

Tiva Wood and Ed Varallo Appointed to Project Steno Board of Directors

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The Project Steno board of directors recently added two well-known authorities from the court reporting profession. Tiva Wood and Ed Varallo are the first two additions to the board of Project Steno since the organization's founding in 2017. They will play key leadership roles in defining and implementing strategy while serving as ambassadors and advocates for the court reporting profession.

Tiva Wood served as 2016-2017 president of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). She is a freelance reporter in Pennsylvania, having previously served for 37 years as an Official Reporter with the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas, the final 12 years as chief reporter. Tiva has held many leadership positions within NCRA, including chair of the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF). She is a Registered Diplomate Reporter (RDR), a Certified Manager of Reporting Services (CMRS), and a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters. "I spent six years on the NCRA board, and during that time the urgent need for our profession to concentrate our collective energies on recruiting the next generation of court reporters became crystal clear," said Wood. "We all have a role to play in that effort, and I'm pleased to join the team that's leading the way."

Ed Varallo is a legend in court reporting, best known as a six-time NCRA National Speed Champion. Ed is an author in the field and a frequent seminar presenter. Indeed, he literally wrote the book on realtime reporting. Ed is a Registered Merit Reporter (RMR) and Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), and a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters. In 2007, Ed was the recipient of NCRA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. "I went straight from high school into court reporting, and have enjoyed a rewarding 50-year career in the profession," said Varallo. "I still love what I do! Through Project Steno, I want to help open the eyes of today's young people to the wonderful career opportunities court reporting has to offer."

About Project Steno

Project Steno is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization and operates entirely on a not-for-profit basis. In January 2018 Project Steno launched its program of tuition assistance and placed its first students in court reporting school. To date, Project Steno has received almost \$300,000 in pledges and contributions from the court reporting community! With the manifest enthusiasm of court reporters everywhere, Project Steno continues to raise funds to promote widespread awareness of our unique profession and create a robust pipeline of students into court reporting schools and graduates into the field. Learn more at www.ProjectSteno.org.