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Calendar of Events

January:

- 1/5 - NYCPA Board Meeting
- TBD - CLE Class

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Dear Members & Readers,

NYCPA thanks all new and renewed members and welcomes all to the first issue of **Paralegal Buzz**.

Committee News

Membership Committee

With the New Year begins a new NYCPA membership term, please note that all memberships run from Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2010 -- due to our nonprofit tax status. Current members should be renewed as of Jan 1, 2010 -- if not, please renew at www.nyc-pa.org/member-application.

Membership levels:

1. Active/voting members: \$100.00
2. Associate members: \$75.00
3. Student members: \$50.00

For more info and application hard copies contact:
membership@nyc-pa.org or nycpaparalegals@gmail.com.

ESAPA Committee

SPACE NEEDED

NYCPA will host Empire State Alliance of Paralegal Associations (ESAPA) upcoming conference on Saturday, Jan 30 here in NYC but still needs a meeting space for 20 - 25 people including ESAPA representatives and NYCPA guest members. Please contact Jacqueline DuBoulay **ASAP**, if your office has a conference room available, in order to permit the representatives to make travel arrangements.

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Q & A Corner

Q: Please tell me about the new member “welcome package”?

A: Members who signup & pay via our website receive an e-mail with a link to our “welcome package” (membership documents). Memberships paid by check must first wait for the check to clear.

All members may download membership documents our “[welcome package](#)” at any time.

For questions, contact Jessica at membership@nyc-pa.org.

Thank you
Jacqueline DuBoulay
esapaprimary@nyc-pa.org

To attend RSVP Jacqueline by Jan 19 -- space is LIMITED! Dress code is business-casual.

Career Center

NYCPA thanks all its sponsors who supported us in 2009, a year that presented many challenges such as our job bank, recruitment, and advertising. To help our members and sponsors during these rough times, we suspended our requirement that all jobs be posted on our Job Bank. We are proud to announce that we have restored our Job Bank incorporating it in our [Career Center](#) -- available to all members – here are a few highlights:

- Post an online resume
- View jobs
- Personal job alert
- Create JobSeeker account - allows you to find jobs, manage your resumes, and set up job alerts.
- Read career tips in our mentor blog
- LexisNexis Martindale & Hubbell's law firm search engine.

Please note it is necessary to create a username and password separate from your NYCPA username and password.

[JOIN now](#), become a member to enjoy all members' benefits!

NFPA Announcements

NFPA 2010 NFPA TECH INSTITUTE™

On March 26 and 27, 2010, NFPA will present its Tech Institute, **Technically Speaking**, at the Doubletree Hotel-San Jose in San Jose, CA. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore ways to use the technology at hand, and learn new skills. Technology products and services will also be featured in an interactive trade show.

[2010 TechInstitute](#)

NFPA APPROVAL OF A BASIC PROFICIENCY EXAM

Edmonds, WA, December 2009

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Share the good news with our community and please get involved!**

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At the 2009 Annual Policy Meeting, the NFPA delegates voted to approve the development and implementation of a Basic Proficiency Exam.

The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, the Leader of the Paralegal Profession, has begun developing an entry-level exam for newly graduating paralegals to test their skills, knowledge and ability.

This is great news for students graduating from a paralegal program, paralegals just entering the work force, and other paralegals who may not yet qualify for a state certification exam or PACE, NFPA's Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam.

[BasicProficiencyExam](#)

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Member Spotlight

Every month NYCPA features a member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the workplace, or in their paralegal studies. NYCPA seeks candidates who show leadership, creativity, a dedication to community service, and/or outstanding academic performance. We invite colleagues, supervisors, professors, and yourselves to nominate a paralegal or paralegal student, who exhibits exceptional practice in the workplace or classroom for this special honor. Fill out our nomination form at www.nyc-pa.org/member-spotlight-nomination-form