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Report of the Nominating Committee
for the 2021-2022 STAR Board of Directors

The STAR Nominating Committee puts forth the names of the following individuals to be considered by the STAR membership for election as officers for the term of one year and directors for the terms designated of the STAR Board of Directors. These officers and directors will be voted upon at the Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2021.



PRESIDENT:

**MARJORIE PETERS, RMR, CRR, Realtime Systems Administrator
Alexandria, Virginia**

2022 will mark Marjorie's 36th year as a court reporter. Beginning in Erie, PA, in 1986, Marjorie's career has covered all specialties of reporting: 9 years as an official reporter; 14 years in CART/Captioning both as an in-house staff captioner, as well as an independent contractor, providing remote captioning, as well as on-site sports stadiums, convention venues and medical symposiums; followed by 12 years in freelance reporting, first as an employee, and then starting her own freelance business in Pittsburgh, PA; and as of 2019, she lives in Alexandria, VA, covering the DC/MD/VA area as an independent freelance reporter.

Marjorie feels her varied experience in these roles has prepared her to engage with both reporting agencies and their staff more effectively, as well as their law firm clients. She understands the entire litigation process from start to finish -- not only the importance of an accurate record, but also the full breadth of services that reporting agencies offer their clients. Marjorie believes that technology has advanced the reporting profession in a compelling way for the reporter and the hiring firm, providing tools to serve client needs in all three reporting specialties.

Marjorie has served on the PCRA Board of Directors, has been active on various NCRA committees, and has presented numerous seminars on behalf of both Associations. She currently serves as a Trustee of the National Court Reporters Foundation. In 2018, she received NCRA's Santo Aurelio Award for Altruism. She is a long-time supporter of the court reporting program at Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh through teaching and curriculum development. Marjorie continues to actively support the Light of Life Rescue Mission based in Pittsburgh, PA, and, now a resident of Alexandria, VA, she plans to identify a local organization to support, as well.

In addition to Marjorie's captioning experience and expertise in reporting complex litigation, she is proud to be a part of the GTMO team in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba – an assignment she finds to be both challenging and rewarding. She is proud to be a part of the GTMO team which, as she describes, laughs as hard as it works.

Since attending her first STAR convention, Marjorie has viewed STAR members as positive, forward-looking court reporting professionals dedicated to bringing the best technology, customer service, and business practices to stenographers and agencies. She looks forward to committing her time, experience, and energy in furtherance of the goals of STAR and its members.

When Marjorie is not serving 14-year-old calico, Hannah, you will find her cooking and enjoying wine, or hopefully, in the great outdoors, most likely cycling, or if she is lucky, on a horse.



**VICE PRESIDENT:
ANDREA WECKER, CSR, RDR, CRR, CRC
Boise, Idaho**

Andrea discovered her passion for court reporting at the age of 16 and now has more than 18 years' experience as a freelance court reporter and captioner locally, nationally, and internationally. In 2015, Andrea became the owner of Associated Reporting & Video, a full-service litigation support firm headquartered in Boise, Idaho. She is also the owner of IdaCaption, a CART and captioning company that serves the deaf and hard-of-hearing community in Idaho and beyond.

Along with being a full-time freelance reporter and agency owner, Andrea is also a member of the elite team of reporters working in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, reporting the 9/11 and USS Cole terrorist trials. She knew from the moment she set foot on base that this incredibly challenging work is what she was built to do and is truly honored to have been chosen to play such an integral part in documenting history.

Andrea served as president of the Idaho Court Reporters Association from 2017 to 2019 and has been an active member of the National Court Reporters Association for over 20 years. She spends countless hours mentoring students and new reporters, as well as educating the legal community on the important role that court reporters play in our judicial system.

In her "spare" time, Andrea is an avid kickboxer (call it stress relief) and also enjoys competing in speed and real time contests whenever she has the opportunity.



**SECRETARY:
DEANNA OAKS, RPR
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Deanna is a freelance court reporter, working all over the Twin Cities and Minnesota. She moved to Minneapolis in 2017 and since that time has worked per diem with numerous judges in several counties throughout the state, started her own company, been appointed to the state association, and joined an alumni mentorship program to help upcoming reporters transition into the profession.

Deanna enjoys volunteering and has taken part in Project for Pride and Living and the UHURU Solidarity Movement in an effort to give back to the community and campaign for positivity and progress. She is currently working on her next professional certification and plans to continue training in all spheres of court reporting.



TREASURER:
TODD MOBLEY, MBA
Dayton, Ohio

Todd Mobley joined the firm of Mike Mobley Reporting in January 1994. He graduated from the University of Dayton in 1993 with a degree in accounting. Upon graduation, he went to work for The Analytical Sciences Corporation (TASC) where he served as a consultant to the Department of Defense and Department of Energy regarding the estimation of costs for environmental cleanup efforts. He also worked on a document management project for the Air Force in the C-17 litigation that electronically saved millions of exhibits. At the time, it was the largest conversion of paper exhibits to electronic exhibits ever.

In 1994, he joined Mike Mobley Reporting full time after many years of helping on a part-time basis. He currently is the President, accountant, and videographer for the firm. He received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Dayton in 1997 with a focus on Entrepreneurship.

Todd has served on numerous committees for NCRA over his 25+ year career. He was also active in the Ohio Court Reporters Association, where he served on the Legislative Committee and is on the Liaison Committee with the attorneys who represent the Ohio Court Reporters in legislative matters. He has been involved with these matters since 1996. Todd has served as STAR Treasurer from 1998 through his current term in 2020. He has become known as treasurer-for-life.

Todd has been married to Angela Mobley since 2000 and they have three children, Michael, Marilyn, and Mary Margaret. Todd coaches his son's football, basketball and baseball teams and coaches both daughters in basketball and soccer. In his free time Todd likes to camp, hike and fish with his family. He also loves to read, with his interest focused mostly on WWII history.



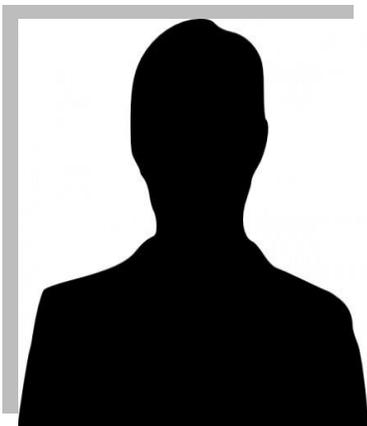
DIRECTOR (One-Year Term Expiring 2022):
A WILLIAM ROBERTS, JR., RMR, CRR, CMRS, CLVS
Charleston, South Carolina

With over 40 years of court reporting experience, Bill Roberts is known as South Carolina's leading expert in litigation services and technology. He has been in the forefront of emerging technology and was the first reporter in South Carolina to offer Realtime court reporting technology.

Before merging with Veritext in 2019, Bill founded A. William Roberts, Jr. & Associates in 1980. After graduating from the Stenotype Institute in Jacksonville, he was the official Court Reporter for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of South Carolina. Bill is a Registered Merit Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, Certified Legal Video Specialist, and Certified Manager of Reporting Services.

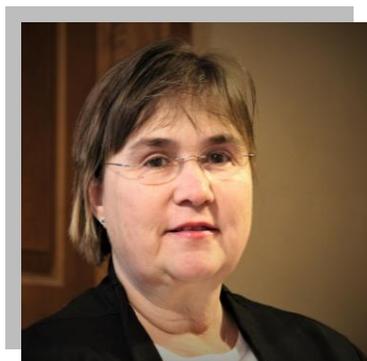
Under his leadership, AWR/Veritext has become South Carolina's premier court reporting firm with a commitment to fast, accurate and friendly service. Bill lives in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina with his wife Karen, who is a principal in Veritext. His oldest son David is a principal in Veritext; his middle son Mike is a court reporter with Veritext; and his youngest son Andrew is a television news producer in Chicago.

Bill is committed to the recruitment and training of new court reporters and has mentored many individuals considering court reporting as a career, helping them to thrive in this field of endeavor, many of whom have gone to achieve the highest levels of certification in court reporting. Bill's outside activities include leadership in a local men's ministry and Kairos Prison Ministry as well as the Walk to Emmaus. He is an avid car collector and motorcycle enthusiast.



DIRECTOR (One-Year Term Expiring 2022):
RONALD COPE, PRP, CRR, CSR
Mesquite, Texas

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DIRECTOR (Two-Year Term Expiring 2023):
JO ANN BETLER, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, CPE, CLVS
Huntington, West Virginia

Jo Ann attended Marshall University and Wittenberg University before finally deciding that court reporting was her career path. She attended the Stenotype Institute of Springfield, Springfield, Ohio, before transferring to the Huntington Jr. College of Business where she completed her degree in March of 1982. She started freelance reporting immediately upon graduation until hired by Judge John L. Cummings to be his official reporter.

She served as the official reporter for the Sixth Circuit under Judge John L. Cummings and Judge F. Jane Husted. She “retired” in October of 2015 from her official position. Jo Ann and her husband currently operate a freelance firm (Betler’s Reporting & Legal Video Services) in Huntington, West Virginia, where she continues to be very active in the reporting profession. Jo Ann has had the pleasure of not only reporting as a freelance deposition reporter, as an official reporter and at the state and federal level, but she also captions for the hard of hearing in public settings and remotely.

Jo Ann is a member of NCRA, STAR, WVCRA, WVOCRA and KyCRA, and has served on several committees and boards.



**DIRECTOR (Two-Year Term Expiring 2023):
SAM MATTERN
Columbus, Ohio**

Sam graduated from DeVry University with a Bachelor's in Computer Engineering Technology in 2005. He joined Spectrum Reporting's video department soon after graduation and apprenticed under CLVS Tom Rees.

Within a couple of years of daily video depositions and trial playback, Sam took on more responsibilities. Because of his computer background, he became indispensable for troubleshooting realtime connections and daily-copy setups. Thankfully, PCMCIA-to-serial laptop cards, adapters, and baud rates were eventually replaced by CaseViewNet so that Sam could focus on other areas of the business.

Before long, Sam took ownership of the entire IT infrastructure and spending for the organization and became responsible for researching, developing, and supporting new solutions for Spectrum and its clients. This included trial presentation, videoconferencing, exhibit processing, secure file delivery, and even a witness transcript-review platform. He also started presenting on the different technologies to law firms, paralegal organizations, and even to law students, all of this while still being a full-time videographer.

After ten years in the field, in 2015 Sam became the Operations Manager for Spectrum Reporting. Though he still fills in for depositions and trials as needed, he now focuses on new business development, staff and client support, and client relations.

Sam married Sanja in 2012 and they have two young children: Stefan, a preschooler, and Maja, a baby. Sam and Sanja love international travel, and have visited France, Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, and most recently Japan.



**DIRECTOR (Three-Year Term Expiring 2024):
DOREEN SUTTON, FAPR, RDR, CSR, CR
Scottsdale, Arizona**

Doreen Sutton is a freelance reporter from Scottsdale, Arizona, with over 29 years of experience. She holds the certification of Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR), California Shorthand Reporter (CSR), and her practice includes depositions, arbitrations, and mediations. She also has grand jury, CART, and per-diem official reporting experience. Doreen has served on NCRA's Test Advisory Committee and served five years on the Board of Directors, which included three years in the roles of Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Doreen is a past president of the Arizona Court Reporters Association and in 2013, she was awarded the ACRA Distinguished Service Award. Sutton holds certifications in the states of California and Arizona and is a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters. Doreen also is a certified CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and a mentor, both to students in the

reporting field, as well as mentoring other women through her church.

When she is not working, Doreen enjoys running, cooking, and spending time with her new grandbaby!



**DIRECTOR (Three-Year Term Expiring 2024):
WILLIAM E. WEBER, FAPR, RDR, CRR
Bethel Park, Pennsylvania**

Bill has been a court reporter since 1974. His work experience includes as a state official in Pennsylvania and Ohio, along with a Federal officialship in Pennsylvania. Currently, Bill is a partner with RevolutionaryText and a founding member. RevolutionaryText provides remote reporting to the courts, especially in areas where reporters are unavailable.

Bill is certified as an RPR, RMR, RDR, and CRR with the National Court Reporters Association and is licensed in Illinois and Kansas. He works on the GTMO 9/11 terrorist trials and other related terrorist trials, owns a freelance firm, and is an active writer.

He served in all positions for the Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association and is a Past President of the National Court Reporters Association. Bill holds the distinction of Fellow with NCRA.

Bill is a graduate of Duff's Business Institute in court reporting and obtained a bachelor's degree from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:
JAMES CONNOR, RPR, CRR, CSR, CLVS
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Jim Connor, RPR, CRR, CSR, CLVS, is a 40-year reporting veteran, and owner of Connor Reporting in Indianapolis, Lafayette and Bloomington, Indiana. Jim has also attained his trial presentation certification in both Trial Director and Visionary softwares. He has extensive deposition and arbitration reporting experience and specializes in international labor union convention reporting. During his reporting career he has worked with every U.S. President since Jimmy Carter, as well as former South African President Nelson Mandela, and former president of Poland, Lech Walesa.

Jim also engages in one-on-one CART reporting for clients with hearing impairments and does captioning for larger venues such as labor union conventions. Another of his expertise is reporting press conferences for sporting events including the Indianapolis 500, NASCAR's Brickyard 400, Formula One, and MotoGP races with immediate turnaround for dissemination to the world's press and posting on the various sporting websites.

He has been an Eclipse software user since 1993, and in 2012 transitioned to Case CATalyst software to be better equipped to report the terrorist trials at Guantanamo Bay.

Jim definitely considers his current assignment with the GTMO team in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to be the highlight of his long career. Reporting the trials of al Nashiri, the mastermind of the bombings of the USS Cole and USS The Sullivans, and the 9/11 terrorists has been very challenging but extremely rewarding and exciting. He feels honored to play a vital role in these historic proceedings.