

❖ NCDTSEA NEWSLETTER ❖

CONFERENCE EDITION

February, 2026

A Message from Your NCDTSEA President Ms. Michelle Roberts

NCDTSEA Members

Thank you again for allowing me to be the President of the Association. Since April, we have accomplished several things. The main accomplishment is getting the committees together and running as stated in the Constitution. As any committee goes, we have members that are dropping off due to family matters and/or other commitments. If anyone would like to be on a Committee, feel free to contact me at spedtcher120@gmail.com. In order to have the whole state represented it is important to have a representative from each of our 6 districts/regions on each committee.

Committee's you can join and their Chairperson:

Auditing - Chair Jack Lister
Public Relations - Chair Mike Chappell
Constitutions and Bylaws - Chair Connie Sessoms
Nominating - Chair Dr. Ray Sparks
Membership - Chair Mike Jones
Study and Planning - Chair Karl Logan

Lindsay Jones, 1st Vice President, is working diligently to provide an amazing learning opportunity for all of us at our conference in April 2026. I hope that you have the date marked on your calendar:

April 23-25, 2026 at the Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons, NC

Wishing you all the BEST and I hope to see you at the 56th NCDTSEA Conference in April.

Michelle Roberts
NCDTSEA President

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SERA-ADTSEA Conference

The 2026 SERA-ADTSEA Conference will be held February 19-21, 2026 at the Sonesta Charlotte Lower South End at 5570 Westpark Drive, Charlotte NC 28217

The hotel phone number is:
877-504-5718

Registration can be made now.

If you are a SERA-ADTSEA member you should have received an email in Nov. 2025 with details.

2026 NCDTSEA Conference Registration Is Only Available Through Our Web Site!

To register for the 2026 conference you will have to go to our Website www.ncdtsea.com

This year you have 2 different ways to register through our website.

- 1- go to the website and download the registration material and mail it in.
- 2- go to the website and register and pay online

You can also download the Newsletter on the web-site.

2026 Annual ADTSEA Conference

The 70th Annual ADTSEA National Conference will be in Raleigh, NC
July 11 through July 15, 2026.

The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Raleigh Durham Research Triangle.
201-Harrison Oaks Boulevard
Cary NC 27513

The hotel phone is: 919-677-1840
Discount Code is 91Q

Not sure when your membership in the association expires?

Membership runs from one conference to another, April to April.

Renew your membership when you register for the 2026 Conference.

NCDTSEA Annual Golf Tournament

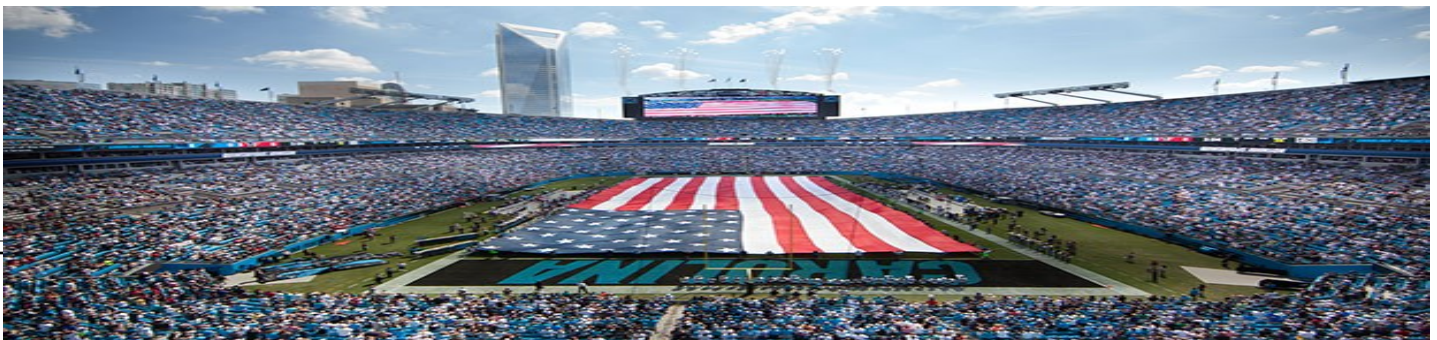
Our conference planners are making arrangements with one of the area Golf Courses to have a conference golf tournament on Thursday morning, April 23, 2026.

If you would like to come early and participate in this fun outing, please contact Mike Jones at 980-333-1532 or e-mail him at cowboymikejone11@gmail.com

There will be prizes awarded at predetermined holes for longest drive, closest to the hold etc. The green fee will be approximately \$85.00 per golfer or \$340.00 per team.

Renewal Credit

*The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association will be offering 12 contact hours for attendance at ALL sessions for this year's conference. If you attend the "Early Bird" session you will receive an additional .4 units or 4 hours of renewal credit for a total of 1.6 CEU's or 16 contact hours. *The NC DMV has implemented new requirements for accepting conference credits and we are not sure how this will effect you receiving credits with the DMV for this conference.*



56th Annual NCDTSEA Conference

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is pleased to announce its 56th Annual Conference to be held April 23rd through April 25th, 2026, at the Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons, North Carolina.

The "Early Bird" session will be held on April 23rd and 24th. One of the highlights of the "Early Bird" session will be a "Candlelight Dinner" along with entertainment on the night of April 23rd. You can return your registration for the "Early Bird" session along with your conference pre-registration and write one check. NCDTSEA 1st Vice President, Lindsay Jones has coordinated some wonderful entertainment for the evening.

Information to help with your room reservation can be found on page 8 of this newsletter or by going to our website, www.ncdtsea.com and then click on 2026 Conference Info and then on Lodging Info.

You can make your room reservation by calling the hotel. A block of rooms have been reserved for April 23—25, 2026. The special room rate will be available until Friday (**March 20th, 2026**) or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. The Village Inn room rate is \$110.00 per night plus taxes.

The conference registration fee is \$170 for pre-registration this year. This includes complete conference access plus three meals and breaks. Registration at the door will be \$300.

Lindsay Jones our 1st Vice President, has a lineup of outstanding speakers planned for the conference. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, fine food and take advantage of lots of information to carry back home with you from Clemmons.

See you at The Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons!

Ray Wyatt
Co-Executive Secretary

The official mailing address for our association and to return your registration form is:

NCDTSEA
Ray Anthony Wyatt,
NCDTSEA Executive Secretary
194 Serenity Lane
Lexington, NC 27295
Cell- 336-239-6602
Email– ncdtsea.exd@gmail.com
"Make it a Great Day or Not the Choice is Yours"!

A Message from our 1st Vice President

This years conference will be the 56th annual State Conference. My hope is to provide a conference that will be informative and insightful. I hope you will join us and enjoy the information that the speakers will bring and for you to take back to your students.

Lindsay Jones
NCDTSEA Vice President

2026 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

At the November 2025 Board of Directors Meeting the following decisions were made for registration and procedures for the 2026 conference to be held at the Village Inn Event Center on April 23rd—25th, 2026. Registration material is only available on our website— www.ncdtsea.com

Pre-registration will be \$170.00 total.

Registration at the door will be \$300.00 total.

Due by March 20, 2026

All conference attendees must be members of the association. When you register for the conference, you must also renew your membership and pay the annual dues. Therefore, for conference pre-registration, the following charges will be in effect:

Pre-Registration Before March 20, 2026

Retirees	\$170.00 Pre Registration 40.00 Membership Renewal \$210.00 Minimum	Active Members	\$170.00 Pre-Registration 40.00 Membership Renewal \$210.00 Minimum
Life Members	\$170.00 Pre-Registration \$170.00 Minimum	Non-Members	\$170.00 Conference 40.00 Membership \$210.00 Minimum

Registration After March 20, 2026 Or At The Door

Retirees	\$300.00 Registration 40.00 Membership Renewal \$340.00 Minimum	Active Members	\$300.00 Registration 40.00 Membership Renewal \$340.00 Minimum
Life Members	\$300.00 Registration \$300.00 Minimum	Non-Members	\$300.00 Conference 40.00 Membership \$340.00 Minimum



2026 NCDTSEA CONFERENCE
PRE-REGISTRATION
Village Inn Event Center
Clemmons, NC
April 23- April 25, 2026

Please complete the following and return to Ray Wyatt, NCDTSEA Executive Secretary, 194 Serenity Lane, Lexington, NC 27295 **BY FRIDAY, March 20, 2026** to pre-register for the conference! Please remember **you must be pre-registered to be guaranteed meal tickets.** Pre-Registrations after March 20th will be \$300.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
City State Zip Code

County: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Telephone #(_____) _____ Work Telephone #(_____) _____

Fill in appropriate area

I Work with—**School System:** _____

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

I Work with—**Driving School:** _____

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Area: Check One () Capital () Northeast () Northwest
 () South Piedmont () Southeast () West

Pre-Registration \$170.00 (\$300.00 After March 20th and at The Door)
 \$ _____

PLUS Membership or Membership Renewal is required for this Conference \$40.00 \$ _____
 (All Current Memberships do expire before the 2026 Conference.)

Will Attend Banquet Yes _____ No _____
 Will Attend Luncheon Yes _____ No _____
 Will Attend Breakfast Yes _____ No _____

Extra Banquet Tickets @ \$40.00 Each \$ _____

Extra Luncheon Tickets @ \$30.00 Each \$ _____

Extra Breakfast Tickets @ \$20.00 Each \$ _____

Retiree Membership \$40.00 \$ _____

Life Membership \$600.00 (Or Three Installments Of \$200.00) \$ _____

ADTSEA Membership (National) \$50.00 \$ _____

Early Bird (Includes Dinner) \$35.00 \$ _____

Extra Early Bird Dinner Tickets \$35.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed (**Make Check Payable To NCDTSEA**) \$ _____

Payment must include membership dues! Unless You are a Life Member

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS!



“Early Bird” Workshop and “Candlelight Dinner”

In response to your requests, your Board of Directors in conjunction with 1st Vice President Lindsay Jones, has arranged to provide an “Early Bird” workshop on Thursday afternoon, April 23rd from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. and to continue Friday morning, April 24th from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. You will be able to take advantage of excellent and relevant professional development on “Driver Education”. Each person who attends this workshop will receive valuable and useful information and will earn .4 units or 4 hours of renewal credit. The highlight of the “Early Bird” session this year will be a “Candlelight Dinner” at the Village Inn on Thursday night followed by entertainment. The total cost for the workshop which includes “Dinner” is \$35.00 per person. If you want to bring a guest to the dinner, the cost is an extra \$35.00 each. You don’t want to miss this opportunity, so come to Clemmons a day early, bring your spouse or significant other and join us for an evening of good food, fellowship and wonderful entertainment.

Early Bird Session Registration

In order to attend the “Early Bird” Session on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24, 2026, including the “Candlelight Dinner”, please complete this registration form along with your Conference Registration and return by Friday March 20 2026 !

Name: _____ Home Telephone # _____

Home Address: _____

	City	State	Zip
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“Early Bird” Registration \$35.00 (includes your “Dinner”) \$ _____

Extra “Dinner” Tickets \$35.00 \$ _____
(For individuals only attending the “Dinner”)

Total Enclosed (Make check payable to NCDTSEA) \$ _____

Return to:
Ray Wyatt, Executive Secretary NCDTSEA
194 Serenity Lane
Lexington, NC 27295

Please Note: If you are also attending the Conference include your “Early Bird” PAYEMENT with your Conference Pre-Registration form on page 5.
***Also be sure to include this form with it!

Changes and Things You Need to Be Aware Of Moving Forward

To help control future association spending we are moving the conference registration newsletter and registration information to an online document accessible through our State Association website instead of printing and mailing it out to members. Our plan is to have you access the conference newsletter at the website and register by either using the paper form from the website and mailing it in with payment or by registering and paying directly online for the conference. The conference newsletter and registration document is also currently available and printable from the website.

Website: www.ncdtsea.com

Each member will be required to submit an individual conference registration form. Previously some school systems and private schools have sent in a spreadsheet with the information for their attendees. If you are with a school systems or driving company that sends in this type of registration information you will need to either submit an individual form to them to submit for you or they will need to generate one for you and return it with your payment.

Registration Desk- The registration desk will only be open on Thursday and Friday. You will need to have signed in and pick up your conference material on those 2 days to receive credit hours for the conference.

New Conference Location Starting in 2027- We have signed a 3 Year (2027, 2028 and 2029) contract for the NCDTSEA Annual Conference Location.

We will move to Greensboro NC at the Embassy Suites by Hilton at the Greensboro Airport starting in 2027. We will be at this new location for the next 3 years.

Conference Awards- If you know of someone deserving of one of our conference awards please let me know by March 21 and I will pass it on to the appropriate committee. Send to: Ray Wyatt at our Association email- ncdtsea.exd@gmail.com Title it: Awards Nomination or mail it to the Associations mailing address: 194 Serenity Lane, Lexington, NC 27295

Awards the association gives out:

Phillip Forrest McGirt, Jr. Award– For a lifetime of service & dedicated to Driver Education and the Association.

Gene Causby Award– For someone who has worked to advance Driver Education and move it forward.

In-Field Award– For someone who is currently teaching and has shown leadership for Driver Education.

Out of Field Award– For a non-driver education person who has promoted Driver Education.

Also if you know of a Driver Education Teacher who has passed away since our last conference in 2025 please let me know so they can be acknowledged in our Conference Program.

This year our President Michelle Roberts had revised our Associations Conference Committees. As in her "Letter to Members" she is asking other's to join these committee's and make your voice heard.

Please let President Michelle Roberts know if you want to join a committee at her email address spedtcher120@gmail.com or speak to a committee Chairperson.

Committee's you can join:

Auditing—Chair Jack Lister

Public Relations— Chair Mike Chappell

Constitutions and Bylaws - Chair Connie Sessoms

Nominating - Chair Dr. Ray Sparks

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Hiring a new Lobbyist - The Board of Directors is interviewing potential lobbyist for the Association.

HOTEL SLEEPING ROOM RATES AND LOCATIONS:**VILLAGE INN EVENT CENTER**

6205 RAMADA DRIVE, CLEMMONS, NC 27012

336-766-9121

ROOM RATE - \$110.00 (PLUS TAXES) CALL BY MARCH 20, 2026

OVERFLOW: PRICES WILL VARY AS NO CONTRACT WITH THEM BUT THESE TWO ARE CLOSE TO THE \$110.00 TO \$116.00 RANGE.

CALL BEFORE MARCH 20, 2026

QUALITY INN CLEMMONS— 336-778-1500**SUPER 8 BY WINDHAM**— 336-778-0931 MENTION DR. ED FOR

OTHER HOTELS IN THE AREA

ROADWAY INN 336-842-3973

**Directions**

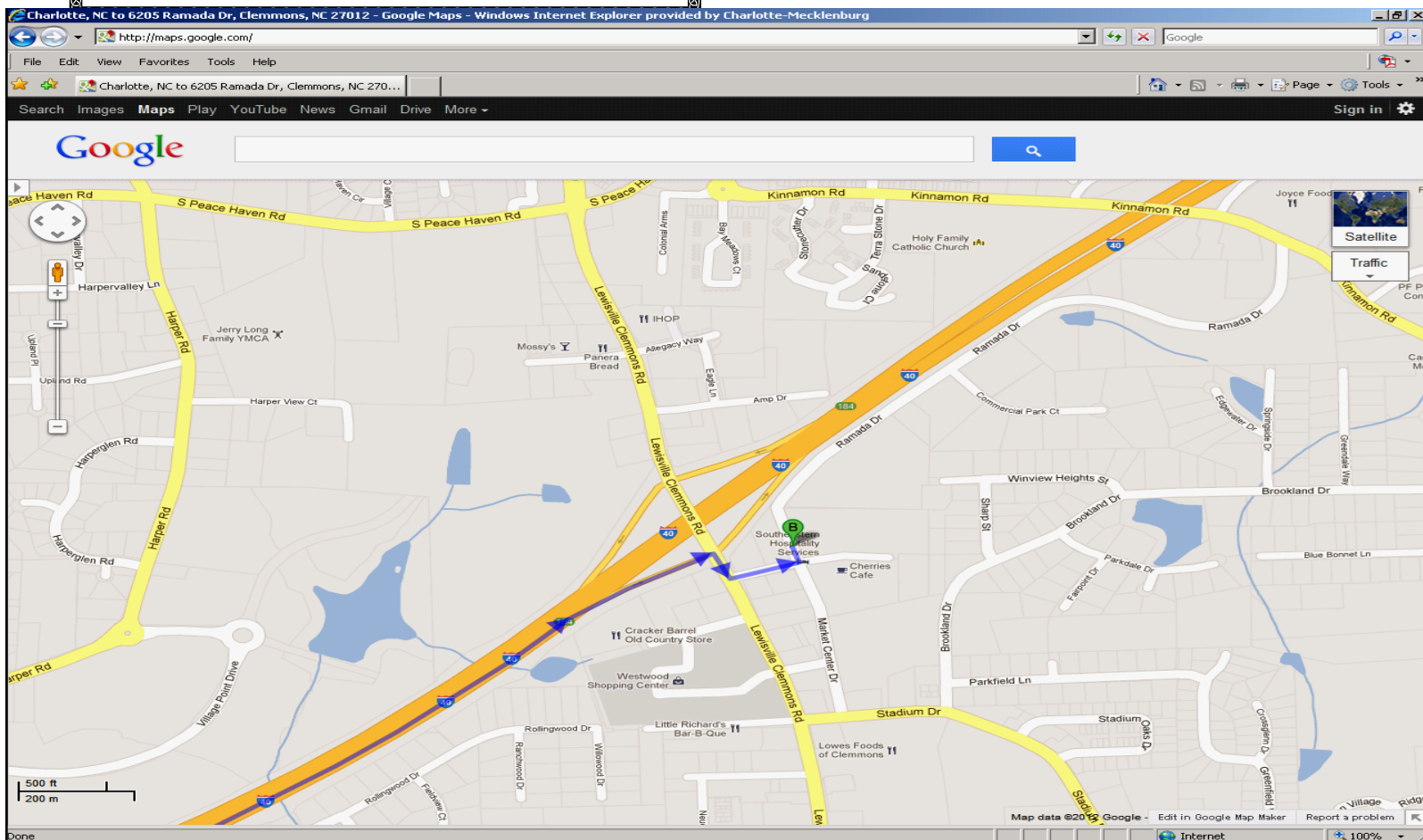
The Village Inn Event Center is just off of I-40 at exit 184

- ☺ Take exit 184 off of I-40 which is Lewisville -Clemmons Road
- ☺ North bound travelers—turn right
- ☺ South bound travelers—turn left
- ☺ Turn left onto Ramada Drive
- ☺ The Village Inn Event Center is located on the left immediately beside Super 8 Motel

Conference Raffle

We will have 50/50 raffles throughout the conference, this year. Bring some extra money to the conference and join in on the fun.

Good luck!!!!



Thursday, April 23, 2026

- 12:00—2:00 “Early Bird” Check-in
Pre-function Area
- 2:00—3:15 “Early Bird” Session 1– Quentin Williams
Topic - Law Enforcement Traffic Stop Safety
It’s a Matter of Life and Death
www.dedicationtocommunity.org/m-quentin-williams
- 3:15—3:30 Break
- 3:30—4:45 “Early Bird” Session 2– Quentin Williams
Topic - Law Enforcement Traffic Stop Safety
It’s a Matter of Life and Death
- 6:00—8:00 Candlelight Dinner and Entertainment by the
Clear Water Revival Band
Crystal Ballroom

Friday, April 24, 2026

- Breakfast—On your own
- 8:00—1:00 Conference Registration
Pre-function area
- 8:30—9:30 “Early Bird” Session 3– Lori Peyton
Topic - TBD
- 9:30—9:45 Break
- 9:45—10:45 “Early Bird” Session 4– Lori Peyton
Topic - TBD
- 10:00—11:00 Board of Directors Meeting
Executive Boardroom

Opening General Conference Session

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

- 1:00—1:05 **Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance**
Color Guard TBA
- 1:05—1:15 **Welcome to Clemmons**
Person TBA
- 1:15—1:20 **Welcome to Conference**
Mr. Michelle Roberts NCDTSEA President
- 1:20—1:30 **Conference Orientation**
Ms. Lindsay Jones— NCDTSEA 1st VP
- Exhibitor Introductions**
Mr. Morris Hargrove—Exhibitor Director
- 1:30—2:15 **Session 1– Casey Rimmer**
Topic: *Using AI in DE*
- 2:15—3:00 **Session 2– Dr. Daniel Finley-Vision Zero**
Topic: Driving Statics
- 3:00—3:15 **Break, Exhibits & Door Prizes**
Sponsored by:
- 3:15—4:00 **Session 3– Marsha Kelly**
Topic: Insurance

- 4:00—4:45 **Session 4– TBD Cyndee Crompton-Driver**
Rehad
Topic: COVID Students anxiety, ADHD

4:45—6:00 Exhibits, & Door Prizes**56th Annual Banquet***Banquet doors will open at 6:00 p.m.*

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms
6:30—9:00

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
Mr. Mike Jones NCDTSEA President

Invocation
Connie Sessoms, Jr.

Introduction of Speaker:
Lindsay Jones

Speaker
TBA

Presentation of Awards:
Mr. Ray Wyatt

50/50
Mr. Reggie Flythe

Door Prizes
Zundrea Baldwin

Meet & Greet
9:00—10:30
Pre-function Area

Saturday, April 25, 2026

- 7:00—8:45 **Buffet Breakfast/Visit with Exhibitors**
Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

General Sessions

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

- 9:00—9:45 **Session 5– Quentin Williams**
Topic: Dedicated to Community (D2C) &
Driver Education: Saving Lives Together
- 9:45—10:30 **Session 6– Stephen Vaughn**
Topic: Motivation
- 10:30—11:15 **Session 7– Karl Logan– NCDPI**
Topic– NCDTSEA Modernization
- 11:45—12:00 **Hotel Check Out/Free Time**
Exhibits, & Door prizes

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*(Continued from page 9)***56th Annual Luncheon**

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms
12:30—2:30

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
Ms. Michelle Roberts - NCDTSEA President
Invocation: TBA

Lunch

Introduction of Speaker: TBA

Speaker: TBA

50/50
Reggie Flythe

Door Prizes
Zundrea Baldwin

Business Session

2:30—4:00
Mike Jones Presiding

Agenda

Area Presidents Reports

Legislative Report: TBD

Reading of Minutes: Angie Stevenson

Treasurer's/Membership Report: Ray Wyatt &
Connie Sessoms

Old Business

New Business

Election of Officers

Remarks from President: Michelle Roberts

Passing of Gavel: President Michelle Roberts

Remarks from Incoming President: Lindsay Jones
Adjournment

Issuing of Certificate for Renewal Credits

(Must be present and in attendance at all sessions to receive certificate)

**Golf Tournament**

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**2025-26 Board of Directors**

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Michelle Roberts*

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Mike Jones*

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Angie Stevenson*

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Lorraine Jordan*

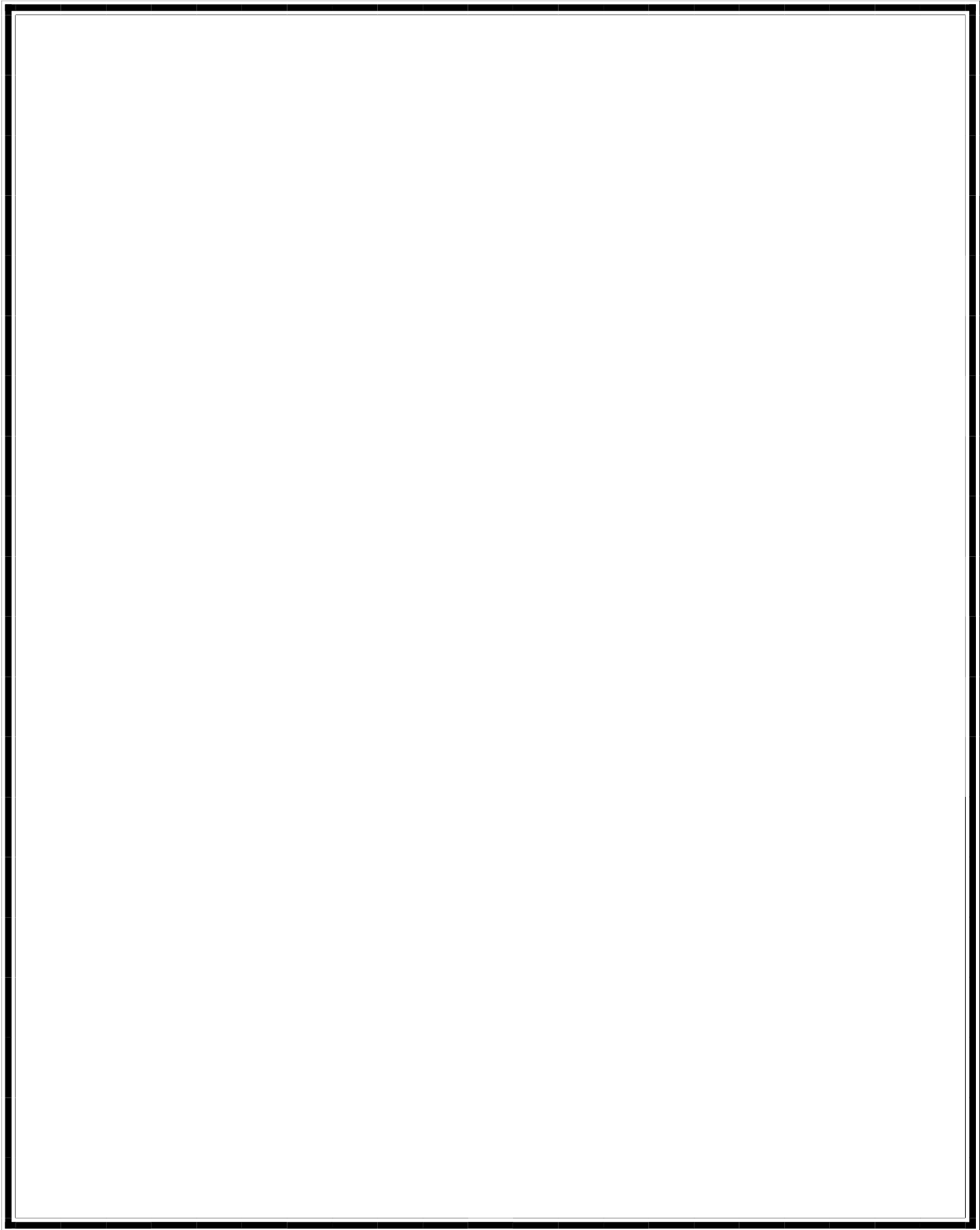
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