



March, 2024



FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year (2024) just might be one for the record books. It is an election year; let's not even talk about that as we already hear too much on TV! Predictions are going crazy on so many different levels. We had thunder during the winter a few times. You know the old wives tale, "Thunder in the winter means snow!"

Yet here we are in early March with 70-degree temperatures. The Federal Reserve moved interest rates up to the sky like fireworks; however, this year's rates have started to come down a tiny bit. Everyone gets so excited when it drops even a small part of a percentage point.

We, as Notaries, are anxiously awaiting the implementation of the new Remote Electronic Notarization Act (RENA) law, but the process the Secretary of State must go through with Administrative Rules and regulations have not yet been completed. There is still a lot of work to be done before that process is rolled out. No firm predictions of when that will take place.

We, as an association, are not making any predictions for 2024. What? Oh, yes, we are!! We are predicting that the **22nd Annual North Carolina Notary Association Conference** will be the BEST!! We have passed the point of predicting the date and location. It will take place on **August 2-3, 2024**, in the Queen City, Charlotte NC. Our hotel is the **Holiday Inn Charlotte Airport, 2707 Little Rock Road, Char-lotte, NC 28214**, and our **conference will convene on the beautiful campus of the Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont, 5301 Wilkinson Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28208**.

Friday morning, August 2, we will be offering a choice of two training classes: a certified class for e-Notary and a Notary Basics Accelerated (Notary 101), with a possible third training class. Know that we are listening to you on what you need to be successful as a notary. Friday evening will be a wonderful time to meet and greet Notaries from across the state, as well as local elected officials, and state level special guests. We will again pre-sent NCNA college namesake scholarships: The Honorable Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall (membership), The Dennis W. "Bud" Cameron (merit) and the Woodrow Franklin "Jack" Penny (need).

Saturday, August 3, will be our regular conference day with engaging jam packed opportunities to fellowship and learn. I am predicting that you will see, right here, right now, that it will be something you CANNOT afford to miss! My Prediction...Coming Soon will be registration rates and discounts on the Conference, Meet and Greet Event, Training Classes, Vendor Hall and information on the cost of sleeping rooms at the Holiday Inn Airport. Start saving the Washingtons and Lincolns so you can join us. If you do notary work "on the job" see if your employer will cover your cost of membership in NCNA and the cost of you attending the conference. Explore the possibilities!

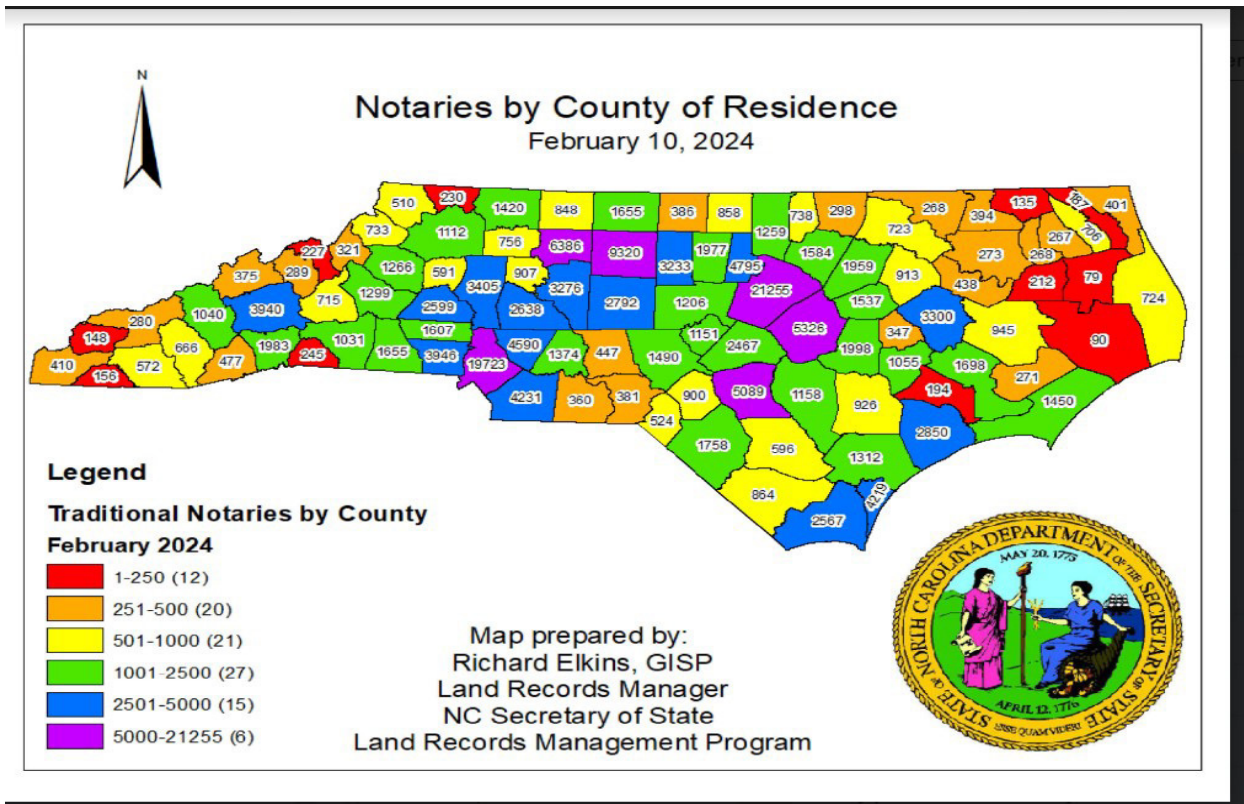
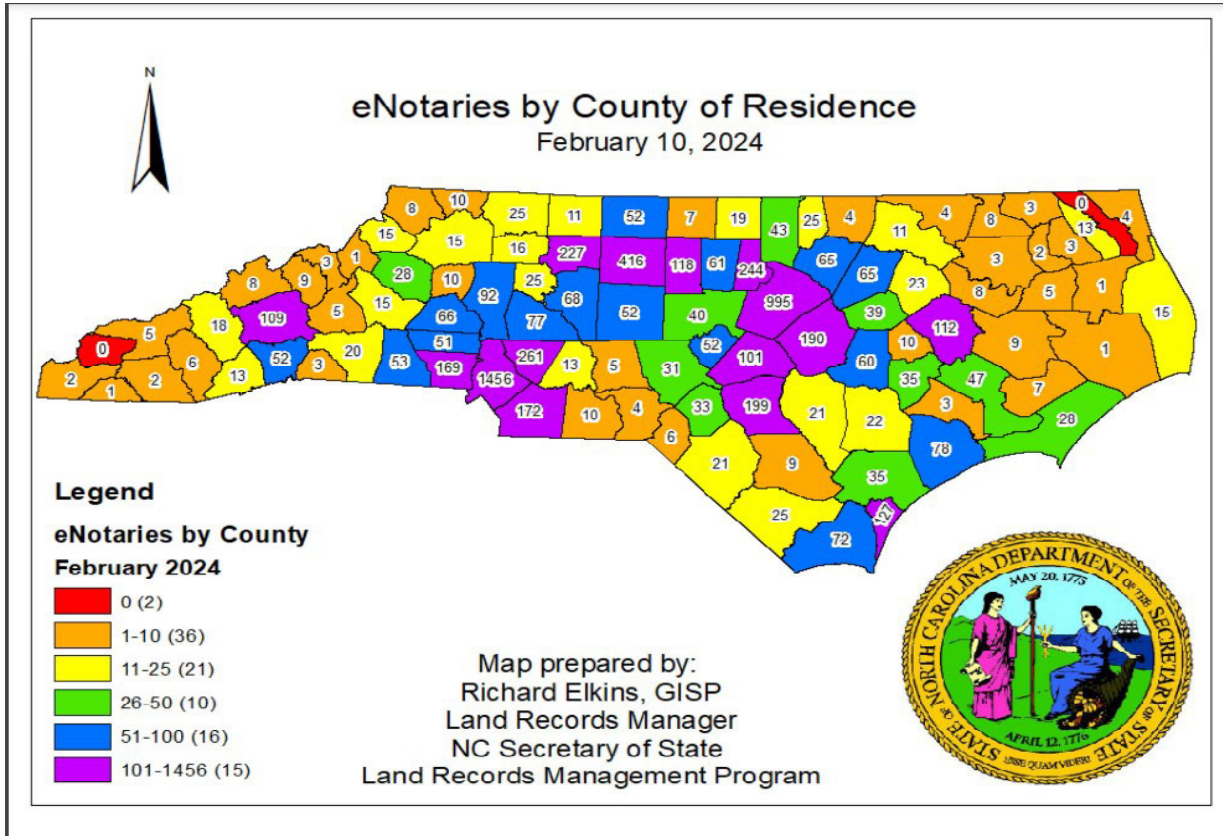
We can't wait to see you at the conference, so go ahead and start planning now.

Judy Chapman
President

North Carolina Notary Association Signatures



**DYK?? There are approximately 185k notaries and 7k eNotaries in NC.
Thanks Michael (Mike) J. Brown, Sr., our NCNA Liaison with the SOS Office**





Voter Absentee Ballot

Election Day
Nov 5th 2024

6 Steps to Vote by Absentee Ballot

Step 1: Gather your witnesses and mark your ballot

Step 2: Seal your ballot in the ballot envelope and sign your name on the ballot envelope

Step 3: Two Witnesses OR One Notary Sign and Complete the witness section of the ballot envelope

Step 4: Assistant (if needed) signs and completes envelope

Step 5: Include copy of Photo ID or Photo ID Exception Form

Step 6: Place the sealed ballot envelope into the return envelope

For more details and full instructions on voting by absentee ballot visit www.ncnotart.org

County Board use only

Voter do not write above this line

Step 1: Get your 2 witnesses or notary ready.
See information printed on envelope flap for their eligibility requirements.

Step 2: Voter, sign and complete below.

I certify that:

- I am a US citizen.
- I am at least 18, or will be by the date of the general election.
- I have not been convicted of a felony, or if so, I have completed my sentence (including any probation, post-release supervision, or parole).
- I am registered to vote in this county.
- I will have lived at my address printed above for at least 30 days before this election.
- I understand it is a felony to vote more than once in an election.
- I marked the enclosed ballot or it was marked for me according to my instructions.

Voter, sign here: If a second primary is called, please mail me an absentee ballot for that election.

Name correction (if applicable) _____

Step 3: Witnesses or notary, certify below.

Each witness or notary certifies that:

- I meet the eligibility requirements as outlined on the envelope flap.
- I respected the secrecy of the ballot unless I assisted at the voter's request.
- The voter marked the ballot in my presence, or caused it to be marked in the voter's presence according to their instruction.
- The voter signed this envelope, or caused it to be signed.

Witness 1 print name: _____
Street Address / PO Box: _____
City / State / Zip: _____
Witness 1, sign here: _____

Witness 2 print name: _____
Street Address / PO Box: _____
City / State / Zip: _____
Witness 2, sign here: _____

If using a notary instead of 2 witnesses, the notary also certifies that:

State of _____
County of _____
The voter, _____
appeared in person and was positively identified on _____ date _____
Notary Public: _____ seal
Commission Expiration Date _____

Voter assistant certification (if applicable). As the voter's assistant, I certify that:

- If assisting NOT due to voter's disability: I am the voter's near relative or legal guardian, or I am helping the voter because a near relative or legal guardian is not available to assist the voter, and I am not disqualified from assisting the voter. I am not an owner or staff of a hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult care facility where the voter is a patient. The voter asked for my help marking the ballot and/or this form, and I followed their instructions and was in their presence.
- If assisting, mailing or returning due to voter's disability: The voter asked for my help due to their disability. If I helped mark the ballot and/or this form, I followed the voter's instructions and was in their presence.

Assistant Print Name: _____
Street Address/ PO Box: _____
City / State / Zip: _____
Assistant, sign here: _____

Instructions

- Place your marked ballot in this envelope and seal the envelope. Do not seal anything else inside this envelope.
- You and your witnesses or notary complete steps 2 and 3 of this envelope.
- Place a copy of your photo ID or a completed ID Exception Form in the sleeve on the back of the envelope.

If you are a patient in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult care home and do NOT require assistance due to a disability, your witnesses or notary cannot be:

- An owner or staff of the facility where you are a patient.
- A person who holds any federal, state, or local election office.
- A person who holds office in a state, congressional district, county or precinct political party or organization, or who is a campaign manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class 1 Felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

Witness/notary requirements: You must have 2 witnesses (or 1 notary) with you when you mark your ballot. A witness must be 18 or older. A candidate cannot be a notary or a witness (unless the candidate is your near relative or legal guardian or you need assistance due to a disability and you are a patient in a facility).



**The NCNA has a
NEW MAILING ADDRESS
9565 Cliffdale Rd #155
Fayetteville, NC 28304**



Audit Committee Oversee all financial operations of the Association, develop long-range fiscal plans, procure and review any all external audits and may prepare/recommend an annual operating budget to the Board.

Planning Committee Responsible for the Association's fundraising activities and shall coordinate its fundraising goals with the Audit Committee and Publicity Committee.

Nominating Committee Recommend candidates to fill Officer positions and shall present a slate of candidates for Officer and Board member positions to the Board before regular annual general meeting at which approval of recommended candidates will be sought.

Publicity Committee Focus on raising overall awareness concerning the Association in the North Carolina Community and supporting the Planning Committee in furtherance of visibility and development goals.

Legislative Committee Shall be responsible for monitoring legislative activity and recommending legislative action for the good of the Association and notaries public statewide.

Membership Committee Shall promote membership in the Association, maintain all membership records, transmit membership packets to all new members and shall recommend to the Board ways that this might be accomplished.

Scholarship Committee Shall recommend the best overall applicant(s) for the Associations Educational Scholarship Award before the regular annual meetings at which approval of recommended applications will be sought.

Please contact info@ncnotary.org if you are interested in any of the above positions.



The NCNA Board is seeking members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Your role will be to review the member application for open Executive Committee positions, Standing Committee Chairs, Special Committee Chairs and members for the upcoming 2024-2026 term. Also refer to page 4.

These will be 2-year term commitments to include planning and executing two annual conferences, produce and distribute four newsletters per year, track and influence any legislative issues concerning Notaries

Public, be an integral part of communicating and educating members and Notaries at large on the new Remote Electronic Notarization (REN) implementation, establish and maintain lines of communication with all groups in NC containing and concerning Notaries Public (Registers of Deeds, Notary Instructors, DMV, etc.), establish and maintain lines of communication with similar statewide notary associations as they are established for other states, sponsoring educational and social events for members year round in order to keep members engaged, maintain regular communication with members via website and social media, and other duties as identified.

Also Your NCNA Board is seeking your opinion regarding the 2024 Annual Conference and would like to know what you are thinking. Please share your ideas on what you would like to happen at the 2024 NCNA Annual Conference for consideration.

Drop us a line to info@ncnotary.org for the Executive Committee's review and a response.



Welcome Our NCNA Volunteers

Donna Roch has been a Notary since 2019. I am dual commissioned in NC and SC. She will be handling the vendor exhibition at the 2024 Annual NCNA Conference. If you want to help, please send your inquiry to info@ncnotary.org.



Joseph J. Miller has been a certified signing agent for 20 years covering the Charlotte region and surrounding areas, he was former eNotary. Joe's background has been in sales operation and customer service prior to becoming a notary signing agent. Joe is owner of Miller Mobile Notary Signing Service and has been active in the NCNA for the last five years. He has a Bachelors in Business from Long Island University, Greenvale, NY and former member of Toastmasters International for the last 15 years. He resides in Pineville, NC with wife, Karen and they are the proud parents of two sons, John and Anthony.



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Conference Venue

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Hotel Arrangements

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Conference and Training Class Registration will open on May 1st. The link to book a room at the hotel will be made available on May 1st as well.

Stay up to date with the latest details by checking out ncnotary.org