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Before I get into my report I would like to remind members of two important matters:

First, by now you have received your ballot from NALS. The ballots are due back to the Resource Center by **October 29, 2007**. If you are unsure who to vote for, you can find the candidates' qualifications online at www.nals.org/candidates/. There are three very good reasons to vote: 1) we have two NALS of Michigan members who are running and need our support (even though they are unopposed): Kathie Amirante, PP, PLS, for Marketing Director and Marion Stone, PP, PLS, for Region 3 Director; 2) your vote determines the outcome of the election; and 3) the region casting the most ballots will receive one free paid registration to the March 2008 Professional Development & Educational Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Please do not let this opportunity pass without voting; this is your association.

Second, the deadline for contributing money for purchase of a wall tile is approaching. The deadline for NALS to receive a member's full contribution is **November 15, 2007**. Members purchasing their tile by the deadline date will have their tile displayed on the recognition wall at the grand opening in March 2008. Members wanting to make a general donation can do so and their name will be recognized on a framed poster in the new building. Making a donation is a great way to give back to our Association.

Now, on to business.

On July 14, 2007 I attended NALS of Detroit's Third Annual Family & Friends Summer Outing at Al and Nancy Lopez's alpaca farm. There were approximately 18 people total and the light rain did not dampen our spirits as we visited with each other and learned about the alpacas. The only thing I knew before the visit was that alpaca wool is friendly to people with allergies. I left the farm feeling fully informed about the alpacas. We had a great time that day.

I volunteered at the National Governors' Conference (NGC) in Acme, Michigan, on July 19-22, 2007. I worked along side a long-time NGC volunteer and several NGC staff members (all from Washington) at the photo ID station. We took pictures of conference attendees ranging from the governors and some family members, the various news media, and the sponsors. It was an enjoyable experience. Jan VandenBerg, ALS, and Dorothy Grant, PP, volunteered and were placed in other areas and we worked different shifts.

I attended the Region 3 Retreat on August 10-12, 2007 in Austinburg, OH. The education was great, especially the Maritime Law. NALS Executive Director Tammy Hailey, CAE, was present at the retreat. Next year's Region 3 Retreat will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, July 18-19, 2008. The format will be much

different than in the past. The event starts on Friday evening with a Welcome Party with dinner (7-10 p.m.) and ends Saturday (by 5 p.m.) with the Foundation Auction.

I worked at the State Bar Annual Meeting September 27-28, 2007 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This year (and next year) the State Bar teamed up with ICLE and they had programs continuously running. I want to thank Debra Pieczynski, PP, PLS, for the great job she did coordinating our participation in the event. Deb procured for us, and this is the first time ever, a half page ad which was placed midway in the program. The majority of the volunteers were provided light blue NALS shirts to wear. I also want to thank volunteer members Gloria Gonzales, Jan M. Olexa, PP, PLS, CPS, Teri M. Garber, PLS, Annette L. Jeltema, PLS, Linda, McCullough, ALS, Yvonne D. Pettaway, Cameo Johnson, Karen N. Shively, PP, PLS, CLA, Cynthia A. Comer, PP, Amber Zemaitis, ALS, Becky Quimby, Sherri J. Bowden, PLS, Karen R. Elgersma, Cynthia M. Landon, PLS, Tonya Mashue, Annie L. Galvin, and Mary Miller. The members did an outstanding job serving in whatever capacity was needed by the State Bar, in addition to taking turns manning the NALS of Michigan booth. Ruth Schaub, PP, PLS, did a great job providing the material for the NALS of Michigan booth and thank you to Jan Olexa, PP, PLS, CPS, for her efforts with the NALS of Michigan booth. Deb Pieczynski, PP, PLS, drew names from the fish bowl and the winners of the wine were: Legal Assistant Maurine Payne with Lewis & Munday of Detroit and Cinda Everhart at Law Office of J. Michael Hickox of Highland, Michigan; congratulations to them. Next year's State Bar Annual Meeting and ICLE seminars will be held September 17-19, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan. The State Bar was very appreciative of our efforts.

An Executive Committee was held on Friday, October 5, 2007. I have prepared agendas for the Executive Committee meeting, the Board of Governors meeting, the Scholarship Trustee meeting, and an article for *The Official Record*.

Due to the mandatory training for the National Governors' Conference I had to miss the July online session for state and local presidents and president-elects.

I have been in contact with the Executive Committee on various matters. The Chapter Presidents will meet during the lunch hour before the Board of Governors meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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