

Ohio Court Reporters Association

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2026 Annual Conference Attendee,

Thank you for being a part of the Ohio Court Reporters Association 2026 Annual Conference, March 20-22, 2026, at the Columbus Marriott Northwest. We look forward to welcoming you to a wonderful weekend ahead. In preparing for the conference, please note the following:

CONFERENCE LOCATION AND ATTIRE

All OCRA events will take place at the Columbus Marriott Northwest, 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, Ohio. Hotel meeting rooms tend to be too cold for some and too hot for others, so dressing in layers may help the temperature be just right for you. We want you to be comfortable. The dress code for the conference is casual to business casual.

HANDOUTS AND ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Each attendee will be provided with an OCRA-logged conference bag which will include a [full brochure and schedule](#) along with other important conference materials. [Click here](#) to be directed to the 2026 Annual Conference webpage for up-to-date information, announcements, and handouts, if any.

SEMINAR-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

- Friday, March 20, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Flex Your International Attitude: Intersteno
 - Presenter Tori Pittman recommends you bring your equipment (writer/realtime setup) to try out Intersteno competition material during this presentation. *Please note that electrical connections will only be available in certain areas, so be sure to have your writer/laptop fully charged if you plan to participate.*

- Sunday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., StenoMasters: Public Speaking for Court Reporters and Captioners
 - Presenter Joshua Edwards is looking for two (2) to three (3) attendees who would be willing to prepare a speech of three to five minutes in duration. The speeches do not have to be about court reporting or captioning, and Joshua will collaborate with you on topic ideas and presentation tips. It's fun for the audience to hear new stories from their colleagues, so contact Lin Riffle at RiffleReporting@gmail.com to let her know you want to be a part of this phenomenal opportunity to learn from and work with a public speaking pro!

REGISTRATION AND VENDOR HOURS

On-site registration and the OCRA membership table will be available in the atrium area outside of the Dublin ballroom:

Friday, March 20, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 22, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Vendors will be available in the same area:

Friday, March 20, from 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

VENDORS

The following vendors will be present at the 2026 Annual Conference. Please visit and support our vendors to ensure their success and future attendance at OCRA events.

[Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski](#) will be represented both Friday and Saturday by Erin Lydy.

[Stenograph](#) will be represented both Friday and Saturday by Ohio District Sales Manager Todd Schludt.

[Worth Steno Services](#) will be represented both Friday and Saturday by Steve and Mary Worth. Please contact Worth Business Equipment/Worth Steno Services prior to the conference to schedule your machine repair, service, and/or cleaning by [clicking here](#).

SILENT AUCTION

The OCRA Cardinal Foundation Silent Auction will be hosted online once again this year. All items will be available for bids beginning at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, March 20. The Silent Auction tables will be set up to be viewed in person by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, and all bidding will close at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. It's not too late to bring an item or basket to the conference to be added to the online auction for bids. Items big or small are happily accepted and, of course, a tax write-off! **Planning to donate an item (or two...or more)? Please complete the donation form ([click here](#)) so we can properly account for your donation and include it on the Silent Auction site.** All proceeds benefit the OCRA Cardinal Foundation. [Click here](#) to view the Silent Auction online site and/or view the link and QR code which appear on the last page of the [full conference brochure](#).

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN AVAILABLE

Together, we can guarantee success and growth for the court reporters, captioners, students, and industry professionals in Ohio, and we hope that we can count on your support this year to ensure continued success in our educational efforts. Please [click here](#) to offer a general sponsorship and/or student sponsorship (scroll down to the sponsorship/support opportunities area). Any and all amounts are appreciated!

MAIN RAFFLE

In addition to our main raffle – with the grand prize of a five-night stay in a two-bedroom, two-bath oceanfront condo, with parking, in Cherry Grove, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, along with \$100 cash to spend – additional fundraising activities may take place during the weekend. The full list of all 2026 main raffle prizes will soon be available and will be on the annual conference site. You can purchase your main raffle tickets in person throughout the conference or purchase your tickets online now by [clicking here](#). Don't miss your chance to win great prizes available this year – all in support of our association and profession right here in Ohio! (*Winners need not be present to win.*)

SATURDAY NIGHT PRESIDENT'S PARTY

Unplugged: The Power Behind Who We Are

After a few days focused on *Powering the Future: Strong Skills, Strong Minds*, the Saturday Night President's Party invites us to unplug.* Unplugged is a celebration of the passions, perspectives, and personalities that shape who we are beyond our professional roles. Join us for a fun, celebratory evening where we recognize that what makes us strong isn't just what we do - it's who we are. Dress as your favorite hobby or pastime (baker, guitarist, grandparent, traveler, scuba diver, yoga instructor, et cetera) and help us celebrate the individuality that strengthens our association and powers our future! [Click here](#) for the full write up about the Saturday Night President's Party. *If you are registered for the all-inclusive option or the Saturday-only registration, the Saturday night party is included. If you are not registered and wish to attend or bring a guest, please [click here](#) to register and pay by scrolling down to the "Registration Add-Ons, Guests, and Extras" section.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

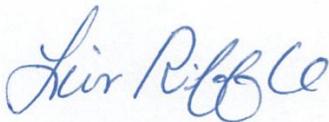
Thank you again for being a part of the 2026 Annual Conference. We will see you very soon. Travel safely!

Sincerely,



Lance A. Boardman, RDR, CRR, FCRR

2025-2026 OCRA President



Lin Riffle, RDR, CRR, CRC

2026-2027 OCRA President



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