

# STENOCON 2026

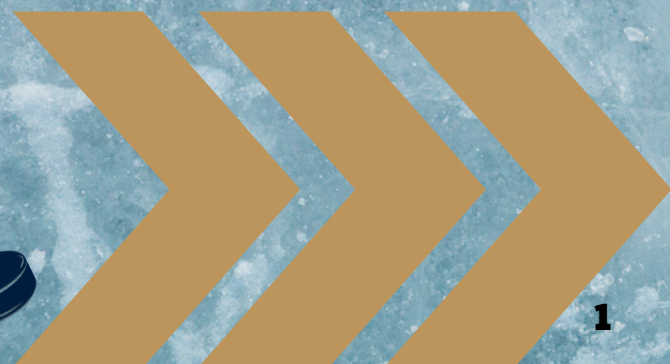
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## AGENDA



Tampa Marriott Water Street  
June 26 - 28, 2026



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## Welcome Message

Welcome to STENOCON 2026, "Our Hat Trick: Reliable, Responsive, Respectful; Set Up for the Win!"

As always, our convention committee has worked diligently to orchestrate a worthwhile lineup right in my backyard at the amazing Tampa Marriott Water Street. We will also be able to utilize the amenities at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street right across the street during your stay.

As a local, I hope you're able to take some time to visit my hometown. As your tour guide, I would suggest a stroll right outside the hotel front door down to the Riverwalk or pick up a water taxi for a sunset ride up the Hillsborough River to Armature Works. Catch a trolley down to Ybor City for a glass of sangria and a 1905 salad at Florida's oldest restaurant, the Columbia, and get to know Tampa's deep cigar culture at J.C. Newman. Right in the Channelside District is the Tampa Bay History Center, the Florida Aquarium and Benchmark International Arena, home of the three-time Stanley Cup Champion Tampa Bay Lightning. Don't forget Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, less than 25 minutes from downtown.

I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the weekend and at the President's Party. Please do not hesitate to seek me out to say, "Hi!"

Again, welcome to Tampa.

Elizabeth W. Chorrushi, RPR, FPR-C  
FCRA President



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## AGENDA

Subject to Change  
NCRA 1.7 CEUs  
NVRA 17.0 CEs

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Early Bird Check-In Open

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### FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration Check-In Open  
Exhibitor Hall Open  
TICKExTravaganza Room Open

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

FPR-C Exam – Meeting Room 4  
Practice room opens at 7:30 AM  
Exam given at 8:00 AM SHARP



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## FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 - CONTINUED

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CONCURRENT SESSION 1 – Salon A-D

**Eclipse: Workflows That Work**

Trainer: Ashli Van Dyke

.65 NCRA CEUs | 6.5 NVRA CEs

*This full-day training session is designed to help court reporters maximize efficiency and accuracy by leveraging Eclipse's built-in tools for translation, editing, realtime output, and transcript production. Participants will explore workflow-driven techniques that improve first-pass translation quality, streamline editing, and enhance production from capture through final delivery. Topics will include foundational system management, backup and preservation of user settings and dictionaries, translation optimization tools such as Auto-Brief and Translation Magic, realtime and captioning setup, dictionary organization strategies, audio management techniques, and workflow-enhancing features including Boost, Boost Flow, Boost Edit, and commonly used Eclipse plugins. Through practical, real-world applications, attendees will gain strategies to improve consistency, reduce cleanup time, and strengthen overall reporting workflow efficiency across a variety of reporting environments.*



### BREAKS

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Lunch on Your Own 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Snack Break with Exhibitors 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 - CONTINUED

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CONCURRENT SESSION 2 – Salon E  
**Case CATalyst Software Training**  
Trainer: Pam Szczecinski  
.65 NCRA CEUs | 6.5 NVRA CEs

*This session will explore advanced techniques and productivity tools within Windows and Case CATalyst to help court reporters improve efficiency and realtime performance. Attendees will learn practical Windows tips, including system optimization, keyboard shortcuts, mouse tricks, file organization, and display settings tailored to the unique workflow of stenographic professionals. The session will also cover powerful dictionary management features in Case CATalyst, including filter commands, high-frequency word analysis, briefing strategies, and Autoinclude tools to strengthen translation accuracy.*

*Additional topics include useful realtime commands for on-the-fly text cleanup, number conversion, capitalization shortcuts, untranslated steno assistance, and live suggestion features. Participants will also gain insight into Stenograph technical support resources, including best practices for obtaining assistance and navigating the online Solution Center. The session concludes with editing techniques designed for fast-paced proceedings and difficult audio, highlighting efficient text insertion methods such as EZ-Text, personal globals, and speaker lists, along with strategies for quickly correcting transcript text during editing.*

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026 - CONTINUED

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thomas Hughes Memorial Realtime Challenge – Meeting Room 4  
Practice Room Open at 5:00 PM  
Contest begins at 5:30 PM SHARP

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5:00 PM - 7:00 PM “Pucks and Pints” Reporter Networking Happy Hour – Grand Ballroom Foyer

## SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Registration Check-In Open  
TICKExTravaganza Room Open  
Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM SESSION 3 – Salon E  
**Grammar & Punctuation Refresher  
with a Margie Wakeman Wells Focus**  
Speaker: Heidi Homerding  
0.10 NCRA CEUs | 1.0 NVRA CEs

*Heidi will give a refresher on grammar and punctuation with a focus on Margie Wakeman Wells’s rules and discuss recent changes and things even veteran reporters miss.*

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM SESSION 4 – Salon E  
**Boots on the Ground: Legislative Updates from the Front Lines**  
Speaker: Ninette Butler, RMR, CRR, CRC, RSA, FPR-C, & Panel  
0.10 NCRA CEUs | 1.0 NVRA CEs

*An informative panelist discussion regarding the impact of Legislative Boot Camps, both at the national and state levels. Panelists will give a briefing on the latest developments of bills currently in motion and how it affects our profession.*

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10:00 AM - 10:15 AM      Snack Break with Exhibitors

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10:15 AM - 11:15 PM

SESSION 5 – Salon E

### **Optimizing Travel Meal Deductions**

Speaker: Fernando Torres

0.10 NCRA CEUs | 1.0 NVRA CEs

*This session will provide a comprehensive overview of how to utilize travel meals for the purpose of tax deductions. You will learn how to properly document your expenses and how to maximize reimbursement. For clients who frequently travel for business, maximizing allowable deductions is crucial. The session shows businesses how to ensure clients are reimbursed correctly and take advantage of all possible deductions without risking non-compliance.*

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

SESSION 6 – Salon E

### **P-O-P: Promoting Our Profession at Career Fairs, College Expos & Legal Conferences**

Speaker: Margary Rogers, RPR, CRI, Realtime Systems Administrator

0.10 NCRA CEUs | 1.0 NVRA CEs

*Join us for an engaging and insightful seminar designed to equip you with the tools and strategies to effectively promote the profession of stenography at career fairs, college expos, and legal conferences. Whether you're a seasoned stenographer, a recent graduate, or an industry advocate, this session will provide valuable ready-to-go resources for showcasing the unique and critical role stenographers play in the legal and business worlds.*

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026 - CONTINUED

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM

Break with Exhibitors

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

SESSION 7 – Salon E

**FCRA Annual Business Meeting Luncheon, Installation of Officers/Directors, and NCRA Update**

0.00 CEUs

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2:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Break with Exhibitors

2:15 PM - 4:15 PM

SESSION 8 – Salon E

**Overtime Earnings: Maximizing Every Transcript Opportunity**

Speaker: Katiana Walton

0.20 NCRA CEUs | 2.0 NVRA CEs

*Topics include self-advocacy, negotiation, and income optimization for court reporters. Attendees will receive templates, scripts, and examples for client communication, rate negotiation, and expanding revenue opportunities.*

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

**Last Call for Tickets!**

Refreshments with Exhibitors

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

“Goal Diggers” Reception & TICKExTravaganza - Grand Ballroom Foyer

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026 - CONTINUED**

A large, rounded rectangular image with a gold border. It depicts a stadium at night, viewed from a low angle on the field. The stadium is filled with spectators, and the field is brightly lit by a series of powerful spotlights that create a dramatic, hazy atmosphere. The lights are arranged in several rows, with the most prominent ones being large, bright spotlights that cast long, glowing beams across the field. The overall color palette is dominated by the cool blues and whites of the stadium lights, with the dark silhouettes of the stands and the field in the foreground.

*President's*  
**PENALTY  
BOX BASH**  
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Salon E

Dress Code: Classy Cocktail with a Team Spirit Twist – wear your favorite team's colors or elevate your favorite jersey for a championship-worthy look.

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## Sunday, June 28, 2026

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Registration Check-In Open  
Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

SESSION 9 – Salon E

### **Back on the Ice: Overcoming Steno Burnout**

Speaker: Katiana Walton

0.20 NCRA CEUs | 2.0 NVRA CEs

*Move from drained to driven. Learn to spot burnout early, rebuild motivation, and reconnect your reporting skills with your personal passions to design a sustainable and fulfilling career.*

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Refreshment Break

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

SESSION 10 – Salon E

### **Elevated Embers: Building Community Through Health and Cold**

Speaker: Nate Hammond

0.10 NCRA CEUs | 1.0 NVRA CEs

*Elevated Embers: Building Community Through Heat and Cold explores how intentionally shared discomfort—through sauna and cold plunge—creates a rare kind of connection that most modern environments lack. In a world where work is often isolated and transactional, these experiences bring people into the same physical and mental space, breaking down barriers and accelerating trust. The talk will show how contrast—heat and cold, stress and stillness—doesn't just build resilience individually, but forges stronger communities collectively. Drawing from the Elevated Embers model, it highlights how simple, structured environments can turn wellness into a shared ritual, where presence, conversation, and connection naturally emerge.*

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

Refreshment Break

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 - CONTINUED

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

SESSION 11 – Salon E

**What Every Stenographer Needs to Know About CLVS Standards**

Speaker: Joel Freedman, CLVS

0.10 NCRA CEUs | 1.0 NVRA CEs

*You have almost certainly worked alongside a legal videographer. You may have watched one set up lights, adjust microphones, and stare intently at a monitor while you quietly wondered what, exactly, they were doing over there and whether any of it had anything to do with you. The answer, it turns out, is yes — quite a lot of it, actually. The NCRA's CLVS standards govern everything from how many microphones must be in the room to what happens when counsel can't agree on going off the record, and a surprising number of those standards have direct implications for your transcript, your record, and your ability to do your job well. This session exists because most likely nobody told you any of this, and it seemed like time someone did. Over 90 minutes, CLVS certified videographer Joel Freedman will walk you through the standards that matter most — not as a recitation of rules, but as a practical guide to what you should be watching for, what you're entitled to ask for, and how a great working relationship with your videographer makes both records stronger. You'll leave knowing why the videographer is fiddling with the lights, what to do when audio goes sideways, how on- and off-the-record transitions are supposed to work for both of you, and more. It will be useful. It will be entertaining. And unlike a considerable number of professional development sessions, it will not make you wish you had chosen the one about software updates instead.*



1:00 PM

Conference Adjourns



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