



**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

P.O. Box 15003  
Springfield, MA 01115

April 2, 2015

Dear WMPA Member,

**THE ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 5:30 P.M. ON APRIL 30, 2015 AT THE STORROWTON TAVERN ON MEMORIAL AVENUE IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. THE ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER.**

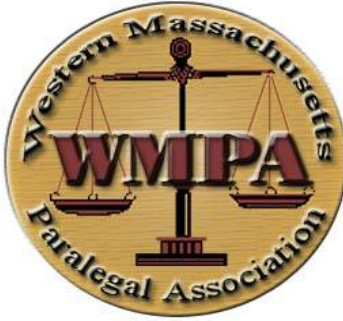
Enclosed is the Proxy Vote and slate of officers for Board positions coming up for election for 2015. Also attached are bios for the candidates, the flyer for the annual dinner and the flyer for the charity drive for Friends of the Homeless.

Pursuant to the By-laws of the Association, a quorum must be present in person or by proxy to elect officers/directors and carry on business. Please make an effort to attend. If you are unable to attend, complete the attached Proxy indicating your choices for officers. Then, either fax your Proxy to 272-6803; mail it to WMPA at Box 15003, Springfield, MA 01115; or scan and send it by e-mail to [ncominoli@bulkley.com](mailto:ncominoli@bulkley.com) before April 29, 2015; or have your Proxy delivered to a member of the Board at the Annual Meeting.

You must be a paid up voting member to participate in the election of officers, or to be on the Board, however, Associate and Student members are welcome to attend this meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the dinner. If you know of someone who would like to attend, please give them a copy of the flyer attached to this letter.

We look forward to seeing you on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

WMPA Board of Directors



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**PROXY VOTE FOR 2015-2016 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The undersigned **Voting Member** of the Western Massachusetts Paralegal Association, Inc. hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as proxy of the undersigned, with full powers of substitution, for and in the name of the undersigned, to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Voting Membership of the association to be held on April 30, 2015 for the below designated persons for office, or at any adjournment thereof, with all the powers which the undersigned would possess if personally present.

WITNESS my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Voting Member

<u>Slate of Officers (bios are attached)</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Vice President: Victoria Rodriguez (2 year term)		_____	_____
Treasurer: Lisa M'Sadoques (2 year term)		_____	_____
NFPA Primary Representative:			
Fran Carabetta (2 year term)		_____	_____
Melissa Fennell (2 year term)		_____	_____

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, please send this Proxy with your designee to the meeting on April 30, 2015; fax to 413-272-6803, mail to WMPA, Box 15003, Springfield, MA 01115 or scan and e-mail it to [ncominoli@bulkley.com](mailto:ncominoli@bulkley.com) prior to April 29, 2015.

## **WMPA CANDIDATE BIOS**

### **Vice President & Program Director**

VICTORIA RODRIGUEZ – Victoria joined Babson Capital Management in January of this year as a Legal Analyst/Paralegal. She has legal experience from working in private sector law firms practicing personal injury, social security disability and family law. She also has experience working in the Hampden County District Court system where she interned as a Victim Witness Advocate in the Domestic Violence Unit. Victoria holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies and a paralegal certificate from Bay Path University.

### **Treasurer & Membership Coordinator**

LISA M'SADOQUES - Lisa is WMPA's current Treasurer and is a candidate for re-election. Presently, she is employed by Johnson and Hill staffing and working as a paralegal at the Department of Developmental Services in Springfield but is looking for a permanent position in the legal field. Previously, Lisa was a paralegal for Attorney Eileen Sullivan-Boss in West Springfield for 6 years, where she specialized in elder law, and guardian and conservator law. Lisa received her degree in paralegal studies from Elms College in 2006. She is married with two children and lives in Granby.

### **NFPA Primary Representative**

FRAN CARABETTA – Fran has been employed by Big Y Foods, Inc. since 1973. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems from Westfield State University and received her Certificate of Advanced Paralegal Studies from Elms College in 2010. Currently she is a business paralegal specializing in the area of corporate compliance. She has three adult children and resides in Chicopee with her husband.

MELISSA FENNELL – Melissa has been a paralegal for 11 years and is currently a litigation paralegal at Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company. Previously, she was a trusts, estates and tax law paralegal for the firm of Bacon Wilson, P.C. and a medical malpractice paralegal for the Law Offices of William J. Fennell, P.C. Melissa has a Bachelor of Science in Executive Business Management and a Certificate in Advanced Paralegal Studies from Bay Path College. She is a prior WMPA Board member holding the position of Vice President and Program Coordinator. Melissa resides in West Springfield with her husband and two daughters.



# Join us for WMPA'S Annual Dinner And Meeting

April 30, 2015

Storrowton Tavern, Memorial Avenue, West  
Springfield

Cocktails – 5:30 p.m.

Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Meals to be ordered per person off the menu.

R.S.V.P by Friday, April 24, 2015 to:

Nancy A. Cominoli, RP at [ncominoli@bulkley.com](mailto:ncominoli@bulkley.com)



The **Western Mass Paralegal Association** is asking for your help in collecting monetary donations to be made to the **Friends of the Homeless** in connection with our 2015 Annual Dinner.

Friends of the Homeless, Inc. operates the largest emergency shelter for adult individuals in Western Mass., provides services aimed at ending homelessness and operates 110 low-income housing units. They are a private, non-profit 501(C)3 organization established over twenty-five years ago to serve Greater Springfield. FOH believes everyone shares an interest in solving the problem of homelessness. In addition to providing emergency shelter for adult men and women, they also own and operate a resource center on Worthington Street in Springfield. All FOH shelter and housing is supported by case management aimed at obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

All of us working together can help to accomplish the goal of eliminating homelessness in our community. Be a friend of the homeless today. Financial donations are critical to their success.

Checks can be made payable to: Friends of the Homeless, Inc.

Thank you for your support.



**Friends of the Homeless**

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