

NALS Region 6 – Julie Abernathy, PP, PLS – Region 6 Director



*Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma,
Mississippi, Missouri and Texas*

Message from the Region Director

2006-2007 Fiscal Year

Many states and local chapters are electing new officers and confirming appointments of committee chairmen. The same holds true for NALS. During the past 2-3 months, NALS has been in the transition stage as well.

This is my final newsletter as Region 6 Director. Although saddened to leave my role as Regional Director, I am excited about my new role as NALS Membership Director. **Stephanie Floyd** and I have been communicating regarding her duties and role as incoming Regional Director. Stephanie will be a fine director serving Region 6.

Plans are under way for the 2006 Region 6 Conference to be held in Dallas this coming July. **Tina Hurley** and her awesome committee have made definite strides in making sure that this meeting will meet or surpass previous region 6 conferences. This conference is hosted by the two local Dallas chapters, along with a few other Texas members assisting. The registration form will be finalized and ready for distribution at the NALS Professional Development and Education Conference to be held in Tulsa in March. The form will also be provided to chapters for posting on your websites, and it will also be posted on the Region 6 website.

I have enjoyed serving you as Region 6 Director for the past 2 years!

Julie Abernathy

New Beginnings

Report on Dallas Region 6 Conference



2006 Region 6 Meeting - "Region 6 Round-Up"

Plans are well underway for the next Region 6 Meeting to be held at The Richardson Hotel in Richardson (Dallas), Texas July 28th through 30th, 2006. Our committees are hard at work planning a very special weekend of great CLE, fun, and fellowship.

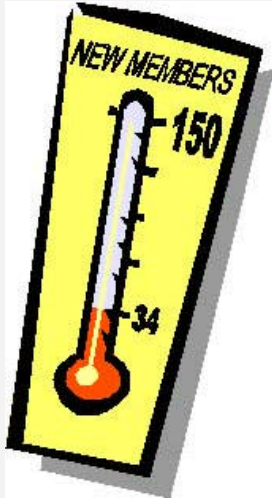
Items are needed for the NALS Foundation Silent Auction with drawings to be held on Saturday afternoon during the Region 6 Meeting. Come spend your "Twenty Bucks" at Region 6.

Join us for the optional event Friday night at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo for a fun night of bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing; bring the kids so they can join in the calf scramble. Enjoy some great Texas BBQ for dinner before the rodeo begins.

I hope you'll make plans now to attend the "Region 6 Round-Up" for a fun-filled weekend.

Tina Hurley, PLS
2006 Region 6 Conference Chair

Welcome New Members . . .



Irene Purcell, Texas
 Gail Johle, Texas
 Renee Romero, Oklahoma
 Barbara E. Perez, Texas
 Sophie L. Forsythe, Texas
 Diane Radcliff, Texas
 Linda M. Peterson, Missouri
 Angela Cossar, Mississippi
 Lindsay Woodrow, Mississippi
 Tina Richardson, Mississippi
 Cindy Buzan, Texas
 Dina Jones, Missouri
 Susie Welsh, Texas
 Stephanie Cox, Texas
 Kathryn Gutierrez, Texas
 Sharon Campbell, Louisiana
 Julieta Villines, Missouri
 Ellen V. Yeates, Mississippi
 Elizabeth C. Lange, Missouri
 J. Lori Ives, Missouri
 Barbara Parkerson, Missouri
 Becky French, Texas
 Michelle Fayard, Mississippi
 Johna L. Davis, Arkansas
 Jennifer Lamb, Missouri
 Suzanne Polk, Texas
 Heather Miller, Mississippi
 Edelin Smith, Arkansas
 Kathleen M. Leedy, Texas
 Deborah Schick, Texas
 David Forrest Rogers, Mississippi
 Kathy J. Hayes, Mississippi
 Dawn Price, Missouri



Region 6 Recap:

Missouri	192	Arkansas	85	Texas	657
Oklahoma	25	Mississippi	211	Louisiana	6

Total Members 2004-05 = 1345

1/2/2006 YTD Members 2005-06 = 1176

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CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS!

**Region 6 has 18 new ALS certified members!
Congratulations to everyone.**

Blanche Brassler ALS
Jennifer Keel ALS
Debra Lofland ALS
Sharon Smith ALS
Sheena Lamb ALS
Kathy Reid ALS
Veronica Shepperd ALS
Debra Addington ALS
Marisela Alvarado ALS
Catherine Bissonnet ALS
Rita Bridges ALS
Imelda Cardenas ALS
Kip Hall ALS
Sami Hartsfield ALS
Holly Keiser ALS
Latina Kellum ALS
Naomi Valdez ALS

**The new certified ALS members hail from
Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.**

No July Certification Exams!

There will be no exams offered in conjunction with regional conferences in 2006. Therefore, no Cram Courses will be offered in Dallas.

NALS 2006-2007 Board of Directors

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NALS FOUNDATION - Grant Deadline



March 1

Are you interested in becoming a certified member? If so, take advantage of the NALS Online Learning Center. To check out the schedule (and print the study materials in advance), please check out:

www.nals.org/onlinelearning

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**UPCOMING STATE
CONFERENCES/MEETINGS**

Arkansas

January 20-21, 2006 Winter Business Meeting
Velda Rose Hotel, Hot Springs, AR

April 21-23, 2006 Annual Meeting
Little Rock, AR – Contact: mwilson@mbbwi.com

Mississippi

February 11, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting
Jackson, MS – contact: ajonescarter@msn.com

May 19-21, 2006 Annual Meeting, Eagle Ridge
Conference Center, Ridgeland, MS – contact:
Stephanie.floyd@butlersnow.com

Missouri

February 3-5, 2006 Winter Board Meeting & Seminar
Hampton Inn, Lee's Summit, MO
Contact: jrider@stinsonmoheck.com

May 5-7, 2006 Annual Meeting & Seminar
DoubleTree Hotel, Chesterfield, MO

Texas

February 2-5, 2006 Winter Board Meeting
Lakeway Inn, Austin, Texas – contact:
deidra@splpc.com

May 18-21, 2006 Annual Meeting
Lubbock, Texas – contact: gfuqua@ckwwlaw.com

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TULSA CONFERENCE!

March 9-11, 2006

NALS Professional Development & Educational Conference

DoubleTree Warren Place, Tulsa OK

Room Reservations: 1-918-495-1000



It's NOT too late to register.

Sessions will include:

State and Local Presidents Leadership Training
Membership Chair Leadership Training

Professional Development and CLE sessions:

Toot your own Horn or they won't know you're coming!
Legal Malpractice for Paralegals and Support Staff
Public Speaking
Leaving on a jet plane...Airport Security (TASA) and Your Rights
Juggling Act? Is that REALLY my job?
Who are you Really?
Professionalism with an ATTITUDE!
Nuts-n-Bolts of PowerPoint Presentations
Minding Your P's and Q's

Corporate Sponsor Sessions:

Avery Solutions – Software & Technology for Tomorrow
Court Reporters International Corporate Sponsor Session

Back by popular demand will be Dale Smith Thomas who will be the welcome keynote speaker. For those of you who missed Dale in Biloxi in 2004, here's your chance to get fired up!

The 2006-2007 Board will be installed as well as reception for incoming president Cathy Hankins. You can't miss out on this toast!

And last, but certainly NOT least – shopping at Top Dollar Jewelry! Shuttles will be provided from the Hotel to Top Dollar.

Early Bird registration is \$199 for Life Member; \$209 for Member; \$309 for Non-Member

Regular Registration (before Jan. 15, 2006) is \$209, \$249, and \$349, respectively
Late Registration (after Jan. 15, 2006) is \$249, \$289, and \$389, respectively

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Education and Study Group Schedule

January 31, 2006 ([Online Study Group](#))

8:00 p.m. Central Time

Usage/Grammar

February 1, 2006

9:00 p.m. Central Time

TBA - NALS Foundation

February 7, 2006 ([Online Study Group](#))

8:00 p.m. Central Time

Bankruptcy

February 8, 2006

9:00 p.m. Central Time

Leadership - How to Motivate Others - Education

February 14, 2006 ([Online Study Group](#))

8:00 p.m. Central Time

Taxation/Environmental/Water/Oil & Gas/Admiralty/Antitrust/Immigration

February 15, 2006

9:00 p.m. Central Time

Internal Marketing: Holding on to What You've Got - Marketing

February 19, 2006 (SUNDAY)

5:00 p.m. Central Time

ALS Review

February 21, 2006 ([Online Study Group](#))

8:00 p.m. Central Time

Legal Terminology/Citations

February 22, 2006

9:00 p.m. Central Time

Math Problem Blues - Education

February 26, 2006 (SUNDAY)

5:00 p.m. Central Time

PLS Review

February 28, 2006 ([Online Study Group](#))

8:00 p.m. Central Time

Review

March 1, 2006

9:00 p.m. Central Time

Test Taking Tips - Certifying Board

Members ask and NALS delivers! The creation of the [NALS Online Community](#) is giving all members of the legal services industry an area for discussion of all topics relating to NALS and the legal services industry. Feel free to speak your mind and converse with people around the country on topics of your choice. It truly is an open forum for you and others to enjoy! Sign up today!

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**Looking
Beyond
Now . . .**



The next Region 6 Conference will be held in Dallas TX July 27-30, 2006 at The Richardson Hotel. This meeting will be co-hosted by Dallas ALS and Greater Dallas ALS. The registration form will be distributed at the NALS Conference in Tulsa next March.

Room rates are \$79. More details will be announced in later issues.

The Richardson Hotel
701 East Campbell Road
Richardson, TX 75081
Res: (866) 593-6300
Sales: (972) 231-9600

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REGION 6 TRIVIA . . .

Did you know that . . .

PAST REGION 6 DIRECTORS AND THEIR TERMS:

Joyce Look (TX), 1997-1998
Annetta Smith (OK), 1998-1999
Janice Rider (MO), 1999-2000
Kathy Sharp (MO), 2000-2001
Kim Culpepper (TX), 2001-2002
Theresa Wilson (MS), 2002-2004
Julie Abernathy (TX), 2004-2006
Stephanie Floyd (MS) 2006-2007

PAST REGIONAL CONFERENCES:

Branson, MO (1998)
Hot Springs, AR (1998)
Gulf Port, MS (2000)
San Antonio, TX (2001)
Oklahoma City, OK (2002)
St. Louis, MO (2003)
No. Little Rock, AR (2004)
Natchez, MS (2005)
Dallas (Richardson), TX (2006)

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