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**2025
Annual
Conference**

**April 4-6, 2025
Cleveland Marriott East**

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Friday, April 4, 2025

.5 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.		OCRA Board of Directors Meeting	Cleveland Room
10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.		Registration and Vendor Setup	Atrium
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.		Karoscik Realtime Contest Warmup (10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Contest (11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)	Salon V, VI
12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.		Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest Warmup (12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Contest and Transcription (12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)	Salon V, VI
		Lunch On Your Own	
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Session 1 .15 CEU	Breaking Down Social Norms: Professionalism and Inclusivity Meredith Bonn, RPR, CRR, CSR	Salon I, II, III
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.		Vendor and Refreshment Break	Atrium
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Session 2 .15 CEU	From the Ground Up: Understanding Our Past to Promote Our Future Sarah Nageotte, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC	Salon I, II, III
4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.		Vendor and Refreshment Break	Atrium
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Session 3 .2 CEU	Two Paths, One Goal Victoria (Tori) Pittman, BA, CVR-CM-M, RCP, RVR FAPR, RDR, CRI (Ret.)	Salon I, II, III
		Dinner On Your Own	

Saturday, April 5, 2025

.7 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.		Registration and Breakfast	Atrium
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Session 4 .2 CEU	Artificial Intelligence and Your Future: <i>Opportunities, Challenges, and Adaptation</i> <i>Matt Lydy</i>	Salon I, II, III
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.		Vendor, Silent Auction, and Refreshment Break	Atrium
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Session 5 .15 CEU	Write on the Spot: Realtime Tips that Speak to the Crowd <i>Michael Scire, RPR, FPR-C</i> <i>Richard Scire, RPR, FPR-C</i>	Salon I, II, III
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.		2025 Business Meeting, Awards, and Luncheon <i>Plated Lunch Provided</i>	Salon IV, V, VI
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Session 6 .15 CEU	A Stenorella Mindset: Transforming Perseverance into Prosperity <i>Lady Stenorella (aka Shirle Perkins, RDR, CRR)</i>	Salon I, II, III
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.		Vendor, Silent Auction, and Refreshment Break	Atrium
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Session 7 .2 CEU	Oh, the Places You Can Go ... But What Do You Do When You Get There? <i>Cindy Isaacsen, CSR, RPR</i> <i>NCRA President-Elect</i>	Salon I, II, III
6:00 p.m.		Hagestrom Cup Speed and Karoscik Realtime Contest Results	Salon I, II, III
6:00 p.m.		Silent Auction Ends	Atrium
7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.		Denim and Diamonds President's Reception <i>Dinner Provided / Cash Bar Available</i> Entertainment and live music with local band <i>Thunder Creek</i> 	Salon IV, V, VI

Sunday, April 6, 2025

.3 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.		Breakfast	Atrium
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Session 8 .1 CEU	CARrified Michael Scire, RPR, FPR-C Richard Scire, RPR, FPR-C	Salon I, II, III
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.		Refreshment Break (30-minute break provided to allow for hotel check out)	Atrium
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Session 9 .2 CEU	Becoming Irresistible Amy Doman, RDR, CRR, CSR (CA, IL, MO, TX, and WA)	Salon I, II, III

CEU NOTICE

Each attendee will have a page of tear-off cards containing session information based on the attendee's registration. To receive CEUs, you must write your name on each session card and place the card in the designated bin at the conclusion of each session you attend for which you are seeking CEUs. CEUs will be verified and submitted to NCRA within 30 days following conclusion of the 2025 Annual Conference.

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The Ohio Court Reporters Association would like to salute those members in attendance who have been in the reporting and captioning profession for 25 years or more, 40 years or more, and 50 years or more as of 2025.

Congratulations!

~ 50 YEARS ~

Doug Ackerman
Marty Hyland

~ 40 YEARS ~

Sally Bennett
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Bolded and italicized** names will receive a Cardinal Pin, 40+ year keychain, or 50+ year recognition for their first-time designation in their respective Cardinal Reporter year category. If you are listed above and have not previously received your pin or keychain as indicated, please visit the registration table so that we may check our records. If you have been reporting for 25 years or more and are an OCRA member and we do not have you listed, please visit the registration table to update our records so that we may recognize you at the next annual conference. Thank you. **And congratulations!

2025 Membership Awards Recipients

Glenn W. Stiles Jr. Distinguished Service Award

Susan L. Coots, RPR

Legislative Award

Douglas C. Bettis

Special Award

James A. Miller

2025 Student Scholarship Recipients

Rosalie Stevens Student Scholarship

Kelsey Reed

\$1,000

Sue Terry Technology At Your Fingertips
Student Scholarship

Cindi Lynch

\$1,000

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GLENN W. STILES, JR. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Frances Day	1973	Lisa Nagy-Baker	1994	Tina Marr	2010
Vernon Steele	1979	James Mizanin	1995	Jana Colter	2011
Charles Birmelin	1980	Douglas Ackerman	1998	Sue Terry	2012
Marilyn Hall	1981	Sandra Corpe	2000	Linda Sturm	2013
Glenn Stiles, Jr. *	1982	Timothy Schaefer	2001	Beth Higgins	2015
Thomas Runfola	1983	Mary Jones	2002	Susan Horak	2016
Dennis Hagestrom	1984	Vivian Gordon	2003	Yolanda Walton	2017
Regis Meyer	1985	Lisa Conley	2004	Allison Kimmel	2018
Dominic Coccia	1986	Anne McBrayer	2006	Kelly Linkowski	2019
Bruce Matthews	1990	Linda Riffle	2007	Denise Munguia	2021
Rosalie Stevens	1992	Sarah Nageotte	2008	Douglas Bettis	2023
Pamela Spangler	1993	Donna Karoscik	2009	Susan Coots	2025

MARTIN FINCUN AWARD

Russell Williams	1962	Charles Birmelin	1982	Yolanda Walton	2002
Ira Pratte	1963	Rosalie Stevens	1983	Jane Fitch	2003
Betty Mackley	1964	Marilyn Hall	1984	B. Lynn Els	2004
M. Jean Fritsch	1965	James Mizanin	1985	Jen Krueger	2006
Roy Bonham, Jr.	1965	Kathryn Keeler	1986	Kerry Paul	2007
Frances Day	1966	Dominic Coccia	1987	Amie First	2008
Norman Stern	1967	Bruce Matthews	1990	Sue Terry	2010
Mildred Stocksdales	1968	Douglas Ackerman	1992	Christine Schirripa	2011
Maurice Corcoran	1969	Rhoda Weiner	1993	Suzanne Vadnal	2013
Hoyte Flowers	1972	Edward Mehler	1994	Susan Coots	2016
Martin Fincun*	1975	Melania Streski	1995	Eileen Beltz	2017
Thomas Runfola	1977	Pamela Spangler	1996	Timothy Meinke	2019
Glenn Stiles, Jr.	1979	Mary Jones	1998	Angela Starbuck	2023
Norman Stern	1980	Dennis Parise	1999		
Dennis Hagestrom	1981	Bruce Bishilany	2000		

DIPLOMAT AWARD

Douglas Ackerman	1984	Kimberlee Collin	1991	James Mizanin	2004
Mildred Stocksdales	1984	Sandra Corpe	1991	Amie First	2006
Carol Evans	1984	Pamela Spangler	1992	Susan LeCron	2006
Scott Gamertsfelder	1985	DeAnna Dunn	1994	Sara Clark	2007
Deborah Gamertsfelder	1985	Vivian Gordon	1995	Bruce Bishilany	2008
Gail Maddox	1985	Sheryl Nyce	1997	Margaret Wellemeyer	2009
Irmgard Modlich	1985	Vernon Steele	1998	Susan Horak	2010
Rhoda Weiner	1985	Dennis Hagestrom	1999	Allison Kimmel	2011
Kathryn Keeler	1985	Lisa Conley	2000	Janie Blair	2013
Dave Daily	1985	Yolanda Walton	2000	Jean Long	2013
Nina Warren	1987	B. Lynn Els	2001	Sarah Nageotte	2015
Terry Gimmellie	1989	Linda Sturm	2001	Kelly Linkowski	2016
Janet Hoffmaster	1990	Ivy Gantverg	2002	Marie Fresch	2018
Anne McBrayer	1991	Marguerite Phillips	2003	Eileen Beltz	2023

LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Roy Bonham, Jr.	1970
Mary Jane Trapp	2001
Sandra Corpe	2001
Mary Jones	2001
Vivian Gordon	2001
Timothy Schaefer	2001
Ivy Gantverg	2001
Douglas Ackerman	2001
Joseph Corsillo	2001
Sidney Gantverg	2001
Edward Mehler	2001
Todd Mobley	2001
Linda Sturm	2007
Sarah Nageotte	2012
Bruce Bishilany	2012
Douglas Bettis	2025

MERITORIOUS AWARD

Sidney Gantverg	1992
John Mehler	1992
Sue Mancini*	1998
Michele Eddy	2007
Bruce Bishilany	2013
Kimberly Falgiani	2021
Allison Kimmel	2024

SPECIAL AWARD

Florine Varner	1968
M. Jean Fritsch	1969
Linda Astuto	1980
Michele Eddy	2003
Suzanne Vadnal	2007
Donna Karoscik	2015
James Miller	2025

OUTSTANDING ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Charles Kolak	1985
Angela Hergenroeder	1985
Eda Coccia	1989
Lynn Petersen	2002
Lynn Fischer	2002
Donna Ely	2007
Kolleen Barnes	2008
Danielle Whitney	2009
Robyn Hennigan	2010
Eileen Beltz	2012

* Posthumously

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**** Silent Auction ****

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