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**FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

[2023 NCNA Conference](#) will take place on [April 22, 2023](#), in beautiful Wilmington.

Plan now to attend to hear and learn about the revolutionary new law, **Remote Electronic Notarization (REN)**, which was passed in July 2022 by our General Assembly. One of the foremost Notary Public Advocates, from the Secretary of State office, *Mr. Ozie Stallworth*, will walk us through every detail of this new law. Our agenda will be packed full of dynamic speakers and game-changing Notary issues that you don't want to miss out on. If you have never attended a North Carolina Notary Association conference, this would be a great time to start. No matter what type of business you are involved in as a Notary, nor the level of your involvement, you need to hear what will be presented at the 2023 NCNA Conference in Wilmington.

To make it easier for you to attend, we are providing [early registration and membership fee discounts from January 15–March 15, 2023](#). There are various options for multiple year membership which will also save you money,

In addition to the excellent instruction and information to be presented, we will, for the first time be presenting not one, but three \$500 scholarships to deserving members and/or their immediate family. These scholarships will be awarded based on need, merit, and one to an active member of NCNA who is in school for additional training or a career change. [An application is included at the end of this newsletter.](#)

Can't wait to see you in Wilmington on April 22, 2023!!!



Judy Chapman, President



April 22, 2023
Annual Conference
of the
North Carolina Notary Association

Wilmington, North Carolina

Plan ahead to bring your family and friends to make a delightful long weekend getaway.

Plenty of activities for you and your family on Friday, April 21, as well as activities for your spouse and family while you are attending the conference.

Information on hotel blocked rooms and room rates will be announced soon.

Updated Conference Registration Fees

Member

- Early Bird Rate (before March 15, 2023) - \$75
- After March 15, 2023 - \$100

Non-Member

- Early Bird Rate (before March 15, 2023) - \$100
- After March 15, 2023 - \$125

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. Ozie H. Stallworth

Director, Electronic Notification
and Notary Enforcement

AMAZING TOPICS:

- ◆ Revolutionary new law passed to provide Remote Electronic Notarization for North Carolina
- ◆ “Authorities” on notarization
- ◆ Scholarship Introductions and Awards
- ◆ And much more

For complete information and registration on the 2023 Annual Conference, please check us out at ncnotary.org and [Facebook.com/ncna.org](https://www.facebook.com/ncna.org)



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees (for new and returning members)

- Early Bird Rate (before March 31) - \$25
- After March 31 - new rate - \$35

Multi-Year Membership Discount Option Effective February 28, 2023

| Year | Rate | Discount Savings |
|--------|-------|------------------|
| 1 year | \$35 | 0% |
| 2 year | \$70 | 0% |
| 3 year | \$105 | 5% |
| 4 year | \$140 | 10% |
| 5 year | \$175 | 15% |

Benefits

- Annual Conference Savings
- Access to Members Only Section on 'Website'
- Membership Card, NCNA Lapel Pin (new members only)
 - Notification of Changes to Notary Statutes
 - and more

To join, update your membership, or for information on membership, please check us out ncnotary.org, [Facebook.com/ncna.org](https://www.facebook.com/ncna.org), or contact (legislation@ncnotary.org).



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NEW COMMITTEE
MEMBERS NEEDED

1. 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.

2. Planning Committee

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Legislative Committee

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

6. 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.

7. 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 if you are interested in any of the above positions.



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Members Corner

You have already been introduced to our Executive Committee.
Now, let's meet some of our Committee members.

MICHAEL J. "MIKE" BROWN, Official Liaison with the Office of Secretary of State.



Michael J "Mike" Brown, Sr. is a resident of Fayetteville, NC. He has a deep passion for helping others. His career in law enforcement began in the United States Army as a Military Policeman and ended with his retirement from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department where he served as Detective Sergeant with duties as supervisor in the Crime Scene Unit after a combined total of 41.5 years of service. He has also served as Notary Investigator with the Office of North Carolina Secretary of State and has a rich background in the teaching/instruction field. He teaches "Alive at 25" with his certification through

National Highway Safety Council and is a RiderCoach with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. He has served as Quality Assurance Specialist for the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program. Mike is a Notary Public Instructor for Fayetteville Technical Community College, Bladen Community College, Robeson Community College, and Sandhills Community College. He is most qualified for this position because of his years of training instructor experience and the fact that he even participated in train-the-trainer activities during his service as Notary Investigator at the Secretary of State. Altogether, Mike has 28 years of experience teaching/training in the community college system.

By accepting this position, he will be able to touch Notaries Public statewide . He will be our primary contact with the Office of Secretary of State to assure a two-way communication between our association and the regulating office for Notaries statewide. The goal of the NCNA is to educate and assist Notaries Public of North Carolina with Mike serving as our direct contact with the office that regulates our activities.

JULIE KING, Site Location Committee



Julie King is the owner of Yours Truly, LLC an Online Mobile Notary Public/ Notary Signing Agent/Electronic Notary business. The goal of Yours Truly is to provide notarial signings on demand, and excellent customer service.

My work in higher education, retail and health care has provided me with over 25 years of experience in the areas of supervising, planning, coordinating, building, and growing cohesive teams within organizations. In addition to having demonstrated success in the management of recreation, public and private facilities, I also possess excellent communication skills, both verbal and written with the ability to effectively present information, focus on detail and maintain confidential files and records. I have recruited, trained, and provided leadership for volunteers for nonprofit organizations. My administrative skills, extensive knowledge, and experience in observing and evaluating staff, programs and activities are outstanding.

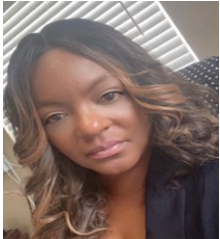
I am a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, an alumnus of North Carolina Central University and currently employed at Duke University. I enjoy traveling and have lived on both coasts of the United States in addition to embarking on 3 educational tours of 8 countries. Cooking, shopping, and gardening are other pastimes that I find enjoyable.



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Members Corner

Andrea Lathan, Site Location Committee



Andrea H. Lathan is co-owner of LTD Investments, owner of Un-Ltd Credit Repair Solutions, a 20-year Notary and a Property Manager with over 30 years of experience. She is an accomplished Manager offering 20 years of professional experience with the last ten years focusing on consultancy and project management. Focused on delivering strong financial results, cost saving strategies, process streamlining, resource management, and excellent customer service. She has provided management services to a variety of different clients ranging from start-ups to fortune 500 companies. Andrea is known for being a change agent, problem solver, effective communicator, relationship builder and thought leader.

While working for different builders, she started buying her own real estate investment properties and quickly realized property management was what she loved to do. She started by learning every role in a Property Management office.

Andrea is a very organized and diligent to goals that she attempts to conquer and her words to live by: "Giving up is never an option".

Andrea is married to Reggie Lathan and they have three adult children and four adorable grandbabies.

BELINDA B. BENNETT, Scholarship Committee Chair

The North Carolina Notary Association is indeed fortunate to have caught the attention of Belinda B. Bennett. Belinda has become an expert on the Notary Public Law in North Carolina. She shares her knowledge and expertise with many people through many venues. Shall we call her a Mentor? Yes, indeed!!



We have celebrated along with her as she reached one of her personal goals, that of being named a Certified Notary Instructor for the State of North Carolina.

With humble beginnings in Robeson County, NC, Belinda has been on a forward path to improve her situation, while being constantly aware of the needs of others. She has educated herself in many areas, including construction and real estate industry, mortgage and finance industry, along with education and outreach. She is constantly looking for ways to educate others and help them improve their situations. She has been instrumental in training and informing Notaries Public and Notary Signing Agents through social media methods and in person workshops. As she was able to build her knowledge in the basics of Notary law and communication, she was able to touch more lives. She can get down to the basics for the novice while also delving into more sophisticated details on skills for the certified Signing Agent. She is no stranger to training, nor is she a stranger to social media. You can find her on a variety of social media platforms. Belinda says that building confidence by building knowledge is the key!!

Belinda began her advocacy journey for Notaries in North Carolina by first becoming an active member of the NCNA Legislation Committee. She was instrumental in helping the legislative committee promote positive provisions for Notaries as well as promoting the new Remote Online Notarization law.



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Members Corner

The North Carolina Notary Association, [NCNA](#), is committed to providing educational opportunities to students every year who may not otherwise have access to them. We believe that education is the key to unlocking a brighter future for these individuals, and we are dedicated to helping them achieve their full potential.

However, in order to continue providing scholarships, we rely on the generous support of people like you. That's why we're asking your help in becoming a member of the Scholarship Committee and spreading the word about our scholarship program and soliciting donations.

There are a few ways you can get involved:

1. Share information about our scholarship program with your personal and professional networks. This could include sharing posts on social media, sending emails, or talking to people in person.
2. Consider making a donation yourself. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a big difference in the lives of our scholarship recipients.
3. Host a fundraising event on behalf of the NCNA scholarship committee. This could be some thing as simple as a bake sale or as ambitious as a gala.

We hope that you will consider supporting our efforts to provide educational opportunities to those in need, for merit, and are going to a college or university. Your support will make a real difference in the lives of college students and help us to achieve our mission of promoting education and empowering individuals to reach their full potential.

Submitted by Belinda B. Bennett (scholarships@ncnotary.org)



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2023 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Almost every year, the North Carolina Notary Association (NCNA) awards one or more scholarships to members of the Association and to their immediate families. For the first time ever, we will award three Educational Scholarships for 2023. Categories will be based on merit, need, and if the applicant is a member who is back in college. Awards will be presented on April 22, 2023, at the NCNA's Annual Professional Development Conference in Wilmington, NC. If you or an immediate family member is interested in applying for this scholarship, please send this application by 3/15/2023 to

**NCNA Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 70488
Fort Bragg, NC 28307**



NCNA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

- Applicant's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ eMail Address: _____
Relationship to NCNA Member: Self [] Other [] Please describe: _____
- If you are an immediate family member of an NCNA member, please provide the following information about the member.
Member's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ eMail Address: _____
- * What is the name of the North Carolina university, college, or community college you will be attending?
Name of School: _____
Name of Financial Aide Coordinator: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ eMail Address: _____
Semester Date: _____
- Please list your interests, hobbies, and extracurricular activities in school, community, and church:

- Attach a letter describing which scholarship you're applying for, how your scholarship dollars will be spent, and what your career goals are. The letter should be a maximum of 300 words.

The scholarship awards in 2023 will be \$500.00 for each category. The recipient must be present to receive the award. *Please note that the check will be written to the school that is indicated in #3 above.