to make certain that both mentor and student are happy with each other. Thank you to all volunteer mentors who have made this program possible.

There are two other sponsorship programs available to help students. They are the “**Sponsor a Student Membership**” and “**Sponsor a Student to the Convention.**” Members are given the opportunity to help out a student by either paying for a student membership to CCRA (\$30) or by donating, through their application to the convention, to students interested in attending the convention. Thank you to all of you who have made it possible for students to be a part of our association and convention.

Our **annual survey** of the 17 court reporting schools in California showed that total enrollment is up 6%; however, unfortunately for the first time in five years, new student enrollment is down 41% over last year. To those of you who presented about court reporting to your local college, high school, or civic group, you are making a difference. Thank you. Keep up the good work.

The **Career Day Kit** has been updated. It has a mini CD and current brochures for display and distribution at career days in your area. It's a great tool to have for presenting. It's available for order from the CCRA Store.

Articles have been published highlighting several of our public and private court reporting schools throughout California. Thank you, authors. Also, our “For Students” tab on the website is constantly being updated and improved – now you can even get live dictation.

Our **Student Scholarship** program application has been revamped and during this convention, we will be awarding, hopefully, two \$500 scholarships, one to a student at the 160-180 level and one to a student at the 180-200 level.

Public Relations: CCRA has worked with both DRA and COCRA to forward legislation that will benefit all reporters. It is our goal next year to be a presence at local and State Bar Association events. To that end, we will develop a press kit that will be available for reporters who attend on our behalf. This will involve a grassroots effort by the **Action Team**.

With great appreciation, the committee members are:
Carolyn Dasher
Allen Edelist
Teresa Fletcher
Dina Lossone-Lidis

Respectfully submitted,
Gerie Bunch, Chair

Technology Committee

GENERAL GOALS

1. Research new technology tools as it relates to the court reporting field.
2. Promote and educate the public and court reporting community in the continuing advances in technology by developing an educational plan for seminars on the E-Future.
3. Aid in CCRA's legislative efforts to further technological advances in court reporting through the research of new technologies and applying those technologies to the court reporting field.
4. Generate new members by meeting the technology education needs of members.

RESULTS TO DATE

1. E-seminar Mock CRR Tips & Tricks a success. Advertisement in JCR ran in the September issue. Response has been small on the national level.
2. Several articles were written for the Cal-e-grams and Cal-i-grams relating to technology.
3. Sandy Bunch VanderPol, Doreen Perkins and Lesia Mervin tested two Internet calling technologies, Yahoo and Skype. Two-way calling with both users using high speed broadband was successful. Three-way calling was difficult unless all parties had high speed. Dial-up modem access was not successful using these methods.

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