



## July Special Edition 2024



### NCNA Reflections from President Judy B. Chapman

When I talk about things that have happened or things I have been a part of, my children and grandchildren will usually react by rolling their eyes, using air quotes, and interrupting me with “back in the good ole days”. Suddenly, I realize that for some of you, these memories will seem like just yesterday, while for some of you, it will seem like ancient history!

The year was 2001. I only had a PC for about two years and had the annoying tones of the dial up connection. Storage of data was a floppy disk. My ability to make a phone call, other than the phone attached to the wall, was the rather large bag phone in my car which had to be plugged into the car. To talk to someone in another area, you paid long-distance rates. This was the year about ten Notary Instructors and Registers of Deeds came together in a room provided by the Secretary of State to establish the first statewide association designed to educate, assist, and advocate for North Carolina Notaries Public.

“Back in the good ole days”, the main fundraiser event was the annual conference. You had to have a checking account in order to operate. We had a website, but it was pretty basic. We had a newsletter. Perhaps the BIGGEST change and BEST catalyst for our Association was the rapidly changing technology of the time in making and moving us forward towards progress. Our website has been updated; Facebook is used on a regular basis to communicate with members; the Signatures newsletter goes out quarterly to inform members; and we have LinkedIn. Other activities can now be organized such as offering certification classes for notaries and e-notaries. Zoom workshops with local and national trainers, as well as national service companies are being planned for the near future to help prepare our members as efficient as possible.

In addition to the educational piece of our principles, we also assist and advocate for NC Notaries Public. We were instrumental in getting the legislation passed for RENA. We were the ones who suggested incorporating an increase in the notary fees you are allowed to charge and for travel. Our Legislative Committee will continue to monitor legislation to put our notary members in the best possible position.

We talked about our annual conference from “the good ole days.” Today, we have made great strides in making the 22nd Annual Conference a more valuable experience for you and well worth your investment in time and resources. In Wilmington, for the first time, we included, featured, and offered: **1) a record number of attendees 2) certified e-Notary class 3) Friday Night Meet and Greet including special guests Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Ozie Stallworth, and DMV Commissioner Wayne Goodwin; and 4) established, announced and awarded three new \$500 educational scholarships. The scholarships were based on need, merit, and one for a member seeking higher education. The namesake scholarships are in memory of Woodrow “Jack” Penny, in honor of Dennis “Bud” Cameron, and in honor of Secretary of State Elaine Marshall. This is a proactive way for us to demonstrate support for our notary members and their families.**

This year, we are offering three classes on Friday along with the other new features from the 2023 conference. It is coming up soon in Charlotte, August 2-3. Get Registered for The Notary Event of the Year!!! You simply can’t afford to miss it! It will be so worth the investment and can’t wait to see you there!!

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Greetings NCNA friends,

Yesterday was the deadline to register for the 22nd Annual Conference to enjoy the full experience. BUT it's not too late to join us for the conference, August 3, 2024, in Charlotte, NC. You can still register to attend. The "Conference Only - No Meals Inc." ticket will include the full conference experience less breakfast and lunch.

You may purchase your own lunch on-site from the restaurant Good Food by Food Geeks located inside the lobby of Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont, Inc.

All the meticulous planning, choice of exceptional instructors, engaging presenters and special guests are all in place for this picture-perfect experience, but there is still one thing missing... YOU.

**So don't delay register today as seats are filling up quickly. \$125 non members and \$106.25 for members**

You can now use afterpay to pay for your registration for the conference. If approved you can break up the payment into 4 smaller biweekly payments.

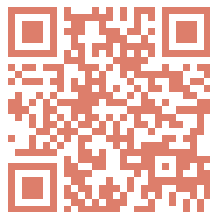
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**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference**  
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**Friday, August 2, 2024**

8:00am-9:00am

**Class Check-in & Breakfast**

9:00am-12:30pm

**Electronic Notary Public Class** – Alisha DeBerry, Notary Instructor, Central Piedmont Community College

9:00am-12:00pm

**Notary Basics Accelerated** – Belinda B. Bennett, NC Notary Coach

9:00am-12:00pm

**Crash Course on DMV Documents** – Melanie J. McFarland, Staff Development Specialist I, N.C. Department of Transportation

Cythina A. Simmons, Staff Development Specialist, N.C. Department of Transportation

2:00pm-4:00pm

**N.C. Secretary of State’s Notary Chats** – The Honorable Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall and Director of Electronic Notarization and Notary Enforcement Ozie H. Stallworth

6:00pm-6:30pm

**North Carolina Notary Association Business Meeting**

6:30pm-7:00pm

**Meet & Greet Check-in**

7:00pm-9:00pm

**Meet & Greet**

- Announcement of the NCNA Educational Scholarship winners
- Meet your 2024-2026 Officers
- Meet North Carolina NNA Ambassadors: Judy B. Chapman and Belinda B. Bennett

**Special Guests**

- The Honorable Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall
- Director of Electronic Notarization and Notary Enforcement Ozie H. Stallworth
- Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Wayne Goodwin
- The Honorable Fredrick Smith, Register of Deeds, Mecklenburg County

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**Saturday, August 3, 2024**

8:00am – 9:00am

**Conference Check-in & Breakfast**

9:00am – 9:20am

**Opening Ceremony**

- Welcome – The Honorable Fredrick Smith, Register of Deeds, Mecklenburg County
- Opening Comments – Judy B. Chapman, NCNA President
- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance – Belinda B. Bennett, Scholarship Chair

9:20am-9:40am

**Introduction of N.C. Secretary of State**

- Message from The Honorable Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall

9:40am- 10:10am

**Notary Public and the Absentee Ballot** – Michael Dickerson, Executive Director of Mecklenburg County Board of Elections

10:10am-11:10am

**New Law Updates and Remote Electronic Notarizations** – Director of Electronic Notarization and Notary Enforcement Ozie H. Stallworth

11:10am-11:30am

**Break**

11:30am- 12:30pm

**Sovereign Citizens: Fraud and Paper Terrorism Overview** – Captain S. Kory Flowers, Greensboro Police Department

12:30pm-1:30pm

**Lunch**

1:30pm-1:45pm

**Introduction of Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner**

- Message from Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Wayne Goodwin

1:45pm-2:00pm

**Break**

2:00pm-2:30pm

**Fake IDs... What to look for?** – Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Wayne Goodwin

2:30pm-3:00pm

**State of the Association** – 2024-2026 President

3:00pm-3:30pm

**Announcements & Adjournment** – 2024-2026 President

- Conference Survey
- Q & A

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## Peep Some of Our Guests

**The Honorable Elaine F. Marshall**  
**Secretary of State**  
**NC Department of Secretary of State**  
**August 2-3, 2024**

In 1996, Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall became the first woman elected to a statewide, executive branch office in North Carolina and has served as President of the National Association of Secretaries of State. Voters re-elected her to a seventh term in 2020, and Governor Cooper presented her with the NC Order of the Long Leaf Pine award in 2022, the Governor's highest award for service to the State.

A former teacher, small business owner, and private practice attorney, Secretary Marshall was elected to the NC State Senate before rising to statewide office. Under Secretary Marshall's administration, more than 2 million businesses have been formed; she has pioneered e-commerce in government, protected investors and intellectual property owners, and promoted financial capital formation in North Carolina.

She has received numerous state and national awards, including the First Annual Achievement Award from the national Notary Public Administrators Section of the National Association of Secretaries of State in 2023, also named in her honor as the Jaeger-Marshall NPA Achievement Award; the 2023 creation of the Elaine F. Marshall Academic Scholarship from the North Carolina Notary Association (NCNA); the 2022 Champion for Children Award from the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children; the 2020 N.C. Bar Association's Public Service Award; and the 2020 Ray of Light award from Boundless Impact for her decades of work advancing North Carolina's Global Competitiveness.

In addition, she was honored with the 2019 Brand Protection Hero Award from the Center for Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection (A-CAPP), the Charlotte Business Journal's 2017 International Trade Lifetime Achievement Award, and Meredith College's 2017 Woman of Achievement Award. Secretary Marshall has been honored with Triangle Business Journal's Lifetime Achievement Award for Women in Business and was a 2018 Inductee for the NC Women Business Owners Hall of Fame.

She has also received Lifetime Achievement Awards from North Carolina 4-H and the National 4-H Hall of Fame. She has received Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Campbell University, Lees-McRae College, Meredith College and the Republic of Moldova State University of Medicine. Earlier this year, she was bestowed with the Order of the Republic, the government of Moldova's highest honor, by Moldovan President Maia Sandu.





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### **The Honorable Fredrick Smith**

I am the Register of Deeds in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Prior to being elected to this office, I had a long history of serving the community. After graduating from Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science/ Public Administration, I spent the next 20 years in public service both as a Probation & Parole Officer and as an Investigator with the Public Defender's Office for the state of North Carolina.

It was my honor to be elected Register of Deeds in December 2016, and then again in 2020. As I prepare to embark upon my third term as Register, I remain committed to serving the residents of Mecklenburg County. Since becoming the Register of Deeds, I have taken on several roles in industry related organizations including the North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds (NCARD), the International Association of Government Officials (IGO), and the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA).



## Peep Some of Our Presenters

### Fake I.D. - What to Look For? August 3, 2024

As commissioner, **Wayne Goodwin** oversees the daily operations of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles, including vehicle registrations, driver licenses, vehicle safety and emissions inspections as well as activities to halt vehicle theft and identity fraud.

Before joining the N.C. Department of Transportation, Goodwin worked as president and CEO of Seaboard

Strategic Consulting where he provided counsel to insurance entities, businesses, associations and consumers.

Goodwin also previously served as state insurance commissioner for eight years, overseeing the agency that regulates insurance rates as products as well as investigating fraud. During his time as insurance commissioner, he also served as state fire marshal and chaired the national Antifraud Task Force for two years.

Prior to his time as insurance commissioner, he served as assistant general counsel and assistant commissioner of insurance.

Goodwin is an attorney who also served four terms in the N.C. House of Representatives from 1997-2004.

A native of Hamlet, Goodwin twice graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - first in 1989 with honors as a Morehead Scholar and a U.S. Senate/William Randolph Hearst Scholar and again in 1992 from the School of Law.

He now resides in Raleigh with his two children. His wife, Melanie Wade Goodwin, was an attorney and former state legislator who died in 2020.



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### Sovereign Citizens: Fraud and Paper Terrorism Overview August 3, 2024

**Kory Flowers** is a 25-year veteran Captain with the Greensboro Police Department.

Captain Flowers trains law enforcement officers nationwide on various subversive criminal groups, leadership, tactical communication, and has written articles and conducted interviews and podcasts for publications including Police Magazine, the Los

Angeles Times, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and National Public Radio. He is a frequent guest on the Street Cop Podcast, and guest television host on On Patrol Live. He is the co-founder of Run Well, a training and mentoring program for young men.





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