

September 1, 2024 Paralegal Section Annual Report

Paralegal Section Board:

The current Board and Council members as of September 1, 2024, are as follows:

- Chair Kathy Clark
- Vice-Chair Sabrina Hallsten
- Secretary/Treasurer Kirsi Parker
- State Bar Liaison Alexander Miller
- Professional Development Officer Jenna Moseman
- Member-at-Large Michelle Netzer (Council only)
- MALA voting member Sara Godshalk (Council only)

Paralegal Section Activities:

- The Section created an email address for official business: paralegalsection@gmail.com.
- The Section hosted three (3) separate ½ day CLE and socials for members in the Great Falls, Bozeman, and Kalispell areas.
- The Section displayed membership information during the Montana Association of Legal Assistants live seminar October 5-6, 2023, and during its annual meeting at Fairmont Hot Springs in March 2024.
- Upon approval by the Board of Trustees in December 2023, the By-Laws of the Paralegal Section were amended as follows:
 - Section 2.1.2: show correct MCA Section 25-10-205
 - Section 2.3.1: include one (1) credit hour of ethics education for Section renewal
 - Section 2.3.2: remove reference to Rules of Continuing Legal Education
 - Section 2.3.2: add exemption to CLE requirement if member is admitted on or after April 1st of the reporting year
- Amendments to the Paralegal Section Membership Application were made regarding eligibility to be consistent with current ByLaws of the Section.
- The Section will sponsor a half-day CLE seminar in conjunction with its Annual Meeting on September 13, 2024, at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Missoula.

• The Section is celebrating its 25 Anniversary this year with recognition of individuals who have been members since 1999.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy L. Clark, ACP Section Chair