

## O-BLAST FOR OFFICIALS

June 4, 2010

Kathy Davis, President of CCRA, has put together a Realtime Task Force with the goal of helping every official court reporter in Colorado become realtime certified by the deadline imposed by the Chief Justice Directive 05-03. The members of this task force are:

Julie (Matt) Rocha, Chairman

Mary George

Michelle Goodbee

Anne Lamborn

Christine Reeder

Joyce Martin

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Kerry Rink

Catherine Rodriguez

Kathy Davis

These members have varying certifications so that we have a wide gamut of officials that are on this task force. Some are realtime certified, some are not; some are RPRs and some are not.

In these O-Blasts, we want to send to you ideas and suggestions that various reporters have come up with to resolve conflicts and to condense strokes that we hear day in and day out into one stroke, or a lot less strokes. This hopefully will not only help us to become certified, but it will also help us in our daily work lives.

These O-Blasts are meant to be informative and educational and to that end, the task force needs your help. We need your ideas and

suggestions to pass on to every official in Colorado so that we can be the "showcase" state that other states look to for guidance.

What suggestions do you have for dictionary management or conflict resolution? What helps you in your daily life to write better and cleaner? Your feedback is crucial.

Did you know that there is a Colorado standard for realtime certification? The accuracy percentage for the Colorado standard is 94 percent instead of the 96 percent accuracy required by NCRA. This is addressed in the Chief Justice Directive.

The first piece of information that we would like to pass on to you is the deadline for signing up for the next skills test being offered by NCRA. This year NCRA is adding an additional test day here in Colorado to take the RPR, CRR, CBC and CCP Skills test. That test date is Saturday, August 14, 2010. Registration is June 14 through July 14, 2010. In order to register for any of these tests you need to go online to [www.NCRAonline.org/testing](http://www.NCRAonline.org/testing). You can also call NCRA at 1-800-272-6272.

The next test date after August's test is the first Saturday of November.

Another way to get your certification is through the United States Court Reporters Association. Their next test is October 9, 2010, in Alexandria, VA. Please go to that web site at [www.info.uscra@gmail.com](http://www.info.uscra@gmail.com) for more information.

Next, have you filled out your Realtime Personal Inventory sent out by Julie Rocha? The information we receive from this inventory will tell the task force what you need to get realtime certified.

Are you currently a CRR and would like to mentor someone? You can mentor someone within your district or outside of your district. Are

you currently trying to pass the CRR exam and want someone to mentor you? Check with your managing reporter or other reporters you know to see if there's someone who would like to be a mentor to you. Do you want to have a "buddy" to help you practice, work on conflict resolution, or have dictionary-management jam sessions? Check with reporters that you know to find out who's also working towards certification and get together and have brain-storming sessions. You are not in this alone!

So that's it for now. The task force is excited to be able to help with the challenge we are facing here in Colorado and we will be coming to each district to meet with everyone personally so that all official reporters can all reach this goal.