



Metro Legal Professionals Association Director's Local Report

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We had a great time in Biloxi...

JOIN US ON
Thu, Feb 17th for
Bosses Appreciation
Night
at the Steam
Room Grille

"Blessed is the man
who, having nothing to
say, abstains from
giving in words evidence
of the fact."

George Eliot

MLPA is
33 members
strong...
4 of whom are
"certified"

Monthly Meeting Information:

Metro Legal Professionals
Association meets on the fourth
Wednesday of each month at the
Holiday Inn North on I-55 North
in Jackson, MS. To make a
reservation to attend the meeting,
please contact Shirley Wadsworth
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Membership Information:

To inquire about becoming a
member, or to request an
application for membership,
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HEADLINE NEWS.... TWENTY SEVEN PERCENT OF OUR MEMBERS ATTENDED THE NALS ANNUAL FORUM IN BILOXI!! What a percentage, we had nine MLPA members in attendance. Other chapters might have had more attending, but I think this is a great turnout for our chapter.

Thursday started off with bonus CLE and technology sessions, guest & spouse mixer and NALS Third Annual Swap Meet, all were great ways to meet new friends from around the country. (I think we even sold some of our clocks)

Friday started out with the Welcome & NALS Town Hall meeting - JLPA's Vice President (Robert Welch, PLS) won the "Slugger Award", a drawing for \$50 in NALS bucks, as the lucky name drawn from all of the members that recruited at least five new members in the recent quarterly membership campaign. At the Silvertime Recognition luncheon on Friday, the recipient of the NALS Award of Excellence was announced: *Shirley Vanderbeck, PP, PLS, CLSS, CLA, CNSA, CM* of Pamona Valley-Citrus LSA, California. There were more great educational sessions and a dynamic keynote speaker (Sandy Geroux). The day concluded with the NALS Mardi Gras Welcome Party and dinner. The costume contest was fun, and two of the top three prize winners were from Mississippi!

Saturday brought more great education, a chance to mix and mingle with sponsors in the Exhibit Hall, and bidding on the Foundation silent auction items, ending with the Foundation's "Night at the Ballpark" event. Over \$12,000 was raised at the conference!

Sunday's Keynote Speaker was Dale Smith Thomas, and if you weren't there... you *need* to catch her wherever you can in the future, she is a *great* motivational speaker!

A lot of work and planning by the Biloxi Conference Task Force helped make this a memorable conference - many thanks go out to Anita Campbell, PP, PLS as well as the chair of that task force (Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS of the Gulf Coast) and all of the ladies who volunteered for that group. Of note, two session speakers were past presidents of the Mississippi Division of NALS (Sue Allmon, PLS and Patti Gandy, Esq.).

On the horizon in 2005...

Mississippi Division of NALS Winter Board of Directors Meeting - will be hosted by the Pine Belt chapter in Seminary, MS on Saturday, February 19. Watch for seminar and meeting registration forms in the future.

NALS Professional Development Conference and Leadership Training - will be held in Tulsa, OK, on March 10-12. For registration info, go to www.nals.org/conferences/ProfessionalDevelopment/Index.html

Mississippi Division of NALS Annual Meeting - will be hosted by the Gulf Coast Chapter, at the Treasure Bay Resort in Biloxi, on the weekend of April 29 to May 1. Seminar and registration information to be distributed after the first of the year.

NALS Region 6 Annual Conference is being hosted by Mississippi in 2005. It will be held at the Eola Hotel in Natchez on July 29-31. There will also be a two-day exam preparatory workshop prior to the certification exam test (on the third day). Registration information will be available by March.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED STATE OFFICERS FOR 2005:

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www.msnals.org