

# NALS OF GREATER SEATTLE

## THE INFORMER

### Cooking Up Success!

By Jessica Smith, Certified PLS, President

I am honored and proud that the members believed in my potential to be a leader and representative of our Chapter. I also believe in you. I believe that we are an outstanding group of professionals; I believe that we represent the firms and attorneys we work for with high esteem. We stay updated on court rules and procedures, and we even learn how to deal with different personalities - because at times, we are often the face of the firm. We use the ingredients of NALS to nurture our professional growth.

I hope that we can work towards new goals and new aspirations together and use the NALS recipe for success along the way. Stay positive, stay focused. If you need to go back to your success "cookbook" – do so! If you need help – don't hesitate to ask. We're all in this kitchen together, so use the association's ingredients and your NALS Pals to help make your success a reality.

I stumbled upon a quote recently that I feel is fitting to my personal and professional life: "AS YOU THINK, SO YOU ARE". I find it fitting because I believe that I am certain things, I think that I have the potential to successfully overcome challenges and I think that I can continue to move forward. If I think it, I must be it; and I must be able to do it – right?! Right!! I believe that you all can do the same.

I look forward to working with the members of the association this year and continuing our personal and professional growth together. Imagine the possibilities and believe that we can maximize our potential!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ May 20, 2010 – NALS of Greater Seattle  
Noontime Seminar, "Class Action Lawsuits",  
Riddell Williams
- ❖ June 17, 2010 – NALS of Greater Seattle  
Noontime Seminar, "Enforcement of Liens  
and Judgments", Riddell Williams
- ❖ June 24–26, 2010 – Region 7 Annual  
Education Conference, Crowne Plaza, Seattle,  
WA
- ❖ August 19, 2010 – NALS of Greater Seattle,  
Meet and Greet, Stoel Rives, LLP

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## Membership Report

By Jennifer Endres, President Elect and Membership Chair

Hello NALS of Greater Seattle Members. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Endres, and I'm your President-Elect for 2010-2011. I am currently a legal secretary at Stoel Rives. I have been at Stoel for almost four years; however, I have been a secretary for 10 years -- boy where has the time gone? I have two little boys, Elijah (5 years old) and Caleb (19 months old) who are my pride and joy. In my spare time I really enjoy exercising. I know, I know, some of you are saying, "what is wrong with this girl?" However, it really has become a passion of mine. I am currently training to run the Seattle Rock and Roll Half-Marathon in June. Hopefully I will be able to finish in a timely fashion . . . we will see!

Okay, enough about me. As President-Elect, I am also the Membership Director. That means I'm here for you, the members, for any questions, concerns or comments you may have. So, please pass on any new ideas, things you would like to see, or suggestions you may have. I would really love to hear from you.

Finally, I will be making an announcement at the next noontime seminar (May 20, 2010) and in the next newsletter regarding a new "raffle" we will have this year. So, you will want to either attend the next noontime seminar or read your newsletter, because you certainly don't want to miss out.

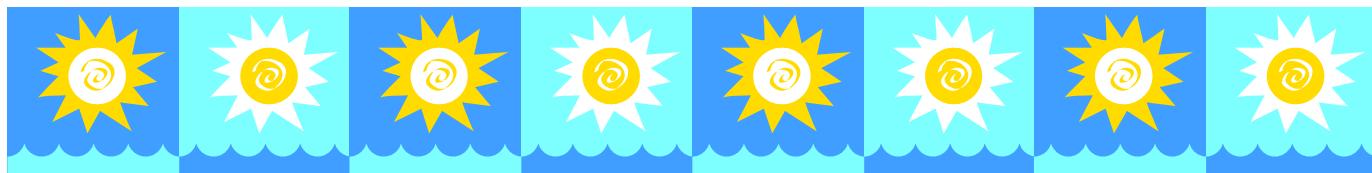
I look forward to serving you this year!



## From the Secretary's Desk

By Meghan J. Allen, Corporate Secretary and Publication Chair

Hello Greater Seattle Members! My name is Meghan Allen, and I am your Corporate Secretary for the 2010-2011 year. I am a Legal Secretary at LeSourd & Patten. I have been a member of NALS since 2006, and this will be my second year on the NALS of Greater Seattle Board of Directors. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for re-electing me as your Corporate Secretary. I am so excited to be serving on the NALS of Greater Seattle Board again, and I'm even more excited about the wonderful education and events we have planned for this year. I look forward to seeing all of you this year at a NALS of Greater Seattle event!



## Treasurer's Report

By Christie S. Reynolds, Certified PP, PLS, Treasurer

Hello, my name is Christie Reynolds and I am your Treasurer for the coming year. I have been a member of NALS for many years and work as a paralegal for the Curran Law Firm in Kent, Washington. Acting as Treasurer will be a new experience for me and I am looking forward to the challenge. My goals are to manage the funds and keep the financial records of the chapter efficiently and accurately.

## Thank you

By Amylyn Riedling, Certified PLS, Education Director

Thank you again for the confidence that you have instilled in me by re-electing me as the Education Director for the Greater Seattle Chapter of NALS. I also need to thank the people who nominated me and voted for me as the for NALS of Greater Seattle's Legal Professional of the Year. I am honored and humbled by this award. Those who have received this award in the past can attest to what it means. For those who have not yet received this honor, it is something that can make you feel appreciated on so many levels. If you know of someone who really is a true legal professional, nominate them for Legal Professional of the Year.

There are many exciting educational seminars and fun NALS events coming your way. The Board had their Planning Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and we have lots in store for our members! In our next publication of *The Informer*, we will have the flyers for the noontime seminars and a listing of the Membership Meeting topics. This year we will be bringing back "A Day with the Courts" and "Technology Day II". Look for flyers and more information on these seminars soon.

## Believe in your Potential!

By La Shona D. Fairman, Certified PLS, Marketing Director

As a new member and the Marketing Director last year, I passed the PLS exam and received the Member of the Year for NALS of Washington! So, I am calling all NALS members, students and everyone in the legal profession. I want YOU to believe in your potential!

Potential is what we have yet to accomplish not what we have accomplished. We are responsible for creating our own unlimited potential. Don't let other's opinions stop you, and don't let your thoughts and beliefs limit you. YOU are in charge of your potential! Expand your potential by expanding your thinking because you can accomplish anything! Celebrate your success and all you have accomplished, but don't let that stop you! Live up to your full potential by developing new goals and new strategies that will challenge you. The minute you begin to settle is the minute you begin to lose the potential of what's really inside of you.

Being a member has open many doors for me. I have gained many benefits from the education, and networking opportunities. That being said, please join me, get certified, wear your NALS of Greater Seattle lapel pin, get involved and introduce your peers to NALS of Greater Seattle. BELIEVE IN YOUR POTENTIAL!

As always, keep sending me any ideas on potential sponsors. If you have a favorite vendor and would like to



see them at our conference, please let me know. Send me their contact information by email to lfairman@perkinscoie.com, telephone at (206) 359-6292, or mail at Perkins Coie LLP, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, WA 98101. I look forward to your suggestions!

## NALS of Greater Seattle Member Spotlight

By Celine M. Straub, NALS of Greater Seattle Member

**Your name:** Melinda Bergquam

**Your firm:** Riddell Williams P.S.

**Your title:** Legal Administrative Assistant

**NALS Member since:** January 2007

**Current and previous NALS positions held:**  
Education Director 2008-2009

**Education/Certifications:** I attended Northwest College in Kirkland from 1995-1998.

**My favorite thing about NALS is:** the people and the noontime seminars.

**Aušra Gaigalaitė, Certified PLS recommended we profile you. You have been extremely involved in NALS of Greater Seattle. Do you have any aspirations to be involved at a State level?** I'd like to serve on a board in the future.

**My co-workers don't know that I:** Most of my co-workers know I'm adopted, but I recently connected with my biological cousin. I would like to meet her in person one day.

**What do you like to do for recreation?** Camping, hiking, shopping, wine tasting, spending time with friends.

**What you like most about your job?** I like the variety.

**What are your career goals?** I would like to continue in litigation and gain more experience. Also, I plan on taking the PLS in September.



**If I hadn't selected my current career, I would:** try and give a shot at being a publicist or something in public relations.

**How did you hear about NALS?** Chanda Smith helped me get involved when I first started at Riddell Williams.

**Where would you most like to live?** Lake Tapps, WA on the lake. I grew up there and loved it.

**Where is your favorite place to vacation?** Hawaii.

**Do you have any suggestions regarding whom to "spotlight" in the future?** My Executive Assistant, Melodi Downs.

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## *Class Action Lawsuits*

*May 20, 2010*

*1 Hour CLE*

*Presented By:  
David Copley  
of Keller Rohrback*

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David Copley's law practice is focused on class action and other complex litigation, including mass tort, anti-trust, securities, employment and consumer protection cases. David was one of those named 1995 Trial Lawyer of the Year for his successful work in the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation. Prior to joining Keller Rohrback L.L.P. in 1989, David practiced law in Phoenix, Arizona.

WHEN: May 20, 2010

WHERE: Riddell Williams, P.S.  
1001 Fourth Avenue, 33rd Floor  
Seattle, WA 98154-1065

TIME: Noon - 1:00pm (registration opens 11:45am)

COST (circle one): Member: \$10.00 seminar only  
\$15.00 seminar & lunch  
Non-Member: \$20.00 seminar only  
\$25.00 seminar & lunch



**Note:** Due to limited space, registrations are only accepted upon receipt of payment. Pre-registration is highly recommended. Cancellation for a refund must be received by the Friday prior to the seminar.

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## Report from the Immediate Past President

By Kathy Cusack, Certified PP, PLS, Immediate Past President

Hard to believe summer is almost here. I hope you all have a chance to take vacation and rest this summer. My job this next year for NALS of Greater Seattle is to attend all NALS of Washington functions and report back to you, the members. I look forward to serving in this capacity and I will hope that some of you will come with me to these events.

I also would like to thank the NALS of Greater Seattle membership and the Board of Directors for the wonderful gift I was given at the NALS of Washington Annual Meeting and Installation, and also the wonderful gift I received at NALS of Greater Seattle Installation. Both were perfect and I loved them. For those that don't know, I am a huge sports fan, in particular football and

baseball. I received baseball tickets and a baseball mitt. The seats are in ROW 6 and I can't wait to use them. And a Seahawk gift certificate that couldn't be more appreciated. Thank you so much and I am looking forward to seeing what great education and events that this new board will present for the upcoming year.



**NALS of Washington President, Kathy Cusack, enjoying her President Installation gift from the NALS of Greater Seattle Members. Go Mariners!**



## Congratulations to our Newly Certified NALS of Greater Seattle Members!

Arletta Gustafson, Certified ALS

La Shona D. Fairman, Certified PLS

Veronica Magda, Certified PLS

Amylyn Riedling, Certified PLS



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**THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010**

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| <b>5:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b> | <b>Registration Desk Open</b>                   |
| <b>6:00 pm – 9:00 pm</b> | <b>Reception (appetizers &amp; no-host bar)</b> |

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010**

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| <b>7:30 am – 10:00 am</b>  | <b>Registration Desk Open</b>   |
| <b>8:00 am</b>             | <b>Visit the Exhibitors</b>   |
| <b>8:30 am – 10:00 am</b>  | <b>How the Emerald City Stays So Green (environment)</b>  |
| <b>10:00 am – 10:30 am</b> | <b>Break and Visit the Exhibitors</b>   |
| <b>10:30 am – Noon</b>     | <b>I'll Get You and Your Little Dog Too! (domestic violence)</b>  |
| <b>Noon</b>                | <b>Luncheon and Visit the Exhibitors</b>  |
| <b>1:30 pm – 2:30 pm</b>   | <b>Journey Along the Yellow Brick Road—Behind the Scenes in Trial (litigation)</b>                      |
| <b>2:30 pm – 3:30 pm</b>   | <b>The Big Tornado (insurance)</b>  |
| <b>3:30 pm – 4:00 pm</b>   | <b>Break and Visit the Exhibitors</b>   |
| <b>4:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>   | <b>If I Only Had A Heart (adoption law)</b>   |
| <b>6:00 pm</b>             | <b>Ride the Ducks of Seattle, Tour Seattle by Land and Sea (not included in basic registration fee)</b> |

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010**

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| <b>7:30 am – 10:00 am</b>  | <b>Registration Desk Open</b>  |
| <b>8:00 am</b>             | <b>Visit the Exhibitors</b>  |
| <b>8:30 am – 10:00 am</b>  | <b>Learning to Lead in the Land of Oz/Observation Notes From the Toto Diaries (leadership)</b>     |
| <b>10:00 am – 10:30 am</b> | <b>Break and Visit the Exhibitors</b>  |
| <b>10:30 am – Noon</b>     | <b>Swatting Flying Monkeys: Combating the All Too Common Word Formatting Gremlins (technology)</b> |
| <b>Noon</b>                | <b>Luncheon and Visit the Exhibitors</b>   |
| <b>1:30 pm – 2:30 pm</b>   | <b>Navigating the Deadly Poppy Fields—Defending a Criminal Drug Case (criminal law)</b>            |
| <b>2:30 pm – 3:30 pm</b>   | <b>Ding Dong the Witch is Dead (personal injury)</b>   |
| <b>3:30 pm – 4:15 pm</b>   | <b>Break and Visit the Exhibitors</b>  |
| <b>4:15 pm – 5:15 pm</b>   | <b>Before the Meltdown (alternative dispute resolution)</b>  |
| <b>5:15 pm</b>             | <b>Region 7 Meeting</b>  |
| <b>7:00 pm</b>             | <b>"On the Town in Seattle" (on your own)</b>  |

\*Due to unforeseen circumstances, the seminar topics are subject to change without notice.  
 Breaks are held in the exhibitors' room.



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## Friday or Saturday Only Seminar Fees

(Indicate Friday or Saturday)

- Friday Only  
 Saturday Only

Regular Fee                      Late Fee (after 6/10/10)

Member     \$95.00     \$110.00Non Member     \$115.00     \$125.00Student     \$95.00     \$110.00Registration Fee Includes Lunch, Breaks  
and CD With CLE Handouts

## Weekend Conference Fees

Regular Fee                      Late Fee (after 6/10/10)

Member     \$165.00     \$185.00Non Member     \$185.00     \$205.00Student     \$125.00     \$145.00

(\*Students paying full registration will receive one year's membership to the national level of NALS upon completion of membership application. A \$19 value.)

Thursday Reception Guest     \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate how many)Friday Lunch Guest     \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate how many)Saturday Lunch Guest     \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate how many)Registration Fee Includes Thursday Reception, Lunches, Breaks,  
and CD With CLE HandoutsRide the Ducks Tour     \$30.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_  
(indicate number of tickets) Please indicate if you would like a vegetarian meal.

Total Conference Registration \$\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check Enclosed    \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to NALS Region 7)

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## Summary of the NALS of GS Board Meeting

By Meghan J. Allen, Corporate Secretary and Publication Chair

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of NALS of Greater Seattle, held at the offices of Perkins Coie, on April 1, 2010, was called to order by President, Kathleen Cusack, Certified PLS at 12:04 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Kathleen A. Cusack, Certified PLS	President
Jessica Smith, Certified PLS	President-Elect and Membership Director
Meghan J. Allen	Corporate Secretary
Elizabeth Fuhrmann	Treasurer
La Shona D. Fairman, Certified ALS	Marketing Director
Christie Reynolds, Certified PP, PLS (via telephone)	Certification Director
Amylyn Riedling	Education Director

### Review and Approval of March 4, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 4, 2010, Board of Directors Meeting have been approved as submitted.

### Consent Agenda Items

#### **A. President**

Jett Awards: Kathy led discussion about the Jett Award submission. She said that at the Tulsa PD conference she saw those who received Jett Awards wrote more than one page. Kathy came back and started adding to what she had already done.

Bylaws and sending them to Tulsa: At Tulsa Kathy said that she was informed that if changes have been made to the Chapter Bylaws, then they must be approved by your State Board of Directors and National. Kathy will get a copy of the revised Bylaws to State and National.

Audit Committee: Kim Sandstrom has agreed to participate in the year end audit of the books. Kathy also said that she has gotten two other members to participate. The audit will take place after April 30<sup>th</sup>, and will be during the lunch hour.

#### **B. Treasurer**

Proposed Budget: The proposed budget for the 2010-2011 year was reviewed. It The budget will be reviewed more thoroughly at planning meeting.

#### **C. Education**

Speaker for Class Actions: Amylyn led discussion about finding a speaker for the May noontime seminar. One of the attorneys from Keller Rohrback has tentatively agreed to be the speaker for that seminar.

Speaker for June Noontime Seminar: Amylyn said that she needed suggestions for speakers for the June Noontime Seminar. If you have any ideas, contact her.

### Action Items

Board Resolution: A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board to sign new signature cards, to remove Brynne Williamson, PP, PLS and Elizabeth Fuhrmann from the signature card for the bank accounts for NALS of Greater Seattle, which accounts are held with Chase Bank and to add Christie S. Reynolds, PP, PLS and Jennifer Endres to the signature card for the bank accounts for NALS of Greater Seattle, which accounts are held with Chase Bank. Without further discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

### New Business

Planning Meeting. Planning Meeting for the 2010-2011 year will be on

May 1, 2010 at Karr Tuttle Campbell. Jessica was thinking that we may start at 9:30 and will be finished by 5 p.m.



NALS of Greater Seattle Board of Directors Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month and all members are welcome. Contact any board member for more information

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Shipping cost is \$2.00.  
Please allow 2 weeks for delivery.

## Summary of the NALS of GS Membership Meeting

By Meghan J. Allen, Corporate Secretary and Publication Chair

The meeting of the NALS of Greater Seattle Membership, was held at the Daily Grill in Seattle, Washington on April 13, 2010, and was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by President Kathleen A. Cusack, Certified PLS.

The Minutes from the January 2010 Membership Meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the January 2010 Membership Meeting Minutes as submitted. Without further discussion, the Motion was approved unanimously.

After Treasurer, Elizabeth Fuhrmann gave the budget update, Kathy reminded everyone that if any member wants to see the budget, they should email Kathy and she will send it for review.

Kathy announced the "Where's Eula Mae?" Winner this year, which was Kim Sandstrom who correctly guessed that Eula Mae was visiting Behr Winery in Woodinville.

Planning Meeting will be May 1, 2010 at Karr Tuttle Campbell.

The Region 7 Conference will be June 24-26 in Seattle at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Past President Lisa Miner, PLS made an announcement of the NALS of Washington Award recipients.

Kathy also introduced the newly certified NALS of Greater Seattle members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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