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ATTORNEY: "Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice?"

WITNESS: "No, this is how I dress when I go to work."



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By Laura Pelletier

Happy Fall, my fellow MAVRC members.

As my presidency is coming to a close, I am reflecting back on all the changes we've had to endure this past year. We've had to make some difficult decisions to make sure MAVRC stays viable in the years to come. We've had to deal with COVID and working remotely, remote seminars. As Minnesota is opening up, we now have to deal with the Delta variant and what that will bring. Please know the board is doing its best to navigate all of this, and it is unfamiliar territory, to say the least. We have a great board, and we have put our heads together to figure out every obstacle placed in our path.

I would like to give a shoutout to Jolene Carrow, who has been our administrator for many, many years. She has been a wealth of information and knowledge to help MAVRC go forward without her. This, too, we shall get through.

Finally, as we head into fall, always remember to take time for yourself. Breathe, relax, and breathe some more. As I look at my August calendar, the quote from Thich Nhat Hanh says: "There is nowhere to arrive except the present moment." How true is that. Take care of yourselves.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**MAVRC's Fall
Convention is
October 2nd, 2021,
at Anoka Tech**

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SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE FALL CONVENTION

Please contact Lynzie Zempel at lynzie.zempel@gmail.com if you would like to donate an item to the silent auction.

Thanks to **Carolyn Taylor Pekar** for your time and dedication!

A-Z INTRO TO STENO

Join classes from anywhere via Zoom.
Classes held Monday evenings from
6-8 PM

Contact Jennifer Sati at
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SPOTLIGHT ON GABRIELA CORTES](#)



Student Reflection:
NCRA's 2021
Convention

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BRIEFS BY EMILY LETTNER](#)



MAVRC'S SLATE OF NOMINEES

President	RandiAnn Harvey, Official
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Director-at-Large B	Lynzie Zempel

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Join us! Reach out to MAVRC at
MAVRC@MAVRC.org

CONGRATULATIONS,
GRADUATES!!

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latest grads](#)

A TRIBUTE TO JOLENE CARROW

By: Angie Sundell and Jackie Young

It is with saddened hearts that we bid a fond farewell to MAVRC's dedicated administrative assistant, Jolene Carrow. At the end of July, Jolene elected to resign from her position after serving MAVRC for approximately 17 years. If ever there was a person who held our association together and made it run smoothly over those past 17 years, it was Jolene. Year after year she used her exemplary skills and talents as she worked closely with the Board to help make MAVRC the success it is. Time after time she went above and beyond what was required of her contractually, and she proved her exceptional commitment to not only our association but also to our profession.

While it would be impossible to recite every duty and responsibility Jolene performed through the years, the following is just a sampling of the efforts Jolene has contributed to MAVRC's success:

1. Helped assemble and disseminate seminar/convention brochures, registration materials, speaker handouts, and registrant nametags. In addition to those duties, Jolene volunteered her time to assist at nearly every MAVRC seminar and convention to help ensure things ran smoothly. Many of the homemade treats available at the seminars were also personally baked to perfection by Jolene. She also helped oversee the numerous silent auctions held throughout the years, handled the finances, and personally donated items to MAVRC's fundraising efforts.
2. Assisted the Publications Committee in generating MAVRC's newsletter, *MINNE-strokes*, a task that would take 20-plus hours each quarter. Her hard work helped make *MINNE-strokes* one of the best state court reporting association newsletters in the country. She also spent countless hours putting together the Centennial Edition and the 110th Anniversary Edition.
3. Collected and assembled membership information for the membership directory, which she then compiled into written and electronic formats.
4. Sent out membership renewal notices and welcomed new members.
5. Coordinated the business card advertising and worked with the website master to ensure MAVRC's website was kept current and that the latest newsletter, directory, and seminar/convention information were available for review by visitors to the website.
6. Kept meticulous financial records, including yearly tax returns, membership and seminar/convention payments, and worked closely with MAVRC's treasurer to ensure the financial records of the association were balanced to the penny every month.
7. Emailed MAVRC News Flashes to help keep us "in the know" and helped coordinate periodic member get-togethers.
8. Fielded numerous phone calls and responded to countless emails from both members and the Board of Directors.
9. Dedicated innumerable pro bono hours to MAVRC that were not required per her contract.
10. Maintained a detailed database of MAVRC's financial records, contracts, board minutes, and members' contact information through the years.

On behalf of all MAVRC members through the years, the Publications Committee would like to thank Jolene for her phenomenal work, her cherished friendship, and for her unwavering commitment to MAVRC. While she will be missed dearly, we would like to congratulate her on a job well done, and we wish her every success in the future!





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If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, ads placed with MAVRC are published in full color under MAVRC's business listing section as well as in our quarterly newsletter, *MINNE-strokes*.

As an added bonus, your card ad will be **featured prominently on MAVRC's homepage** as part of our scrolling card ad section. This enhanced feature is available to you at no additional cost if you elect to advertise with MAVRC for the entire year as long as your payment is received no later than April 26th.

For those card ads received after April 26th of each year, there will be an additional \$40 charge to be included in the scrolling card ad section.

Business Card Ad	\$100 annually/\$35 per quarter
Quarter-Page Ad	\$250 annually/\$80 per quarter
Half-Page Ad	\$350 annually/\$100 per quarter
Full-Page Ad	\$500 annually/\$150 per quarter

Please send your request to MAVRC@MAVRC.org

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