

This year your LACCRA Board has implemented a new strategy in order to better communicate with our membership in order to Build A Better Community.

Each board member has been assigned a region of courthouse branch reps. My assigned Branch Reps are currently Airport, Torrance Inglewood, Santa Monica.

The Board's goal is to communicate to our branch reps at least monthly to keep them informed and, secondly, for Branch Reps to give the Board feedback as to what is happening within their individual courthouses. **THANK YOU TO ALL BRANCH REPS!**

The goal is to have ALL members informed.

Your LACCRA Board started building communication platforms a few years ago with using social media such as our Facebook page to communicate with our members.

Our LACCRA FB accounts have been very successful in communicating our members' everyday concerns, but not ALL members participate - **Currently we have about 250 in our closed group.**

When courts go uncovered, the court will seek other avenues for keeping the record. The Board applauds the efforts of many of our members who have helped get the courts covered in the past few months mainly by the use of FaceBook posts.

The Board also strives to communicate with all members through our laccra.org e-blasts and newsletters, but again not ALL members access these communications. It is important to **KNow your Username & Password. See Michele here today, if you do not know your UN or PW.**

In order for Board members to communicate with their assigned Branch REps, the Board and Branch Reps are currently learning to use **GoToMeeting**. We hope to use GTM as a tool to have face to face communication with our branch reps and other interested LACCRA members. If a face to face is not possible due to courthouse wifi problems, you can always use your cell phone to dial in.

Although, each Board member will be communicating with their branch reps, this process is open to all interested LACCRA members. With our members and branch reps being across the whole county, we are hoping the use of electronic video options will help us to communicate better and quicker.

Your LACCRA Board is concerned everyday with a variety of topics:

Courtroom efficiencies being implemented
Discussing reporter issues with management
Proctoring LASC tests

Recruiting for LASC,
Encouraging mentors for students
Developing training and seminars in order to keep our members up-to-date with our
CAT software, technology and e-filing
Supporting SEIU and CCRA in their legislative efforts for a transcript increase fee, CART
legislation and keeping reporters in family law

These are just a few of the ongoing topics the board deals with on a daily basis.

Keeping our branch reps on the forefront of what is going on will enable your LACCRA
Board to respond when there is a call for a lobby visit or calls or letters that are needed
to the governor or the legislators.

Your 12 members of the Board cannot possibly be in all places at all times. **Each
Board member is a working reporter, just like all of you.**

Building Community enables each member to play a small part in keeping reporters
working in LASC.

If you have free time, even minutes a day, consider becoming a branch rep, board
member or joining a committee. Your Board will make sure you get training and work
on projects you are comfortable with.

ALL MEMBERS BEING INFORMED and WORKING TOGETHER, WE HAVE POWER - WE
ARE THE LARGEST COURT ASSOCIATION IN THE NATION - AND BEING UNITED and
INFORMED, WE WILL SUCCEED IN REACHING OUR GOALS.