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Paralegal PERSPECTIVES

Inside the Paralegal Association of Rochester Inc. board

Our Paralegal Association of Rochester president, Jane M. Gorski, approached me and asked if I could write an article for the Daily Record. We brainstormed a few ideas and we thought it would be beneficial to discuss the PAR board. The president of the PAR board is a visible position, along with the National Federation of Associations (NFPA) representative. But there are many other PAR positions that aren't so visible; collectively, they keep the organization running and making it a success and a benefit for its members.

In addition to our executive officers, president, president elect, secretary and treasurer, there are other board positions — including membership, public relations, employment, education and marketing. We also have a pro bono coordinator in charge of facilitating pro bono opportunities in the legal community. The PAR board also has special committees throughout the year to work on specific PAR events or projects.

Having been a member of PAR for several years, I decided to take a chance and run for a position on the board, specifically co-chair membership, and I was fortunate enough to be elected and joined the board last May.

Since that time I have learned much



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more about what PAR is and the work that we do. There are board members who represent PAR on a state level with the Empire State Alliance of Paralegal Associations Inc. (ESAPA) and a national level with the National Federation of Paralegals Association Inc. (NFPA). PAR hosts several seminars throughout the year that provide our members with the chance to learn about all kinds of legal subjects. We have covered the ethical use of paralegals, the ins and outs of collections and how to e-file, just to name a few. Coming up on Feb. 2, from 4 to 5 p.m. we are offering a tour of the Monroe County Crime Lab, which is one of the coolest tours I have ever been on. This is offered to both members and nonmembers, so if you are interested please go to our website and register: www.rochesterparalegal.org.

PAR also has the incredible opportunity to host the NFPA 2019 Annual Convention here in Rochester. We are extremely excited about the event and



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hope to see many of you there. We will be providing more information in the months to come.

I enjoy being a part of the PAR board — and being a part of its contributions to the legal community. I look forward to its future endeavors.

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