

Project Steno Announces Changes to the Board

James DeCrescenzo steps down. William E. Weber is appointed President of Project Steno.

July 1, 2024

Jim DeCrescenzo, one of Project Steno's five founding members and its first and only president, has stepped down. Since 2017 Jim's vision, leadership, and strategic direction have contributed immeasurably to the success of Project Steno's mission. He will be missed.

Effective July 1, 2024, another founder and longtime board secretary, William E. Weber of Bethel Park PA, is our new president. "There isn't space enough for me to tell you what an amazing leader Jim has been," says Weber. "We can never replace him, but our team will be working tirelessly to carry on his legacy of enlightened leadership."

"Bill's energetic advocacy for stenographic court reporting has been second to none. As president, his optimism and can-do spirit are ideal for leading our organization forward," says Nancy Varallo, Project Steno's Executive Director.

Longtime board member Tiva Wood will move into the role of secretary. Two members of Project Steno's advisory council, Lacy Kern and Katie Otuyelu, are also moving up to the board.

Biographical details of our board members and advisory council can be found here: [Leadership - Project Steno](#).

About Project Steno

Founded in 2017, Project Steno is an independent, non-affiliated organization that relies entirely on financial support from the court reporting community. Its goals are to:

- Promote the stenographic reporting profession and recruit promising students;
- Create incentives for students to reach speed milestones through the Merit Awards Program;
- Track performance of students who graduate in two years through data collection and analysis.

Project Steno (full legal name Project to Advance Stenographic Reporting, Inc.) holds 501(c)3 status as a charitable organization. It operates entirely on a not-for-profit basis to raise funds to promote awareness of our unique profession and offer financial support to promising court reporter students. Learn more at <http://ProjectSteno.org>.