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## **Local court reporter is NCRA Immediate Past President** *Nativa P. Wood reflects on year*

**LAS VEGAS, Aug. 11, 2017**— The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, broadcast captioners, CART captioners, and legal videographers, announced that Nativa P. Wood, FAPR, RDR, CMRS, a freelance court reporter from Mechanicsburg, Pa., assumed the role of the Association's 2017-2018 Immediate Past President during its Convention & Expo, held in Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 10-13.

Wood, who holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Diplomate Reporter and Certified Manager of Reporting Services, is also a fellow of NCRA's Academy of Professional Reporters. Prior to becoming a freelance reporter, Wood served as chief court reporter for the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas from 2003 to 2015. Prior to that, she served the same court as an official court reporter from 1977 to 2003.

Wood is a long-time member of NCRA and has served on its Board of Directors since 2012, including as 2015-2016 President-Elect. She has also served on an array of NCRA's committees, including the Placement, Insurance, Convention Planning, and Nominating Committees as well as the National Committee of State Associations Resolution Committee. Wood has also served on the General Appeals Task Force and the Steno Opportunities in the Courts Task Force. She is a past member and chair of NCRA's Council of the Academy of Professional Reporters and the Committee on Professional Ethics. In addition, Wood has served on the Board of Trustees of the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of NCRA, including as its chair. She is also an NCRF Angel donor.

Wood has long been an active member of the Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association (PCRA). As its president, she successfully lobbied for a public hearing on licensing for court reporters and testified before the Pennsylvania Senate Professional Licensure Committee. She has spoken on behalf of PCRA to a Pennsylvania Superior Court subcommittee investigating the computerization of the courts and the impact of court reporting technology. In addition, she was one of several speakers at the unveiling of the NCRA-sponsored computer-integrated courtroom in the federal courthouse in Philadelphia, which was covered by affiliates of *NBC*, *CBS*, and *ABC*.

Also installed to serve on NCRA's Executive Committee were: Christine J. Willette, RDR, CRR, CRC, Wausau, Wis., as President; Sue A. Terry, FAPR, RPR, CRR, Springfield, Ohio, as President-Elect; Doreen Sutton, FAPR, RPR, Scottsdale, Ariz., as Vice President; and Debra A. Dibble, RDR, CRR, CRC, Woodland, Utah, for a second term as Secretary-Treasurer.



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Newly elected directors include: Meredith A. Bonn, RPR, Webster, N.Y.; Robyn M. Hennigan, RPR, CRI, Springfield, Ohio; and Tonya J. Kaiser, RPR, CMRS, Fort Wayne, Ind. They will each serve a three-year term.

Returning directors include: Kristin M. Anderson, RPR, San Antonio, Texas; Max Curry, Jr., RPR, CRI, Franklin, Tenn.; Linda K. McSwain, RPR, Mobile, Ala.; Michael E. Miller, FAPR, RDR, CRR, Houston, Texas; Christine Phipps, RPR, North Palm Beach, Fla.; and Jennifer Sati, RMR, CRR, CRC, CRI, Dayton, Minn.

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### About NCRA

*The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) is internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 16,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator, and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership. Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to grow by 14 percent through the year 2020. For more information, visit [NCRA.org](http://NCRA.org).*