

Schedule for Oklahoma Court Reporters Association Fall Conference 2018

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Registration

**8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Session I, .15 CEU/1.5 Hours
“Let Me Hear Your Body Talk”
Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC**

Learn what every body is saying to you and how to utilize those subtle signals to judge any situation. Whether it is in the elevator, the office, a courtroom, or a boardroom, the unconscious signals that a person's body sends out will allow you to better read them. This fun and interactive seminar will show you how to make an impact with others through nonverbal communication. Studies show that 93% of communication effectiveness is based upon nonverbal cues. So what is your body telling others?

Speaker Bio:

Dave's story is one that is the true American dream. Dave was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire to a very modest family. He was the first person in his family to go to college and his father worked three jobs to get him there. Growing up in New Hampshire, Dave was constantly exposed to politics. His love for his country and politics took him to work for a U.S. Senator, where he was forever hooked. Dave often jokes that the Schoolhouse Rock video, "I'm Just a Bill" was his inspiration to become an advocate and to lobby for change.

Working for associations and a grassroots lobbying firm, Dave was exposed to the way the American government really works, which assisted him in creating opportunities to help his clients receive tens of millions of dollars in appropriations from Congress and to positively advocate for issues like small businesses, education, animal welfare and disability issues. He then created his lobbying firm Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, which is a full-service lobbying firm assisting his clients in navigating the political waters of D.C. and ensuring their voices are heard by decision-makers.

Dave also believes in giving back to fellow Americans in need. He is the founder of the Capitol PurSUIT Drive event that holds an annual business clothing drive on Capitol Hill for those Americans trying to re-enter the workforce. In 2003 through 2010, he was able to collect and distribute over 51,000 suits (valued at over \$2.1 million) to fellow Americans, which were donated by Members of Congress, the White House, and the lobbying and association communities.

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10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Break

**10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Session II, .15 CEU/1.5 Hours
"Work Smarter, Not Harder"
Allison Hall, RMR, CRR, CSR**

Are you running your transcript load or is it running you? Do you feel like your work/life has balance? We will be looking at ways to cover the never-ending quest for greater efficiency at work with some small steps to take today to begin this process, as well as the importance of taking care of yourself, both body and mind, in a high-stress work environment.

Speaker Bio:

Allison is a court reporter of nearly 20 years, working in both a freelance and official capacity, and is currently an official district court reporter who works with Tulsa County District Judge James Caputo in a trial-heavy criminal courtroom.

Allison also teaches eager court reporting students at Tulsa Community College and is a professed lover of all things steno. Allison believes that working smarter, not harder, is the way to accomplish your goals, greatly reduce stress, and manage time effectively.

Allison qualified in NCRA's National Speed Contest in 2016. Allison cotaught a Theory A to Z (Discover Steno) Course in the fall of 2016, and continues to teach participants from that class from beginning theory onward. Allison is a Certified Shorthand Reporter in Oklahoma, and a Registered Professional Reporter, A Certified Realtime Reporter, and a Registered Merit Reporter. Allison holds an Associated in Applied Science Degree in Court Reporting from Central Penn College in Summerdale, Pennsylvania.

11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Break

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Session III, .1 CEU/1 Hour
“Court Rules and Procedures”
Sterling Zearley, Executive Director for the
Oklahoma Public Employees Association

Sterling Zearley will explain the functions of the Oklahoma Public Employees Association and discuss the benefits of membership.

Speaker Bio:

Sterling Zearley is executive director of the Oklahoma Public Employees Association, known as OPEA, serving since March of 2007. OPEA is the state's largest association for state employees and retirees and has members across the state and in all state agencies. Its mission is to improve state employment and retirement.

As OPEA's director, Mr. Zearley is responsible for guiding the association under the direction of its board of directors. This includes financial oversight, day to day operations, planning, and communication with the association's members and other stakeholders.

He also leads OPEA's lobbying and advocacy efforts at our state capitol and with state agency directors. The association works to pass and implement legislation that improves state employee compensation and working conditions. They also advocate for improvement the pensions for retired state employees.

Before coming to OPEA, Mr. Zearley was a state employee for 24 years at the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department working in several capacities in state parks in eastern Oklahoma. He finished his tourism career by serving as the Regional Director of r the Northeast Region in Oklahoma, directing the management and supervision of 19 state parks with annual budgets exceeding nine million dollars.

A native of Poteau, Mr. Zearley earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Northeastern State University and A Master of Education, with a major in Recreation Management from the University of Arkansas.

1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Break

**1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Session IV, .15 CEU/1.5 Hours
"Right Brain/Left Brain Marketing"
Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC**

Understanding how people perceive you and your perceptions of the world can often dictate your success or failure in your career. This seminar will show you how the brain operates in marketing you, your skills and help you master your surroundings. We are constantly inundated with professional marketing techniques and this seminar will help you separate the substance from the flash.

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2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Break

**3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Session IV, .15 CEU/1.5 Hours
"Gadgets, Google & Apps"
Cyndi Larimer, CSR**

In this session, we will talk about phone apps, computer programs, and gadgets that can make your life as a court reporter a little more organized and efficient, and we'll throw in a few to make life a little more fun too.

Speaker Bio:

A reporter for almost 30 years, Cyndi Larimer spent 14 years working as a freelance reporter before starting as an official reporter in Mayes County and is currently employed as an official reporter in Rogers County. Cyndi has served on the board of OCRA for five years and served as president of OCRA from April of 2016 to April 2017. She has led three groups of A to Z to date and has participated in numerous career fairs around the state in hopes of recruiting new court reporting/captioning students. A lover of all things gadgety, she is always on the hunt for the next best app or gadget to make life simpler.