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## NALS of Michigan 2020 Annual Meeting

On March 18, 2020, the NALS of Michigan Board of Directors announced they were canceling the 2020 Annual Meeting. In case you did not see the email that was sent out, please see below:

Dear Members,

As you are all aware, the COVID-19 virus is disrupting everyone's normal routine. Unfortunately, NALS of Michigan cannot escape its grips either. Last night, the NALS of Michigan Board of Directors, during an emergency meeting, voted to cancel the 59th

Annual Meeting and Education Conference that was to be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan April 17-18. We are very disappointed that we had to make this decision because we know how much our members look forward to this event, not only for the excellent CLE offered but also the recognition of past and present leaders, certifications, and those who are winning awards this year. However, the safety of our members, attendees, and presenters outweighed the risks of going forward with the event.

The Annual Meeting Committee is working diligently to return everyone's registration fees. For anyone who purchased raffle tickets, we will be refunding your money as well and canceling the raffle. Please destroy any tickets (sold or unsold) you have. We are working out the details of the various awards that are usually presented at the Awards Banquet. Also, please contact the Bavarian Inn at (989) 652-7200, or you can email your confirmation number and cancellation request to [info@bavarianinn.com](mailto:info@bavarianinn.com), to cancel your stay. You must cancel your reservation before 72 hours of your arrival date so that you are not charged any penalties. If you made any advanced deposit on a room, the inn will refund that. However, given the circumstances, the inn has advised that it may take 7-10 business days before you receive your refund. We ask for your patience while the Committee and the Bavarian Inn make the necessary reconciliations.

I also want to take this time to recognize the Annual Meeting Committee for all of their efforts already taken in preparing for the event in Frankenmuth, their input regarding the current

situation, and their commitment to do what it takes in the coming weeks to close the books. I know how much work you've put into this event. Thank you so much!

That said, the Board will host a business-only annual meeting on Saturday, May 16, 2020. The location is yet to be determined; however, I have asked the Annual Meeting Committee to see if we could use a room at the Bavarian Inn on that date. We will keep you posted as information becomes available. Please be advised that, pursuant to the Bylaws and Standing Rules of our Association, the current Board of Directors will remain in place until such time as we are able to conduct our business annual meeting and hold elections.

On behalf of the NALS of Michigan Board of Directors and the Annual Meeting Committee, I want to apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused you, but thank you for your understanding of the situation. This is a new path that our Association, and everyone around the world, is being taken on, and we're all learning to deal with a new reality. Thank you for your patience and your continued support of NALS.

If you have any questions, please contact either me ([sacklin@wnj.com](mailto:sacklin@wnj.com)) or the Annual Meeting Committee Chair, Teri Garber ([tgarber@silvervanessen.com](mailto:tgarber@silvervanessen.com)).

Wishing you all health and happiness and can't wait to see you on May 16!

Sue Acklin PP PLS  
2019-2020 NALS of Michigan President

## Chapter Leadership

The end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year is near and we should all take a minute to thank our chapter presidents and their respective board of directors for a job well done! The contact information for each chapter is below:

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Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming 2020-2021 fiscal year, the new board of directors, and the exciting events they have planned.

# 2020 National Conference Detroit, Michigan

## "Driving the Soul of Legal Professionals"

A sneak peak at some of the confirmed speakers/topics include:

### **Conceal and Carry**

Lt. Paul Beasinger  
Lansing Police Department

### **Flint Water Crisis**

Frederick A. Berg, Esq.  
Butzel Long

### **Unauthorized Practice of Law**

Katherine S. Gardner, Esq.  
State Bar of Michigan

### **Interviewing Techniques: What Side of the Table Are You Sitting On**

Valerie Pilot, Human Resources Manager  
The Probate Pro

### **Tax Controversy/Tax Resolution**

James Mauro, Esq., and Emily Burdick, Esq.  
Dickinson Wright

### **Employment Law**

David M. Buday, Esq.  
Miller Johnson

### **30 Office Tips in 30 Minutes**

Jeff R. Haywood, Technology Trainer  
Miller Johnson

*If you have an idea for a speaker/topic session, please feel free to contact any of the conference committee members:*

Shina Boyd (NALS of Detroit)  
Tyrone Butler (NALS of Detroit)  
Laleise Curtiss (NALS of Detroit)  
Renee Draper (NALS of Detroit)  
Debra Guilbeaux (NALS of Detroit)  
Gayle Lawson (NALS of Detroit)  
Dolores Oliver, PLS (NALS of Lansing)  
Myria Ross (NALS of Detroit)



The conference exhibitor/vendor and sponsorship prospectus is available now online at:

<https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nals.org/resource/resmgr/NALS-2020-Prospectus.pdf>

You may even purchase and pay online.

Cathy Zackery, CLP (NALS of Greater Kalamazoo)  
Kathy Rood (NALS of Lansing)  
Stephanie Temple (NALS of Lansing)

Conference Hotel: Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport 8000 Merriman Road Romulus, MI 48174  
Make your room reservation! \$119 King or Double Room (Room block available until 9/29/2020 or until all reserved rooms are sold).

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1571068968514&key=GRP&app=resvlink&fbclid=IwAR2OVBSNTNijUii7sAk6hmD8xhr9R2e0aK3XyeLiLlOVw2y7tQjr01Vle3U>

## Certification Committee

Just a quick reminder that NALS offers CLE – some for FREE! So while you are staying at home and need something to do, you can always watch/listen to a webinar. Just log into your NALS account, go to the Member Portal, scroll down to the Certification & Education section and go to Webinars. You will find dozens of interesting webinars that you can watch/listen to and earn CLE credit.

Another way to earn FREE CLE is to take the monthly quizzes. These are posted on the NALS Social Link page. The April 2020 CLE Quiz is on the Code of Hammurabi. To take the quiz, make sure you are logged in to your NALS account so you will get credit. You can take the quiz as many times as you need to. To get started, go to:

<https://www.nals.org/surveys/?id=1420823>

And don't forget about the Spring @Law 2020 quiz. Again, remember to log in to your NALS account so you will get credit.

Go to: [https://www.nals.org/surveys/?id=Quiz\\_Spring\\_2020](https://www.nals.org/surveys/?id=Quiz_Spring_2020)

## National Online Membership Meeting

On March 14, 2020 there was an online membership meeting where the new board members were introduced as well as the new staff members at RGI. To view the slides, the Q&A session transcript, and to listen to the recording of this meeting, go to:

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nals.org/resource/resmgr/committees/nals\\_membership\\_meeting\\_3.14.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nals.org/resource/resmgr/committees/nals_membership_meeting_3.14.pdf)

<https://vimeo.com/398082157>

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nals.org/resource/resmgr/committees/board/935542627\\_-\\_qa\\_report.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nals.org/resource/resmgr/committees/board/935542627_-_qa_report.pdf)

If you have any difficulty opening these links, please log into your NALS account, go to the Member Portal, and then to the tab titled “NALS Board Minutes” where you will find these links along with links for past meetings.

## Finance Committee

### Benefit fundraising program

[www.benefit-mobile.com](http://www.benefit-mobile.com)

All you need to do is download the App (for I-phone or Android), select “NALS of Michigan” as the beneficiary, purchase a gift card and a portion of the proceeds goes to NALS of Michigan. You don’t need to purchase gift cards just to give as gifts – you can purchase a gift card for yourself prior to going shopping or out to dinner. You’ll be spending that same amount of money anyway, so why not help our organization at the same time. A few examples of participating retailers are Applebees, Bath & Body Works, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Burger King, K-Mart, Lowes, Old Navy, Panera, Petco, Starbucks, Target, Staples, Walmart, Home Depot, Whole Foods, and Zappos.

**If you are not sure how to use this mobile App, go to the NALS of Michigan Facebook page and watch the video.**

### Logo Items

Does your chapter need gifts and/or prizes for upcoming events? Consider purchasing some NALS of Michigan logo items to give away. Prices have been reduced, so these items won’t last long. **To order a logo item, please contact Lynn Philp at [lphilp@wnj.com](mailto:lphilp@wnj.com).**

<p>Mugs \$10.00 each</p> 	<p>Greeting Cards \$2.00 per pack or \$5.00 for 3 packs</p> <p>(Perfect for sending to your NALS PALS)</p> 
<p>Fidget Spinners \$2.00 each</p> 	<p>Blue Tooth Speakers \$10.00 each</p> 

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