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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Angela Comeau, RMR, CSR, CRR, CCR



We are all well aware that we are in the midst of tough economic times. Budgets are strained and of utmost concern across the nation.

As has been brought to our attention recently, we need to continue to move forward with perseverance in this ever-changing and progressive technological environment in which we work. It remains my belief that real-time is not optional anymore. Our ability

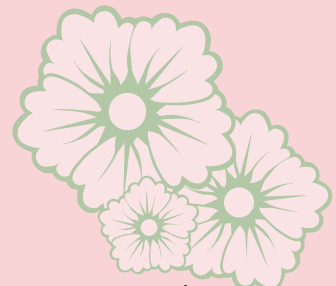
to take down and instantly translate multiple voices at once will set us apart from electronic recording. Challenge yourself and make a commitment to incorporate real-time as a part of your work every day. Educate and demonstrate to your judges, clients, hearing officers, and administrators what you can do. Real-time is a hands-on opportunity to show off the talents that you possess. Make it your goal to become a Certified Realtime Reporter this year.

Preparedness refers to the state of being prepared for specific or unpredictable events or situations. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I cannot stress to you the importance of NCRA membership, NCRA certifications, payment of lobbyist assessments, timely transcript turnaround, cooperation in coverage of courtrooms if necessary. Thank you in advance for your dedication to this wonderful profession.

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Regarding LB385 and LB386, please send your letters to the senators on the Revenue Committee presenting our position to oppose sales tax on services in Nebraska. It is still the national trend that most states do not impose sales tax on court reporting services. I will keep you informed of future developments.

The Executive Board made a decision to send our Vice President Jill Albracht to NCRA's Boot Camp coming up at the end of this month. I know the information gained will be invaluable to our association.

I look forward to seeing you all at the summer meeting.

Angela Comeau, CRR, RMR, CSR, CCR

Quick / Notes

IRS - *IRS

Internal Revenue Service - *IRS/NAEM

tax return(s) - TRURN(S)

refund(S) - FRUND(Z)

tax refund(s) - TRUND(Z)

Internal Revenue Code - *IRK

dependent - DPENT

revenue agent - RAGT

Criminal Investigation Unit - KRAOUNT

earned income credit - NAOEK

income tax - NAX

income tax return(s) - N-RKT(S)

fuel tax - FAOUX

fuel tax credit - FRIT

CO = county

SCO = Sarpy County

SCAO = Sarpy County attorney

SCAO* = Sarpy County Attorney

SCO-PD = Sarpy County Public Defender

SCO-FR = Sarpy County Sheriff

SCAO-N = Sarpy County, Nebraska

SCAO-J = Sarpy County jail

SCAO-*J = Sarpy County Jail

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BOOT CAMP 2009 WASHINGTON, D.C.

Last month I attended NCRA Legislative “Boot Camp” training in McLean, Virginia. When asked if I would go to represent our association, I didn’t exactly know what “Boot Camp” was. I had heard of it, but should have paid more attention to those two little words -- “Boot Camp.”

The purpose of Boot Camp was to get prepared for “Hill Day,” the day we were presenting four issues to our legislators on Capitol Hill. For those of you who do not know me well, I wanted to hide in my hotel room. I had a hard time introducing speakers at the fall convention in Omaha. How in the world would I ever pull it together and get through this?

The issues we were presenting were: 1) Small Business Health Plans; 2) Cooperatives for Healthcare Options to Improve Coverage for Employees Act; 3) Self-Employed Health Care Tax Relief; and 4) Independent Contractors Classification Reform. Hill Day was an exciting day. I had meetings set with Senators Nelson and Johanns and/or their staffers, and Representative Fortenberry. I made it through my appointments with the help of some wonderful new friends. It was an experience I will never forget, forcing me out of my comfort zone, but in doing so gaining knowledge and confidence. I know I will never be a legislator, but I will be able to introduce speakers at our next NeCRA convention with more ease.

This year, with the serious issues regarding ER in Iowa and other states, NCRA changed the format of Boot Camp to include the “Marketing Court Reporter Value” seminar. We spent an entire day talking about the threats facing court reporters today and what we can do to lessen those threats. Aside from being the best reporters we can be, getting our certifications and keeping up with technology, we need to get back to basics.

We make a difference in the courtroom and in depositions with our court reporting skills every day, but we also need to make a difference in other areas, the human aspect. We need to arrive at our jobs early, not just on time. Instead of waiting for the filing deadline to turn in a court transcript, try to get it filed early, if possible.

Help out where needed, whether it be a judge, attorney, clerk, bailiff or secretary, be an asset. Times are tough, the economy stinks, people are



Jill Albrach with
Senator Ben Nelson

nervous, but keeping a good attitude and positive outlook can be contagious. Make a difference! It seems to me mistakes are often not forgotten (bad transcripts, missed deadlines, tardiness). Let’s set our standards a little higher and give our bosses and clients reasons to remember us.

Lastly, I encourage you to get involved. Spending three days with court reporters from all over our country was an amazing experience, one I will not soon forget. I am thankful for having had the opportunity to attend, and would highly recommend Boot Camp to all reporters.

Jill Albrach
Vice President NeCRA

REMEMBERING UNCLE RICHARD

Court reporters lost a great friend with the passing of Richard Mowers, age 92, on December 4, 2008. Though a court reporter plying his trade with a pen, Dick Mowers was actually a builder. He helped build our National Court Reporter's Association into the respectable association it has become today, with his involvement starting back in the 1940s. He built relationships: with his court reporting "family," with the "Hooples." He often referred to himself as the "dumb Swede," but he was more affectionately called "Uncle Richard" by others.

When I met Dick 29 years ago, he was retired from the employment of court reporting, but not from the profession. He was at that time still a member of National's Placement Committee, which -- and I could stand corrected -- I believe he chaired from its inception. I credit him with launching my court reporting career by connecting me up with Gretchen Thomas, who needed a substitute in her court while she took her first maternity leave. From there my connections in the Omaha reporting community grew.

In those days, Dick never missed a convention (state or national) and he could always be found lighting up the hospitality room, regaling everyone with lively stories. His eyes twinkled when he laughed. He had a charming and folksy way about him and used words the likes of which I will use with quotation marks in this article, for they are all words I have gleaned from re-reading some writings I received from him over the years.

Never to be outdone by the "real corker" told by the likes of our own South Bickley or Don McIntyre (familiar names to us "old-timers"), that "old geezer" would be "yakking," get "warmed up and raring to go" as he "rollicked" through his "exhilarating" "old warhorse" experiences and brought them to life as if you were sitting in the courtroom with him. "Wowie!"

He loved "classy" events but didn't need all the "hoopla and razzmatazz" to have a great time.

He would greet the ladies with a kiss and leave them with a kiss.

Dick loved reporting and he loved reporters, and so cared deeply about the work of the associations. Around 1948, he once wrote, there were about two dozen reporters who were fairly new members of National (at that time known as the National Shorthand Reporters Association). At the urging of some of the

National leadership, these reporters got together over a breakfast for the purpose of pledging their talents and energy to make National grow. And work hard they did. Until 1975, it was an all-volunteer association, with the exception of a small monthly stipend for the editor. Many of those early dedicated workhorses went on to positions of leadership within National. Dick, himself, was presented with National's first Distinguished Service Award in 1960



As a result of many years of working together, several of this group became very close friends. They would meet up each year at the NSRA conventions and celebrate exuberantly their yearly accomplishments. Well, in San Francisco in 1950, this group was “having a wonderful noisy time,” as Dick liked to say. The group befriended a reporter who had so much fun with them, she called them a “delightful bunch of Hooples,” which, she explained, in her neighborhood of New York City was “anyone who is delightfully crazy.” Thus was born the “Hooples.”

The Hooples became so close that Dick also once wrote: “For all the faithful, this night (meeting at the convention) is the highlight of the whole year. The enthusiasm builds until the night arrives. Once we are together again, all is really well with the world. Then afterwards, there is kind of a happy gentle letdown for several weeks as we lovingly pack away memory after memory on the hard disk of our mind.” The Hooples were a group that played together for at least 50 years, though I don’t know their status today, as the years have taken their toll on that gregarious group.

Dick was proud of what his generation accomplished for National. He was especially proud of a book that he and others, in their “golden years,” undertook to write for NSRA’s centennial in 1999. They were “people who knew NSR as a baby and followed it through to its adulthood,” and were glad to spend years researching and writing to tell the “thrilling story of our profession.”

Dick’s enthusiasm was contagious. His words of encouragement were motivating. He shepherded you into the fold. He was a teacher. (He was even the principal of the Mowers Ding-Dong School of Reporting – just ask Gail Stokes. She was a tape recorder operator in county court, whom he, a Gregg pen writer, taught to write on the steno machine, which she did successfully and became a reporter in the district courts in the Hastings area for many years.) And in 1980 Dick was honored for his contributions to Nebraska reporting by being named the first recipient of NeCRA’s Dale Theis Distinguished Service Award.

I will never forget this kindly, affable, generous man who gave so much time and energy

to our beloved profession. So I leave you with this poem that Dick passed along when he honored one of his own dear Hooples:

“The Bridge Builder,”
by Allen Dromgogle

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting your strength with building
here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way:
You’ve crossed the chasm deep and wide;
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head--
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he
said,

“There followed after me today,
A youth whose feet must pass this way:
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim--
Good friend, I am building this bridge for
him.

Let the record never forget all that this man did to help build our profession and, more importantly, how he built up the individual reporters whose lives he touched.

Good-bye, old friend.
Sue DeVetter

UNCLE RICHARD AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
A SUMMER DAY IN THE 1980s

By John Thomas, CLVS, CCR

Unkle Richard always laughed. He would laugh, and laugh and laugh. And as you know, he usually had a pretty darn funny story to go along with the laughter. Here is one of them.

Years ago, my wife, Gretchen, and I lived in the same Midtown Omaha neighborhood as Uncle Richard, the area around 49th and Cass Streets. From time to time we would bring the boys over to visit with Uncle Richard. He always enjoyed talking to young people, even really young people, and stories involving their antics made him laugh, too. Uncle Richard also lived on my daily running route from my home when I would run to Elmwood Park and back.

One day when I was out for a run, I could see up ahead in the middle of the street all of this paper flying around in the wind and lying on the street. As I approached all of this mess, I recognized it as pages and pages of court transcripts! As I looked further, I saw that they belonged to Uncle Richard. Cardboard boxes were also lying around in the driveway of the apartment complex where Dick lived. So I gathered up all of the transcript pages and put them back into the box.

Under Richard, as some of you may know, would go to his cabin for the summer and leave his Omaha apartment until late fall. Later, Uncle told me that someone had broken into his downstairs locker and threw out all of his transcripts. Who would have thought that another court reporter would find these transcript pages and understand what they were. And for years to come, boy, did we laugh about that one!

On a personal note, Uncle Richard always assisted court reporters to be the best they could be. Even into his retirement, I saw him at NCRA National Conventions passing on his wisdom to court reporting students.

Richard Mowers was one of court reporting's best friends. His passing is a loss to all of us. He was enthusiastic about the profession. He listened to many young reporters and repeatedly offered encouragement.

Long after his retirement he was still interested in the new technology and would call just to chat about the latest developments. His contributions, locally and nationally, cannot be measured. I miss him.

Judy Herzberg

UNCLE RICHARD AND THE LARGER NEIGHBORHOOD

A SUMMER OF INTRODUCTIONS

By Gretchen Thomas, RPR, CRR

I attended my first court reporter's convention in the summer of 1978, and that's when I was introduced to the notorious Richard Mowers. Everyone else called him "Uncle," and soon, I did, too. I was 22, Uncle was 62. I thought that he was really, really old. Apparently, he never did.

I did not grow up in Nebraska. In fact, when John moved here in 1975, I had to look in an Atlas to see where it was. I had already confessed to spelling "Woodman of the World" wrong in one of my first transcripts (in carbon copy triplicate, of course). Uncle Richard then gave me the advice that I pass along to young, new reporters to this day. He told me to read street signs. He told me to read billboards. He told me to read everything that I could see as I drove along from place to place, and it would help me to "learn the spellings and language of my new community," and, of course, it would make me a better court reporter.

Uncle Richard loved court reporters, and he wanted all of us to be better court reporters. He introduced me to the phrase "movers and shakers." What an odd thing to remember. He inspired me to get involved, to try to make a difference. He made me laugh - a lot.. He made me look forward to conventions. He made me proud to be his friend and to be from Nebraska. I hope that he showed us all how to care about the next generation of "movers and shakers" and to encourage them along.

Richard Mowers made a difference in many lives. Uncle Richard made a difference to court reporters. Uncle Richard made a difference to me. And boy, I just know that he would have loved Google.

To the Nebraska Court
Reporters Association ---
Thank you!!

The peace lily that was
sent for my uncle, Richard's
service is beautiful.
I've taken the plant over
to my mother's house so she
can take care of it & watch
it grow.

Thank you, again, for your
kind expression of sympathy.
Laurie Mowers

The family of
Richard Mowers
acknowledges
with grateful appreciation
your kind expression
of sympathy

NECRA CCR CEUS REMINDER

Congratulations to Jody White, who was the first CCR to report all of the earned continuing education units that she needed for her first cycle!

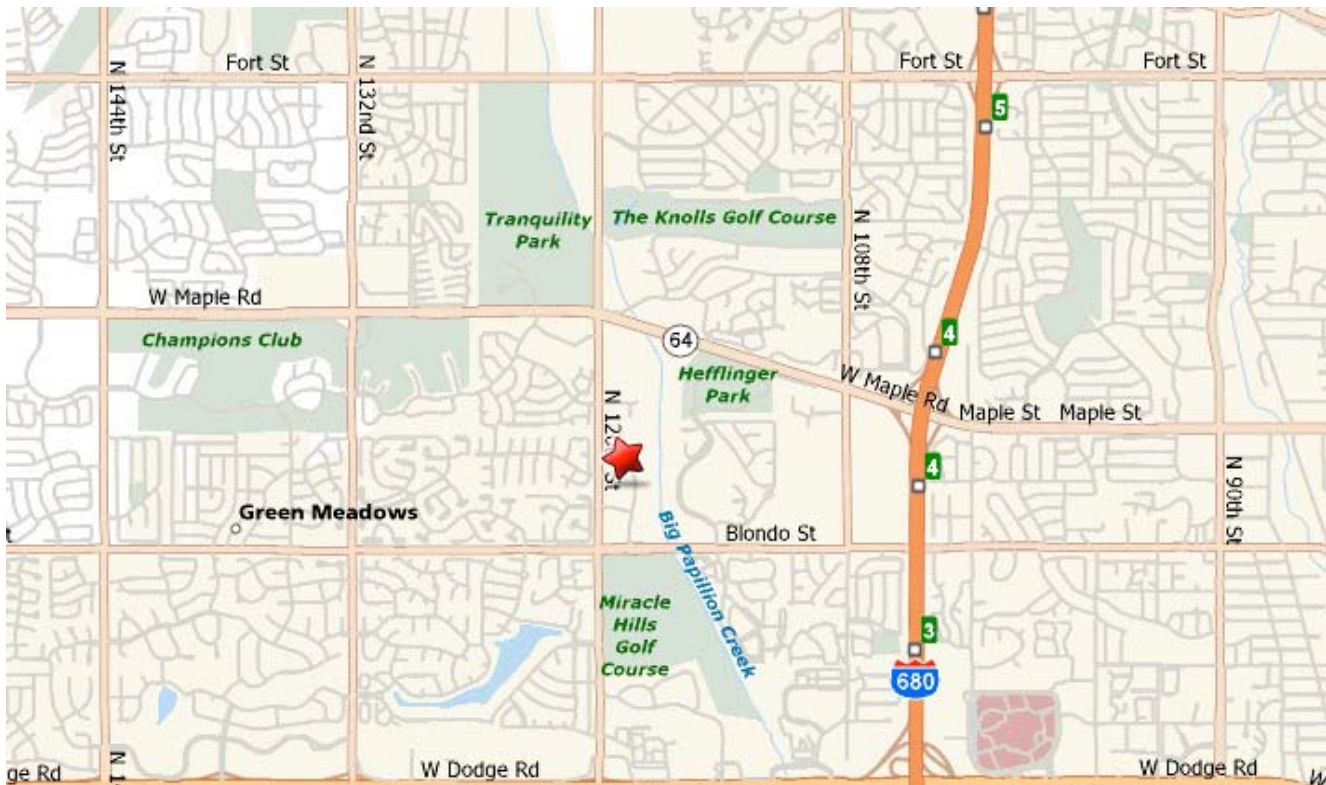
You don't need to report CEUs throughout the year, but please be aware of where you stand on accumulating your credits. Remember, most CCRs need 3 CEUs earned before September 30, 2009!

If you want to report earned CEUs, you may send them by e-mail to suedevetter@yahoo.com or mail them to Voluntary Certification Committee, NeCRA, P.O. Box 113, Omaha, NE 68101.

NEW TESTING LOCATION

Beginning with the May 2009 test day, the location for administration of the NCRA reporter examinations in Nebraska will be in Omaha. NeCRA has received permission to use the facilities at the Lozier Professional Center, Bellevue University West Campus, 2810 N. 118th Circle, Omaha, NE 68164. The Lozier Professional Center is located off 120th Street, between Blondo and Maple. It is located on the east side of 120th Street. Hope to see you there!!

Lozier Professional Center
(Bellevue University West Campus)
2810 North 118th Circle, Omaha, NE 68154
(402) 682-5200



Parking: There is free parking on all sides of the Lozier Professional Center. Enter through the south side of the building (main entrance) and check in at the conference room to your immediate right after you enter. If no one is there, please check at the main desk on the left side of the lobby.

FELLOW REPORTERS:

Bill Mueller, lobbyist for NeCRA, has notified us that some bills have been introduced in the legislature that could have a detrimental effect on court reporters in Nebraska. The issue, once again, is sales tax. Many attempts have been made to broaden the tax base, i.e., make as many things taxable as possible in order to generate more revenue for the state coffers, and these bills are another example.

You will recall that last year when the Revenue Dept. raised the question of taxing reporters' transcripts, a hearing was held before the Revenue Committee. As a result of that hearing, the Rev. Dept. changed course and felt that transcripts should be exempt from sales taxes. That exemption was enacted in 2008. While reporters have long argued that they provided a service, not a product, and that we didn't need an exemption in place, the Revenue Dept. felt differently.

LB583, introduced by Sen. Cap Dierks this year, asks for a sales tax on all services except medical and asks that sales tax once again be levied on food. The public hearing on this bill was held on February 11th. There were many organizations present to oppose the legislation. Bill does not believe this bill can withstand the opposition, but we will continue to watch it.

LB385 and LB386 were introduced by Sen. Rich Pahls of Omaha. NeCRA needs your help regarding both of these bills. The public hearing on these will be held March 20th.

First of all, both of these bills specifically aim to suspend and/or repeal the exemption that was put in place last year. This action would then set the stage to ask that there be a sales tax on the services of a court reporter. Bill Mueller has asked that we all send an e-mail to the members of the Revenue Committee listed below to oppose both of these bills. It would be helpful if you would send a copy of your e-mail to your own state senator so we can get the word out.

2009 Revenue Committee

Sen. Abbie Cornett, Chairperson - (Bellevue) acornett@leg.ne.gov

Sen. Greg Adams - (York) gadams@leg.ne.gov

Sen. Cap Dierks - (Ewing) mdierks@leg.ne.gov

Sen. Mike Friend - (Omaha) mfriend@leg.ne.gov

Sen. Galen Hadley - (Kearney) ghadley@leg.ne.gov

Sen. LeRoy Loudon - (Ellsworth) lloudon@leg.ne.gov

Sen. Dennis Utter - (Hastings) dutter@leg.ne.gov

Sen. Tom White - (Omaha) twhite@leg.ne.gov

Angela Comeau, NeCRA president, has enlisted the help of NCRA in gathering stats from other states and their tax status. There appear to be only a handful of states that do have some type of tax but each one is unique. She will be able to provide that information on NeCRA's behalf in her message.

Bill has asked that we not argue about the exemption at this point, but rather keep to the topic of opposing a sales tax on reporters' services. You can make your own arguments in this regard,

or if you'd like, you can copy and paste the paragraphs below into an e-mail and modify it for your personal use:

Dear Senator:

I am writing to you in your capacity as a member of the Revenue Committee regarding LB385 and LB386 which will impose a sales tax on services in Nebraska.

I have worked as a court reporter in Nebraska for the past ____ years. As such, I have provided services to numerous members of the Bar, citizens of Nebraska, and the courts of this state. Unlike many other services that people may choose to engage in, those of a court reporter are often needed by the citizens that can least afford to pay for them.

The freelance reporters in Nebraska provide deposition transcripts that often reduce the trial time necessary in our courts. Official reporters produce appeal transcripts from court hearings that litigants and appellate courts use in the appeal process. While I understand there are financial needs that must be met in our state, I don't believe imposing a sales tax on the services of court reporters is the appropriate avenue to take.

I would urge you to oppose LB385 and LB386. Thank you for your time and consideration.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you all for your support of NeCRA and Nebraska reporters by opposing this legislation.

Brenda

Lincoln Journal Star 2/23/09

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- If you need CEU's, you need to register through NeCRA. JBE points are offered free through the state. CEUs are attained through NeCRA
- We are always looking for people to fill committee and officer seats. If you are interested in serving on a committee or becoming an officer, please notify an officer of NeCRA!



THE HISTORY OF NeCRA/NOcRA

I recently attended the State Leadership Conference, and a state leader from New York is compiling information on the history of each state association. So, I myself thought that would be a very interesting history project to put together, but I need your help. If you have any information, old newsletters, any kind of information on when NeCRA/NOcRA was formed, what some of the issues were when the association first started, who some of the members were, how many members there were, anything you think would be of interest, or if you know who I could contact to gather this information, please e-mail Kami at kamisue@msn.com, or call me at 402-340-0755.

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APPLICATION FORM

I HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEBRASKA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION AND ENCLOSE MY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE YEAR. PLEASE CHECK THE CORRECT MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY.

_____ FREELANCE MEMBERSHIP (\$75.00) Freelance Membership in this Association shall be limited to any person who is a writer of shorthand, manual or machine, and who is or has been engaged in the active practice of law reporting or general reporting in this state.

_____ OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP (\$75.00) Official membership in this Association shall be limited to any person who is a writer of shorthand, manual or machine, and who is or has been an officially appointed shorthand reporter in a court in this state.

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_____ RETIRED MEMBERSHIP (N/C) Retired membership in this Association shall be limited to any person who has been in good standing for a period of twenty (20) years and is no longer in the active practice of shorthand reporting. Such retired member shall not vote or hold office and shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

_____ HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (N/C) Honorary membership in this Association shall be a person who has rendered some special service to this organization or to the reporting profession. Such honorary member may be elected by majority vote at the annual meeting of this organization, and shall not vote, nor hold office, and shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

PLEASE LIST YOUR CORRECT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. MAIL THIS FORM, ALONG WITH YOUR DUES, TO THE SECRETARY/ TREASURER. NOTE: Membership will expire on May 31st of each year. Annual dues payments include a one-year subscription to The Scribe, published quarterly by neCRA. Please make check payable to NeCRA.

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Please attach proof of all certifications with application.

Are you a member in good standing, including payment of dues, of the Nebraska Court Reporters Association (NeCRA)? Yes _____

No, but I am including my dues payment of \$75 herewith. _____

Please send this CCR application and \$30 fee, payable to NeCRA, (along with your NeCRA membership application and \$75 dues fee, if applicable) to:

Voluntary Certification Committee
Nebraska Court Reporters Association
P.O. Box 113
Omaha, NE 68101

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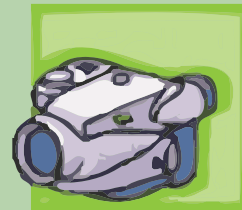
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