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## REGISTRAR'S CORNER

Have you ever wanted the opportunity to network with individuals in other states who are involved in the rulemaking process? If so, the Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR) Section of the National Association of Secretaries of State might be for you. ACR is a nationwide organization of state and federal government representatives involved in the administrative rules process. Founded in 1978, ACR's initial focus was to bring together administrative registers and codes publishers from all over the United States to discuss publication and accessibility of administrative rules. ACR has grown to include members involved with every aspect of administrative rules from the legislative and executive branches of government, as well as independent agencies. Regulation writers, editors, and publishers; administrative rule reviewers; and legal counsel involved with the regulatory process round out today's membership.

I have been involved with ACR in various capacities since 1988 and served as the organization's president from July 2006 through July 2008. If you would like to learn more about joining or becoming involved in ACR, visit the website at

<http://www.administrativerules.org/> or contact me at (804)786-3591. — Jane Chaffin

## MODEL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

The Virginia Administrative Process Act, located in Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia, is the statute that state government agencies must follow when creating, amending, or repealing regulations in Virginia.

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws is currently working on a draft Model State Administrative Procedures Act (MSAPA). The drafting committee began working on the draft MSAPA in 2004 and recently received an extension to continue its work for another year. More information about the draft committee's work can be found at <http://www.nccusl.org/Update/CommitteeSearchResults.aspx?committee=234>.

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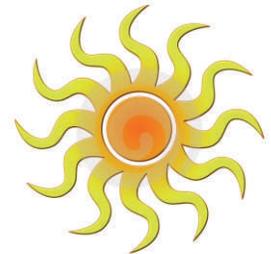
NOIRA	3	5
Proposed	7	20
Final	28	30
Fast-Track	0	1
Emergency	2	2



2009 marks the 25th anniversary of the *Virginia Register of Regulations*.

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Getting to Know You is a new feature for the *Virginia Register News* that profiles an agency regulatory coordinator. This month we learn more about Richard Martin, the Manager of the Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs for the Department of Social Services.

Richard graduated from Lynchburg College and worked as a broadcast journalist for nine years before coming to the Department of Social Services as the Assistant Director for the Office of Communications in 1975. Richard became the Director of the Office of Communications in 1981 and moved to the Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs as manager in 1994.

Richard's interest in rules and regulations extends to his free time. He retired in 2007 from the Virginia High School League with 25 years of service as a soccer referee. He continues his involvement with soccer as the Director of Administration for the Central Virginia Area for the United States Soccer Federation.

Richard also enjoys attending theater productions and traveling with his wife, Beverly, and spending time with his two sons, stepson, stepdaughter, and four grandchildren.



## For the Night Owls ...

If you plan to use RIS in the wee hours of the morning, note that the **system is unavailable** between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. daily and between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Thursdays for backups and system maintenance. Be sure to save your work **BEFORE** the system goes down at 4 a.m.

Have you ever been frustrated by making changes to a section in an RIS project, then pressing the "RIS Update" button on your RIS toolbar and NOTHING HAPPENS? **Don't Panic**--you probably need to refresh your screen. Press the F5 button on your keyboard and your changes will appear.

**RIS: REFRESHING TIP!**



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