

FCRA Committees

Arlene P. Sommers Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education

The purpose of the award is to honor with a monetary gift each year the person (or persons) who, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of FCRA or a special committee appointed by the Board of Directors, as a court reporting educator has displayed the highest ethical and moral standards and who has made the greatest contribution during the year in the education of court reporting students.

Charter & Bylaws Committee

Review all changes, additions, and deletions to the Policies & Procedures manual for conflict and/or conformity with the charter and bylaws.

Convention Committee

The duties of this committee shall include, but not limited to, the planning and coordination of FCRA's annual convention.

Schools Committee

Distribute scholarship information and applications to all known training program and schools and request posting of the same with availability of application to students. Send the members of the committee into their geographic areas for school visits to inform students and teachers what FCRA is doing for them and to seek new members.

Aid in locating student volunteer assistance for seminars and convention (i.e., student scholarships).

Courts Committee

Act as a liaison between the official reporters in court and the court administration to further FCRA's goals and policies.

Emily Mann Distinguished Service Award

Bestow this award to an FCRA member who possesses exceptional qualifications and experience in the field of shorthand or voice reporting while contributing in a meritorious manner to the welfare of FCRA and has served the association in two categories outlined in the policies and procedures manual.

Fundraising Committee

Shall plan, promote, and coordinate at least one major fundraising event at the annual convention any other fundraising activities deemed necessary (i.e., Text to Give or PAC contribution drive).

Florida Professional Reporter Magazine

Create content, including articles, with general interest information for the membership and promote a variety of FCRA opinions from member perspectives.

Work with the editor to create the layout of the magazine and publish it at least twice a year, per FCRA's policies and procedures.

Government Relations Committee

Address issues related to proposed legislation or issues directly affecting the steno/voice membership through interactions and communications with legislators and FCRA lobbyists.

Nominating Committee

Review the nominations for any open board positions for the following service year.

Conduct interviews of Board nominees and vote to select the slate of candidates to be approved at FCRA's annual convention.

Placement Committee

Aid students and reporters new to the State of Florida by connecting them with firm owners in their geographical area.

Educate the reporter on the requirements to work in Florida, including taking, passing, and maintaining the FPR/FPR-C.

Professional Ethics

Answer questions sent in by members concerning how to handle on-the-job situations and scenarios in a professional manner.

Pro Bono Committee

Select a recipient to receive the Michael Greenhill Pro Bono Award to be presented at FCRA's annual convention for performing pro bono activities (not paid work) over the course of the year.

Public Relations Committee

Call upon members of the Bar and judiciary in every district and use all means within their ability to promote the goals of FCRA.

Realtime/Testing Committee

Create, administer, and grade the FPR-C (whether live or through a testing company/platform).

Create, administer and grade the Thomas Hughes Memorial Challenge (whether live or through a testing company/platform).

Secure a sponsor to purchase awards (First, second and third place for both Q & A and Literary as well as the overall winner award.)

Present awards to the top three finishers in each leg and the overall winner during the President's award dinner at FCRA's annual convention.

Social Media/Technology Committee

Working with FCRA's Executive Director, keep the FCRA website updated about events and important dates on FCRA's website.

Post approved items to various social media websites that promote FCRA's mission and directives.

Items to be posted to any platform should be approved by the President or President-Elect of FCRA before posting.