

OHIO COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 20-22, 2026

Columbus Marriott Northwest



POWERING THE FUTURE
Strong Minds, Strong Skills

1.5 CEUs Available

NCRA Approved

2026 Conference Location

Columbus Marriott Northwest
5605 Blazer Parkway
Dublin, Ohio 43017
(614) 791-1000



Single/Double Occupancy \$149 per night (plus tax)

The OCRA room block is available through March 2, 2026, or until sold out.

[Click here](#) for instant online reservations or call Marriott Reservations at 800-228-9290 and ask for the Ohio Court Reporters Association 2026 Annual Conference group rate to make your reservations over the phone.

*All OCRA activities will take place at the Columbus Marriott Northwest.
Included in your OCRA room block is complimentary parking and internet.*



2026 OCRA Contests

Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest and Karoscik Realtime Contest
Open to OCRA Members only who have attained NCRA RPR or CRC status

Friday, March 20, 2026

Location: Columbus Marriott Northwest

Visit www.OCRAonline.com for full contest rules, including a modification to the Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest rules beginning in 2026.

Entry Fee

Please register with the annual conference registration form and/or online.
The fee is \$60 per contest if paid by the registration deadline. Fee to be paid prior to contest.

Register for both contests and receive a discount (\$110 for both contests)!

NCRA Professional Development Credit (PDC)

Each qualifying leg of an OCRA speed contest or realtime contest will earn .25 PDC.
A maximum of 1.0 credit from all non-CEU credits will be accepted by NCRA per three-year cycle.

OCRA Fundraising Lineup

For a full list of sponsorship and/or exhibitor opportunities, please visit www.OCRAonline.com.

Conference sponsorships are available and appreciated at any level, including:

Event and Session Sponsors		Annual Conference General Sponsors	
Speaker(s)	\$200	Powerhouse Level	\$1,000 +
Refreshment and Vendor Break(s)	\$300	High Voltage Level	\$500 - \$999
Breakfast(s)	\$400	Steady Current Level	\$250 - \$499
Contest(s)	\$450	Connected Circuit Level	\$100 - \$249
Silent Auction	\$500	Spark Level	\$1 - \$99
Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting	\$600	Student "Rising Energy" Sponsors	<i>All levels welcome</i>
Saturday President's Reception	\$850		

Are you an exhibitor/vendor? Be a part of the action Friday and Saturday for just \$275! Please visit www.OCRAonline.com and/or contact OCRA at ocraonline@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

\$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

Silent auction will take place online (with on-site displays)

RAFFLE TICKETS

Winners need not be present

Don't wait to purchase your raffle tickets! Tickets may sell out!

Raffle open to all OCRA members' friends,
coworkers, and family!

Amazing Prizes

Prizes include overnight stays, amusement park tickets, and much, much more.

Official prize list coming soon!

All raffle drawings will take place during the Saturday Reception

SILENT AUCTION

(To be hosted online with on-site displays)

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Auction ends at 6:00 p.m.

Donate an item to our Silent Auction and/or bid on your favorite item.
Proceeds from our Auction benefit the OCRA Cardinal Foundation.

The Foundation supports the education and advancement of the
stenographic court reporting and captioning professions.

Friday, March 20, 2026

.5 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.		OCRA Board of Directors Meeting	Franklin
10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.		Registration and Vendor Setup	Atrium
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.		Karoscik Realtime Contest Warmup (10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Contest (11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)	Franklin Dublin V-VI
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.		Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest Warmup (12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Contest and Transcription (12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	Franklin Dublin V-VI
		Lunch On Your Own	
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Session 1 .2 CEU	Beyond the Bite: How Therapy K9s are Transforming Trauma Response Sergeant Darrah Metz Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Dublin I - III
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.		Vendor and Refreshment Break	Atrium
3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Session 2 .15 CEU	Turning Sound into Access: Captioning Live Music Events Kim Falgiani, RDR, CRR, CRC, CSR(HI) and Denise Munguía, RDR, CRR, CRC, CSR(CA, MI)	Dublin I - III
4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.		Vendor and Refreshment Break	Atrium
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Session 3 .15 CEU	Flex Your International Attitude: Intersteno Victoria (Tori) Pittman, BA, CVR-CM-M, RCP, RVR FAPR, RDR, CRI (Ret.) <i>Recommendation for attendees: Bring your equipment (writers/ realtime setup) to try out competition material</i>	Dublin I - III
		Dinner On Your Own	

Saturday, March 21, 2026

.7 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.		Registration and Breakfast	Atrium
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Session 4 .2 CEU	Think Before You Click Matt Lydy	Dublin I - III
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.		Vendor, Silent Auction, and Refreshment Break	Atrium
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Session 5 .15 CEU	From Chaos to Calendar: Timing is Everything Kelly Linkowski, RPR, CRR, CRC, CRI, CPE <i>NCRA Director</i>	Dublin I - III
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.		2026 Business Meeting, Awards, and Luncheon <i>Plated Lunch Provided</i>	Dublin IV - VI
2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Session 6 .15 CEU	My Journey to the U.S. House of Representatives Tammy McGhee, RMR, CRR, CRC	Dublin I - III
3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.		Vendor, Silent Auction, and Refreshment Break	Atrium
4:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Session 7 .2 CEU	Becoming Devoted Amy Doman, RDR, CRR, CRI, CSR (CA, IL, TX, and WA) , CCR (MO)	Dublin I - III
6:00 p.m.		Silent Auction Ends	Atrium
6:15 p.m.		Hagestrom Cup Speed and Karoscik Realtime Contest Results	Dublin I - III
7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.		President's Reception <i>Dinner Provided / Cash Bar Available</i> <i>Main Raffle Winners Announced</i> <i>Entertainment and Dancing</i>	Dublin IV - VI

Sunday, March 22, 2026

.3 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.		Breakfast	Atrium
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Session 8 .15 CEU	StenoMasters <i>Public Speaking for Court Reporters and Captioners</i> Joshua Edwards, RDR, CRR, CRC	Dublin I - III
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.		Refreshment Break <i>(30-minute break provided to allow for hotel check out)</i>	Atrium
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Session 9 .15 CEU	Real Criminal Minds and CSI Al Sternberg <i>Lieutenant (retired) Wake County Sheriff's Office</i> <i>Evidence Custodian and Investigator</i>	Dublin I - III

Registration Form

Early-Bird: Register by 11:59 p.m. on 2/6/2026 and you will be entered to win a free registration (full reimbursement of paid registration).

Registration Deadline: Deadline to preregister is 3/6/2026. Registrations received after 3/6/2026 and on-site will incur a \$50 late processing fee.

Refunds: Full refunds are available prior to 3/6/2026. All voluntary cancellations after 3/6/2026 will incur a \$50 cancellation processing fee.

Cancellation of Event Notice: If the 2026 Annual Conference is canceled due to COVID-19 or other restrictions, full refunds will be issued.

FULL WEEKEND/ALL-INCLUSIVE OPTIONS

All seminars, breaks, luncheon, and reception included

1.5 CEUs available

March 20-22
full weekend

	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450	<input type="checkbox"/> \$580
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200

SATURDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Saturday seminars, breaks, luncheon, and reception included

.7 CEU available

March 21
Saturday only

	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$320	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165

FRIDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTION

Friday seminars and refreshment breaks included

.5 CEU available

March 20
Friday only

	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140

SUNDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Sunday seminars and refreshment break included

.3 CEU available

March 22
Sunday only

	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125

REGISTRATION ADD-ONS, GUESTS, AND EXTRAS

Sponsorship Options

Student "Rising Energy" Sponsorship \$ _____

General Conference Sponsorship \$ _____

Speaker (\$200) \$ _____

Refreshment/Vendor Break(s) (\$300) \$ _____

Breakfast(s) (\$400) \$ _____

Contest(s) (\$450) \$ _____

Silent Auction (\$500) \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon/Business Meeting (\$600) \$ _____

Saturday Reception (\$850) \$ _____

Social Options for Guests

Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting

\$50 each _____ guests

Saturday Dinner Reception

\$60 each _____ guests

Contests: Friday, March 20, 2026

Open to OCRA Members Only

Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest \$60

Karoscik Realtime Contest \$60

Both Hagestrom and Karoscik (discount) \$110

TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____

IMPORTANT

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

As a presenter, vendor, and/or attendee, you recognize that your participation, involvement, and/or attendance at any event or activity hosted by the Ohio Court Reporters Association is voluntary. Social distancing should be practiced and face coverings worn in compliance with any then-current Ohio Department of Health's orders or recommendations to reduce the risks of exposure to and spread of COVID-19 and/or any other contagious/infectious diseases. While OCRA and the Columbus Marriott Northwest will put in place preventative measures to prevent spreading of contagious/infectious diseases, OCRA and/or Marriott cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not be exposed to or become infected with COVID-19 and/or any other contagious/infectious diseases.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By registering for in-person attendance at the Ohio Court Reporters Association 2026 Annual Conference, I understand, acknowledge, and agree to the following:

1. I will comply with any and all state, county, or local orders and provisions in place at the time of my attendance including, but not limited to, social distancing and face coverings;
2. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19; and
3. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, through my voluntary attendance.

After reading the above safety information and acknowledgment, the checkbox on the registration form must be marked to indicate your full understanding, acknowledgement, and agreement in order for your registration for the 2026 Annual Conference to be processed.

Registration Form

CONFERENCE ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name _____ NCRA ID _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Year Started Reporting _____

Certifications _____ Special Meal Needs/Requests _____

Are you staying at the Marriott? Y N

Health and Safety Acknowledgment (refer to previous page) I acknowledge

SEMINAR/EVENT SELECTION ** REQUIRED **

Please indicate which event(s) you will be attending

(if registered all-inclusive or for a day registration, these events are included, but attendance numbers are necessary)

Saturday Breakfast Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting

Saturday Night Reception Sunday Breakfast

RAFFLE TICKETS

MAIN RAFFLE: \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

Silent auction will take place online (with on-site displays)

Winners need not be present to win

PRIZES: Overnight stays, restaurant gift certificates, and much, much more! Official prize list coming soon!

Number of tickets to purchase in advance _____
for a total of \$ _____

ATTENTION NONMEMBERS

Join OCRA now and register at the member rate!

Membership is good through 6/30/2027 (student good through 8/31/2027)

Reporter/Captioner/Professional Dues \$125

Associate Dues \$60

Student Dues \$25

PAYMENT OPTIONS AND PAYMENT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

TOTAL PRIOR PAGE \$ _____ TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____ TOTAL DUE \$ _____

*** Preregistration deadline is 3/6/2026. After 3/6/2026, add \$50 late processing fee. ***

Note: If the 2026 Annual Conference is canceled due to COVID-19 or other restrictions, full refunds will be issued

Check # _____ enclosed (made payable to OCRA)
 Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____
 CSC (code on back of card) _____ Zip Code _____

Mail registration form and payment to:

Ohio Court Reporters Association
c/o Sarah Derbin, Executive Director
2274 Chapel Road
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

calling all
vendors

**INFORMATION AND
REGISTRATION**

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Gain some valuable recognition at this year's Annual Conference by helping to underwrite the expense of bringing in the top-notch and thought-provoking speakers that OCRA member reporters have come to expect. The best does not come cheaply, however, which is why your support of OCRA's conference goes such a long way. Each sponsor receives special acknowledgement during the conference, plus inclusion of promotional material in attendee packets. In addition, OCRA will provide post-conference acknowledgement on our website and in our newsletter.

Event and Session Sponsors:

Speaker(s)	\$ 200
Refreshment and Vendor Break(s)	\$ 300
Breakfast(s)	\$ 400
Contest(s)	\$ 450
Silent Auction	\$ 500
Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting	\$ 600
Saturday President's Reception	\$ 850

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Spark Level	\$1 - 99

Student "Rising Energy" Sponsors:

All levels welcome

On-site Exhibitor: \$275 (Friday & Saturday) or \$200 (Saturday Only)

Be in the middle of the action and meet with reporters, firm owners, and students. Each exhibitor receives acknowledgement at the conference, plus inclusion of promotional material in attendee packets. In addition, exhibitors will receive post-conference acknowledgement on our website and in our newsletter. Exhibitors are placed in the middle of the action in front of the session entrances and near the refreshment and Silent Auction area. Additional tables are available for \$50 each, space permitting. Exhibitors receive one complimentary Saturday luncheon and one Saturday reception ticket. Additional social tickets also available (see registration form).

Attendee Packet Insert Only: \$125

Can't be at the meeting? Submit your promotional materials for inclusion in our attendee packets. *Get double attention* – donate an item(s) valued at \$150 or more for our Silent Auction and we will place your promotional brochure in the attendee packets free of charge.

Silent Auction Contributor:

Donate an item to our Silent Auction held on Saturday. Proceeds from our Auction benefit the OCRA Cardinal Foundation. The Foundation supports the education and advancement of the court reporting profession. All Auction contributors are acknowledged in our newsletter.

IMPORTANT DETAILS AND DATES

Exhibit spaces and sponsorship opportunities will be filled in the order they are received.

Nonrefundable payment must be received no later than March 6, 2026.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

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ON-SITE EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

All exhibitors will receive one six-foot exhibit table with skirting and electrical. Upon request, exhibitors will receive a complete listing of attendees after completion of the conference. Exhibitors may contact the Columbus Marriott Northwest directly for shipment of any items. OCRA will not be held responsible for costs or receipt of shipped materials, storage of materials, or loss. Exhibitors are welcome for any portion of the following times based upon your exhibitor registration:

Set-up time: Starting 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 20; 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21
Exhibits open: 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 20
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 21*

** Exhibits will need to be removed before 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 21*

TO HAVE MATERIALS INCLUDED IN THE ATTENDEE HANDOUT PACKETS:

Copies of promotional materials to be included in attendees' handout packets must be received no later than **March 6, 2026** (150 copies requested - extra copies will not be returned unless prior arrangements are made). Limit of two inserts (unless placed in a packet). We will insert small promotional items - such as pens, et cetera. Materials cannot exceed 9" by 12".

Send Materials/Handouts:

Ohio Court Reporters Association
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OCRA 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AND VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM *(or register at www.OCRAonline.com)*

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____ **Website:** _____

Representative(s) attending: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Spark Level	\$1 - 99

Student Sponsors:

<input type="checkbox"/> Student "Rising Energy" Sponsor	\$ _____
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Exhibitors:

<input type="checkbox"/> On-site Exhibitor: \$275 (Friday & Saturday)	<input type="checkbox"/> On-site Exhibitor: \$200 (Saturday only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Attendee Packet Insert Only: \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Exhibitor Table (\$50)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Luncheon Tickets (\$50 each) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Saturday Night Tickets (\$60 each) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> We will donate the following item(s) for use at the Silent Auction: _____ Estimated value: \$ _____	
Please send item to Sarah Derbin or indicate if you will be bringing to event <input type="checkbox"/> Sending <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing	
<input type="checkbox"/> We will be sending material for attendee handout packets: <i>Materials must be received before March 6, 2026</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Quantity: 150

Health and Safety Acknowledgement:

(Refer to page 3) I/we acknowledge

Return Registration by March 6, 2026 to: OCRA, c/o Sarah Derbin, 2274 Chapel Road, Jefferson, Ohio 44047

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

I have enclosed check # _____ made payable to OCRA

Charge my credit card. Name on Card _____ Exp _____

Card Number _____ CVC _____ Zip Code _____