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Virginia Court Reporters Association

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VCRA -- STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Stenograph has made the business decision to no longer enroll students in Prince Institute. They will continue to offer webinar training. This is disheartening news, especially on the heels of the closure of the Court Reporting Program at Arlington Career Institute in northern Virginia. (VCRA continuously receives inquiries of what court reporting courses are available in Virginia.) This is all the more reason for court reporters in Virginia to band together to strengthen our voice and to defend, preserve, and sustain our profession.

I urge you to join the Virginia Court Reporters Association. We've all heard the saying there is power in numbers. Whether it concerns VCRA's attempt at TRAIN program development, activating committees, or considering mandatory certification, it cannot be successful without the camaraderie, united voice, input, and support of court reporters in our state.

We can no longer afford to be complacent and stand by and not be proactive. To do so only ensures future closures and a decrease in student enrollment -- whether in a brick-and-mortar building or through an online learning program. Again, I urge you to join VCRA. Together we can learn how to cope with changes and determine the best way to grow. Your membership is important to our success and survival.

Membership applications are located on our website, <u>www.VCRA.net</u>. To be listed in the 2014/2015 VCRA Membership directory, membership fees need to be paid <u>by June 30, 2014</u>.

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Best Regards,

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