



2021 FALL TBPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Message from the TBPA President,
Yvonne DeAntoneo

Dear TBPA Members and Guests:

Important Seminar News! The TBPA Seminar scheduled later this month on November 19, 2021, has been rescheduled to the early spring on Friday, March 11, 2022 due to concerns with the lingering COVID pandemic.

Registration remains to be open with our registrant numbers growing daily. We know this will be a successful event – just rescheduled when hopefully we are in a safer state with the pandemic. Those of you who have already registered will be receiving a special email regarding the rescheduled event. **The TBPA Seminar will be held in-person on Friday, March 11, 2022 at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park with the same speakers, topics and theme "Paralegals vs. The Pandemic: Our Power & Positivity!"** Please be assured that the CDC guidelines and local protocols will remain in place for safety, including the Hilton Carillon Park's Pandemic Protocols for Safety and Sanitation, so we can host the Annual Seminar this coming spring. **If you want to register now to ensure a seat at the TBPA Seminar, please click on [this link](#) to go to the Seminar Registration Event for details.**

Also, TBPA's in-person Monthly CLE Lunch and Learns have been well received and attended by local paralegals and supporting service sustaining members. Due to some unforeseen logistics, we are no longer able to provide you with recorded presentations of the Monthly Lunch & Learns. Should this change, we will let you know. For our safety, the University Club is offering a safe environment with protocols in place separating our event in a separate function room away from other events hosted at the University Club. We hope you will join us this coming month for the Annual Membership Meeting as well as our December Holiday Event. Please go to our main webpage www.TBPA.org for details of any upcoming events.

TBPA is looking for new board members for the incoming 2022 Board of Directors. If you are interested in becoming more active with our Association, please consider a

Director or Officer position. Please reach out to me via President@tbpa.org or our President Elect, Melissa Cook via presidentelect@tbpa.org with your interest. We will be accepting Nominations from the Floor during the upcoming Annual Meeting should you missed the initial deadline this past month for submitting your Declaration for Candidacy.

Our 2022 Membership Renewals are now due. You should have received an email for renewing effective January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. If not, please go to our website and you will see an active notification of dues pending. Should you have any questions or need further assistance regarding your TBPA Membership, please contact our Membership Chair & 2nd Vice President via membership@tbpa.org.

We are hopeful that the Community Service, Pro Bono Events and Certification Preparation Events will be resuming soon since many of TBPA Members have been asking about ways to get involved with these committees as well or by simply joining us at an event in making a difference in the lives of others. We will send announcements on these events once we have dates. Remember, by joining a committee or being involved at an event, you make a difference. It is a great way to network with other members, connect to your peers and build strong relationships. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you like. We have a committee for any interest and skill level.

And to continue keeping you all up to date, here are a few important announcements:

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS FROM OUR STATE AND NATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

NFPA 2021 Convention was held virtually on October 7-10, 2021 via the host location of Portland, Oregon "Nurture, Flourish, Participate, and Aspire in Portland!" We will release information regarding future NFPA events, including the Region III Meeting which will be held in Tampa next Spring! You may also look on the NFPA website www.Paralegals.org for other matters of interests.

FAPA 2022 Seminar has been scheduled for May 14, 2022 as a hybrid in-person and virtual event at the Keiser University Ft. Myers Campus. Many of our TBPA Members do attend these quality seminars, so we will keep you informed.

CALL FOR CLE SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS:

There is still availability for Sponsors and Exhibitors at our 2022 Seminar! We invite any of our Legal Service Vendors to sign up today! This is a great opportunity to market your business, especially enduring the reopening of businesses across the Tampa Bay area. Interested vendors may download the [TBPA Seminar Prospectus](#) (soon to be updated for 2022). Also, you may reach out to Valerie Cisco, our 1st Vice President, via seminar@tbpa.org for details.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME:

We welcome all Guests to join TBPA and enjoy the many benefits TBPA Membership offers. If you know of any fellow paralegals in the community who are not yet members of TBPA, please let them know about our legal association and ask them to please check out our Membership webpage for details. They may contact our Membership Chair at membership@tbpa.org with any questions.

Don't forget to join/like the TBPA Facebook page and LinkedIn group page. Just click on the icons in this email and you will be linked to those website pages.

Thank you, be well and stay safe!

Sincerely,
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