

**OHIO
COURT REPORTERS
ASSOCIATION**



**2025
Annual
Conference**

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

**REFLECT
EMPOWER
UNITE**

1.5 CEUs Available

Pending NCRA Approval

2025 Conference Location

Cleveland Marriott East
26300 Harvard Road
Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44122
(216) 378-9191
www.marriott.com



Single/Double Occupancy \$135 per night (plus tax)

The OCRA room block is available through March 12, 2025, or until sold out.

Contact the Cleveland Marriott East reservation line at 888-236-2427 and use "OCROCRA" as the conference group code, or [click here](#) to make your reservations online instantly.

*All OCRA activities will take place at the Cleveland Marriott East.
Included in your OCRA room block is complimentary parking and internet.*

2025 OCRA Contests

Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest and Karoscik Realtime Contest
Open to OCRA Members Only

Friday, April 4, 2025

Location: Cleveland Marriott East

Visit www.OCRAonline.com for full contest rules and additional information

Entry Fee

Please register with the annual conference registration form and/or online.
The fee is \$60 per contest if paid by the registration deadline. Fee to be paid prior to contest.
Register for both contests and receive a discount (\$110 for both contests)!

NCRA Professional Development Credit (PDC)

Each qualifying leg of an OCRA speed contest or realtime contest will earn .25 PDC.
A maximum of 1.0 credit from all non-CEU credits will be accepted by NCRA per three-year cycle.

OCRA Fundraising Lineup

For a full list of sponsorship and/or exhibitor opportunities, please visit www.OCRAonline.com.
Conference sponsorships are available and appreciated at any level, including:

Event and Session Sponsors

Speaker(s)	\$150
Refreshment and Vendor Break(s)	\$250
Breakfast(s)	\$350
Contest(s)	\$400
Silent Auction	\$450
Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting	\$550
Denim and Diamonds Saturday Reception	\$750

Annual Conference General Sponsors

Transformation Level	\$1,000 +
Inspiration Level	\$500 - \$999
Solidarity Level	\$250 - \$499
Connection Level	\$100 - \$249
Balance Level	\$1 - \$99
Student "Growth" Sponsors	All levels welcome

Are you an exhibitor/vendor? Be a part of the action Friday and Saturday for just \$275! Please visit www.OCRAonline.com and/or contact OCRA at ocraonline@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

\$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

Silent auction will take place online (with on-site displays)

Don't wait to purchase your raffle tickets! Tickets may sell out!

Raffle open to all OCRA members' friends,
coworkers, and family!

Amazing Prizes

Prizes include overnight stays, amusement park tickets, and much, much more.

Official prize list coming soon!

All raffle drawings will take place during the Saturday Reception

RAFFLE TICKETS

Winners need not be present

SILENT AUCTION

(To be hosted online with on-site displays)

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Auction ends at 6:00 p.m.

Donate an item to our Silent Auction and/or bid on your favorite item.
Proceeds from our Auction benefit the OCRA Cardinal Foundation.

The Foundation supports the education and advancement of the
stenographic court reporting and captioning professions.

2025 Awards and Scholarships

To be awarded during the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon
Saturday, April 5, 2025

2025 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Glenn W. Stiles Distinguished Service Award

This award is awarded for outstanding devotion and service to the court reporting profession and OCRA.

Martin Fincun Award

This award is given in recognition of a single but outstanding contribution to diligently promote the goals of our profession and our professional association.

Diplomat Award

This award acknowledges members of OCRA who consistently work to further the goals of the association. The intent of the Diplomat Award is to create a method of recognizing worthy service and accomplishments that might go unheralded because they do not fall under the criteria required to receive the Martin Fincun or Glenn Stiles Award(s). The Diplomat Award can be bestowed on one or more members each year.

Other (please indicate)

Other past awards have included but are not limited to: Legislative Award, Outstanding Associate Member Award, Meritorious Award, Special Award, and designation by the Board of Directors of Honorary Members.

2025 ROSALIE STEVENS AND SUE TERRY TECHNOLOGY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP(S)

ELIGIBILITY: Students must be a member of OCRA and cannot have previously won the award. If applicant is not currently an OCRA member, they may join at any time prior to submission of scholarship application. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Ohio or attending an Ohio-based program, either online or in-person classroom. Additional eligibility requirements vary depending on the scholarship applied for. Visit OCRA's website for additional information.

2025 VERNON C. STEELE NEW REPORTER SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be a resident of the state of Ohio and meet the following criteria in order to be considered for the award of the Vernon C. Steele New Reporter Scholarship: (1) The applicant must be a current OCRA member and cannot have previously won this scholarship. (2) The applicant must have graduated from an NCRA-certified program or request special consideration for such other graduation/program completion. (3) The applicant must be in his/her first three years as a working reporter, as verified by an official transcript or verification statement from the court reporting program submitted along with the application. (4) The applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from his/her employer or contracting agency attesting to the applicant's professional demeanor, attitude, and motivation. (5) The applicant must be striving to achieve certification, as verified by receipt of registration for a past/upcoming certification test. (6) The applicant must be working in one or more of the profession's career paths: judicial (official/freelance), CART, or broadcast captioning.

Do you know someone deserving of recognition for their hard work?

Do you know a court reporting student who meets the requirements of the Rosalie Stevens and/or Sue Terry Student Scholarships?

Do you know a new reporter who would be ideal for the Vernon C. Steele New Reporter Scholarship?

Don't Wait! Nominate/Apply Today!

Nominations/applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025
Downloadable forms, online submissions, and further information available at www.OCRAonline.com

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 <i>Meredith Bonn, RPR, CRR, CSR</i>	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 <i>Sarah Nageotte, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC</i>	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 <i>Victoria (Tori) Pittman, BA, CVR-CM-M, RCP, RVR FAPR, RDR, CRI (Ret.)</i>	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	CARTerrified <i>Michael Scire, RPR, FPR-C</i> <i>Richard Scire, RPR, FPR-C</i>	Salon I, II, III
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.		Refreshment Break <i>(30-minute break provided to allow for hotel check out)</i>	Atrium
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Session 9 .2 CEU	Becoming Irresistible <i>Amy Doman, RDR, CRR, CSR (CA, IL, MO, TX, and WA)</i>	Salon I, II, III

Ohio Court Reporters Association

2026 Annual Conference

March 20-22, 2026

Columbus Marriott Northwest

5605 Blazer Pkwy, Dublin, OH



Registration Form

Early-Bird: Register by 11:59 p.m. on 2/14/2025 and you will be entered to win a free registration (full reimbursement of paid registration).

Registration Deadline: Deadline to preregister is 3/17/2025. Registrations received after 3/17/2025 and on-site will incur a \$50 late processing fee.

Refunds: Full refunds are available prior to 3/17/2025. All voluntary cancellations after 3/17/2025 will incur a \$50 cancellation processing fee.

Cancellation of Event Notice: If the 2025 Annual Conference is canceled due to COVID-19 or other restrictions, full refunds will be issued.

FULL WEEKEND/ALL-INCLUSIVE OPTIONS

All seminars, breaks, luncheon, and reception included
1.5 CEUs available

April 4-6
full weekend

	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$430	<input type="checkbox"/> \$560
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$360	<input type="checkbox"/> \$430
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190

SATURDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Saturday seminars, breaks, luncheon, and reception included
.7 CEU available

April 5
Saturday only

	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140

FRIDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTION

Friday seminars and refreshment breaks included
.5 CEU available

April 4
Friday only

	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120

SUNDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Sunday seminars and refreshment break included
.3 CEU available

April 6
Sunday only

	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100

REGISTRATION ADD-ONS, GUESTS, AND EXTRAS

Sponsorship Options

Student "Growth" Sponsorship	\$ _____
General Conference Sponsorship	\$ _____
Speaker (\$150)	\$ _____
Refreshment/Vendor Break(s) (\$250)	\$ _____
Breakfast(s) (\$350)	\$ _____
Contest(s) (\$400)	\$ _____
Silent Auction (\$450)	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon/Business Meeting (\$550)	\$ _____
Saturday Reception (\$750)	\$ _____

Social Options for Guests

Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$45 each	_____ guests
Saturday Dinner Reception	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 each	_____ guests

Contests: Friday, April 4, 2025

Open to OCRA Members Only

Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Karoscik Realtime Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Both Hagestrom and Karoscik (<i>discount</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110

TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____

IMPORTANT

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

As a presenter, vendor, and/or attendee, you recognize that your participation, involvement, and/or attendance at any event or activity hosted by the Ohio Court Reporters Association is voluntary. Social distancing should be practiced and face coverings worn in compliance with any then-current Ohio Department of Health's orders or recommendations to reduce the risks of exposure to and spread of COVID-19 and/or any other contagious/infectious diseases. While OCRA and the Cleveland Marriott East will put in place preventative measures to prevent spreading of contagious/infectious diseases, OCRA and/or Marriott cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not be exposed to or become infected with COVID-19 and/or any other contagious/infectious diseases.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By registering for in-person attendance at the Ohio Court Reporters Association 2025 Annual Conference, I understand, acknowledge, and agree to the following:

1. I will comply with any and all state, county, or local orders and provisions in place at the time of my attendance including, but not limited to, social distancing and face coverings;
2. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19; and
3. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, through my voluntary attendance.

After reading the above safety information and acknowledgment, the checkbox on the registration form must be marked to indicate your full understanding, acknowledgement, and agreement in order for your registration for the 2025 Annual Conference to be processed.

Registration Form

CONFERENCE ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name _____ NCRA ID _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Year Started Reporting _____

Certifications _____ Special Meal Needs/Requests _____

Are you staying at the Marriott? Y N **Health and Safety Acknowledgment (refer to previous page)** I acknowledge

SEMINAR/EVENT SELECTION ** REQUIRED **

Please indicate which event(s) you will be attending

(if registered all-inclusive or for a day registration, these events are included, but attendance numbers are necessary)

- Saturday Breakfast Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting
 Saturday Night Reception Sunday Breakfast

RAFFLE TICKETS

MAIN RAFFLE: \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

Silent auction will take place online (with on-site displays)

Winners need not be present to win

PRIZES: Overnight stays, restaurant gift certificates, and much, much more! Official prize list coming soon!

Number of tickets to purchase in advance _____
for a total of \$ _____

ATTENTION NONMEMBERS

Join OCRA now and register at the member rate!

Membership is good through 6/30/2026 (student good through 8/31/2026)

Reporter/Captioner/Professional Dues \$125 Associate Dues \$60 Student Dues \$25

PAYMENT OPTIONS AND PAYMENT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

TOTAL PRIOR PAGE \$ _____ TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____ TOTAL DUE \$ _____

**** Preregistration deadline is 3/17/2025. After 3/17/2025, add \$50 late processing fee. ****

Note: If the 2025 Annual Conference is canceled due to COVID-19 or other restrictions, full refunds will be issued

- Check # _____ enclosed (made payable to OCRA)
 Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____
CSC (code on back of card) _____ Zip Code _____

Mail registration form and payment to:

Ohio Court Reporters Association
c/o Sarah Nageotte, Executive Director
2274 Chapel Road
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

calling all
Vendors

***INFORMATION AND
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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Gain some valuable recognition at this year's Annual Conference by helping to underwrite the expense of bringing in the top-notch and thought-provoking speakers that OCRA member reporters have come to expect. The best does not come cheaply, however, which is why your support of OCRA's conference goes such a long way. Each sponsor receives special acknowledgement during the conference, plus inclusion of promotional material in attendee packets. In addition, OCRA will provide post-conference acknowledgement on our website and in our newsletter.

Event and Session Sponsors:

Speaker(s)	\$ 150
Refreshment and Vendor Break(s)	\$ 250
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Silent Auction	\$ 450
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Solidarity Level	\$250 - 499
Connection Level	\$100 - 249
Balance Level	\$1 - 99

Student "Growth" Sponsors:

All levels welcome

On-site Exhibitor: \$275 (Friday & Saturday) or \$200 (Saturday Only)

Be in the middle of the action and meet with reporters, firm owners, and students. Each exhibitor receives acknowledgement at the conference, plus inclusion of promotional material in attendee packets. In addition, exhibitors will receive post-conference acknowledgement on our website and in our newsletter. Exhibitors are placed in the middle of the action in front of the session entrances and near the refreshment and Silent Auction area. Additional tables are available for \$50 each, space permitting. Exhibitors receive one complimentary Saturday luncheon and one Saturday reception ticket. Additional social tickets also available (see registration form).

Attendee Packet Insert Only: \$125

Can't be at the meeting? Submit your promotional materials for inclusion in our attendee packets. *Get double attention* – donate an item(s) valued at \$150 or more for our Silent Auction and we will place your promotional brochure in the attendee packets free of charge.

Silent Auction Contributor:

Donate an item to our Silent Auction held on Saturday. Proceeds from our Auction benefit the OCRA Cardinal Foundation. The Foundation supports the education and advancement of the court reporting profession. All Auction contributors are acknowledged in our newsletter.

IMPORTANT DETAILS AND DATES

Exhibit spaces and sponsorship opportunities will be filled in the order they are received.

Nonrefundable payment must be received no later than March 17, 2025.

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ON-SITE EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

All exhibitors will receive one six-foot exhibit table with skirting and electrical. Upon request, exhibitors will receive a complete listing of attendees after completion of the conference. Exhibitors may contact the Cleveland Marriott East directly for shipment of any items. OCRA will not be held responsible for costs or receipt of shipped materials, storage of materials, or loss. Exhibitors are welcome for any portion of the following times based upon your exhibitor registration:

Set-up time: Starting 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 4; 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5
Exhibits open: 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 4
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 5*

** Exhibits will need to be removed before 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 5*

TO HAVE MATERIALS INCLUDED IN THE ATTENDEE HANDOUT PACKETS:

Copies of promotional materials to be included in attendees' handout packets must be received no later than **March 17, 2025** (200 copies requested - extra copies will not be returned unless prior arrangements are made). Limit of two inserts (unless placed in a packet). We will insert small promotional items - such as pens, et cetera. Materials cannot exceed 9" by 12".

Send Materials/Handouts:

Ohio Court Reporters Association
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OCRA 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AND VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM
(or register at www.OCRAonline.com)

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

Representative(s) attending: _____

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Student Sponsors:

- Student "Growth" Sponsor \$ _____

Exhibitors:

- On-site Exhibitor: \$275 (Friday & Saturday) On-site Exhibitor: \$200 (Saturday only)
- Attendee Packet Insert Only: \$125 Extra Exhibitor Table (\$50)
- Extra Luncheon Tickets (\$45 each) _____ Extra Saturday Night Tickets (\$55 each) _____

We will donate the following item(s) for use at the Silent Auction: _____

Estimated value: \$ _____

Please send item to Sarah Nageotte or indicate if you will be bringing to event Sending Bringing

We will be sending material for attendee handout packets: Yes No

Materials must be received before March 17, 2025

Quantity: 200

Health and Safety Acknowledgement:

(Refer to page 3)

I/we acknowledge

Return Registration by March 17, 2025 to: OCRA, c/o Sarah Nageotte, 2274 Chapel Rd, Jefferson, OH 44047

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

I have enclosed check # _____ made payable to OCRA

Charge my credit card. Name on Card _____ Exp _____

Card Number _____ CVC _____ Zip Code _____