

PANV Committees

PANV has several committees for members to get involved and help direct activities and operations.

- Bylaws Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Membership Committee
- Website and Public Relations Committee
- Finance Committee
- Nominating Committee

PANV Meetings

The PANV Board meets nine times per year – all members are welcome to participate in these meetings. Annual meetings to hold elections and discuss business are held in June. Additionally, PANV hosts other events, such as holiday parties and the annual crab feast for the membership.

Why Join PANV?

- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Updates on paralegal profession
- ✓ Professional development, CLEs
- ✓ Employment and career support



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PANV Mission Statement

- Promote and advance the paralegal profession in Northern Virginia and surrounding areas.
- Educate practicing paralegals, paralegal students, attorneys, and the public regarding utilization of paralegals.
- Engage as liaison with bar associations and paralegal education programs.
- Maintain a high level of professional standards and ethics among membership.
- Foster continuing legal education among membership.
- Involve paralegals in shaping of guidelines affecting regulation and development of paralegals statewide.
- Provide a forum for exchange of viewpoints on matters of professional interest.
- Serve as a leading voice of the paralegal profession in Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Member Benefits

Strategic Alliance Benefits

PANV membership includes membership in the **National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)** (paralegals.org). Founded in 1974, NFPA was the first national paralegal association. NFPA includes approximately 50 member associations, including PANV, and has approximately 9,000 members. NFPA is a grass-roots organization. It is not a board-driven association; members direct the organization and determine policy.

NFPA member benefits include a subscription to *National Paralegal Reporter*, a bimonthly publication that includes articles on timely career issues and updates on legislative activities. NFPA membership also comes with discounts and special offers on office supplies, hotel and car rentals, and more. (Go to the NFPA website to view the current discounts.)

NFPA offers national paralegal credentialing: Paralegal CORE Competency Exam™ (PCCE®), to achieve the CP designation, and the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam® (PACE®) to achieve the RP designation. NFPA offers a study guide manual and online preparation courses for these exams. It also offers professional development opportunities, including online continuing legal education (CLE) classes.

NFPA members also have access to job postings on the NFPA website and the ability to confidentially post their resume on NFPA's Career Center. NFPA hosts annual as well as regional meetings.

PANV is also a member of the **Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations (VAPA)** (vaparalegalalliance.org), a nonprofit organization formed in 1989 representing 13 paralegal associations and area liaisons located in and around the Commonwealth. VAPA is best known for its biennial multiday CLE conferences and its work in obtaining the yearly Governor's proclamation of Paralegals' Week in October.

Career and Professional Opportunities

In addition to the professional and educational opportunities accessible through NFPA and VAPA, PANV is often contacted by employers seeking qualified paralegals for gainful employment. PANV passes this information on to our members via email. PANV members also have opportunities to become involved in pro bono projects, serve on national and state committees, participate in membership meetings, and attend board meetings. PANV membership offers numerous networking opportunities locally, statewide, and nationally with paralegals, attorneys, and other legal professionals.

Membership Dues

Active Member (voting)	\$80
Student Member (nonvoting)	\$40
Associate (nonvoting)	\$65
Corporate (nonvoting)	\$100

Download membership application at <https://panv.org/join-us>.