



# The Notary Newsletter

The Department of the  
NC Secretary of State



## Notary Chats with Secretary Marshall & Ozie

Last year, Secretary Elaine Marshall and Ozie Stallworth (Director of Electronic Notarization and Enforcement and long-time notary instructor) hosted a *virtual* FIRESIDE CHAT where NC notaries got a chance to ask their burning notarial questions.

We received great feedback from you asking us to do more of these.

So... we decided it's time to take this show on the road (safely) with a series of Notary Chats! Secretary Marshall and Ozie will be going to a few locations around the state this year and in 2023, giving notaries a chance to hear important updates and ask questions in person. Secretary Marshall and Ozie are excited to bring their combined expertise and years of experience in notarizations to a location near you as part of their commitment to serve as resources to notaries whenever they can.

These sessions will be recorded and ultimately will live in the notary section of the Secretary of State's website. Although these events are **FREE**, registration is required due to space constraints.

The first one will be held on **Tuesday, August 23 at 12pm at A-B Tech Community College's Ferguson Auditorium in Asheville, NC**. Thank you to A-B Tech for allowing us to use your space.



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If you have any questions about these notary chats, please email  
[notarynews@sosnc.gov](mailto:notarynews@sosnc.gov).



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## Something You Should Know: *RON Is Now Law*

Congratulations, notaries. On July 8, Governor Roy Cooper signed Remote Online Notarization (RON) into law. While we are all excited to take a victory lap to celebrate this landmark legislation, there are still many steps that need to be taken before RON is implemented in our state.

In the meantime, here is what you need to know now:

- **Emergency Video Notarizations (EVN)** have resumed as a stop-gap measure to allow video notarizations while permanent RON procedures are being put in place. *EVN expires on June 30, 2023 at 12:01am.*
- Once RON becomes effective in 2023, you must be a commissioned e-notary to perform remote notarizations under RON (unless you are a court reporter).



- There are new fees that notaries public across the state can charge now. The maximum fee that can be charged per principal signature is now \$10 for acknowledgments, jurats, and verifications or proofs. For oaths or affirmations without a signature, the maximum fee is now \$10 per person, except for the identity of a principal or subscribing witness. The fee for electronic notarizations under G.S. 10B-188 is \$15.
- For any notarial act under 10B, actual mileage at the federal mileage rate can be charged if the travel reimbursement is agreed to by the principal in writing prior to travel. (The State of NC uses the federal mileage rate of 62.5 cents per mile.)
- The new Remote Online Notarization fee will be \$25 per principal signature when RON becomes effective in **July of 2023**.

There are a lot of things that the Secretary of State's Office will have to work out over the next year to get ready for RON. We are asking for your patience as we navigate this new law, and we are excited for the new opportunities that RON will open up for our notaries and our state.

Here is a link to EVN resources available on our website: [North Carolina Secretary of State Notary Emergency Video Notarization \(sosnc.gov\)](https://sosnc.gov)

*If you have any questions for us, please reach out to the Department at [notary@sosnc.gov](mailto:notary@sosnc.gov). We are always happy to help.*

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***Q: From our email: Does a signer have to provide me with a mailing address for my journal when I perform a notarization?***

The address appearing on the form of identification should be recorded as it can help to specify exactly who the notarization was performed for particularly in the case where the person has a common name.

Check back on page 34 of your 2016 NC Notary Public Manual for the journal entries.

***Q: From our email: My coworker asked me if he can be a notary in North Carolina and South Carolina at the same time. I told him I didn't think so, but I wanted to reach out to you and ask.***

The answer depends on what state the person lives and works in. North Carolina will grant a notary commission to a South Carolina resident if that person has a regular place of work or business in North Carolina. As a resident of South Carolina the person would likely be eligible to obtain a South Carolina notary commission as well.

***Q: From our FB Group: I understand that the signer needs to be in front of you so you can verify his or her identity. With that said, if a person is bedridden or in another state, can we FaceTime to verify their ID and watch him or her sign?***

Thanks for the question. This is an example of where you can use the Emergency Video Notarization (EVN) option.

There are resources and a video on how to perform an EVN on our website: [North Carolina Secretary of State Notary Emergency Video Notarization \(sosnc.gov\)](http://sosnc.gov).

Also, remember that the temporary ENV law requires both the notary and the signer to be in the state of North Carolina.

***Q: Am I allowed to advertise my notary services in a newspaper or on social media?***

Yes you can advertise your notary services.

Page 82 of your 2016 NC Notary Public Manual reminds you that non-attorney notaries advertising in a foreign language must include a specific statement in the advertisement in both English and in the foreign language. If the notary is charging for their services the fees must be posted at the place of business, in both languages, in a type font no smaller than 10 points.

***Q: Are notaries authorized to use the Matricula Consular for identification purposes?***

The Matricula Consular is an identity card that Mexican consulates issue to Mexican citizens who live outside Mexico. According to North Carolina General Statutes 15A-311, consulate documents are not acceptable as forms of identification so notaries may not allow a principal to use it as a form of ID.



Valid passports are acceptable forms of identification.

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Do you have a question that you'd like us to answer for the **Fast Five**? Please send in your tips, practice ideas, and questions for us at [notarynews@sosnc.gov](mailto:notarynews@sosnc.gov).

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## Get To "Know" Our Notaries!

Notaries, we know you are doing great things all over North Carolina, and we want everyone else to know it too. Every month, we will feature our notaries (as long as we have submissions). We want to feature YOU!

We'll make it super easy. Just send us a picture of yourself, along with your name, where you are from, the number of years (or months) you have been a commissioned notary, and one fun fact that you want us to know about you.

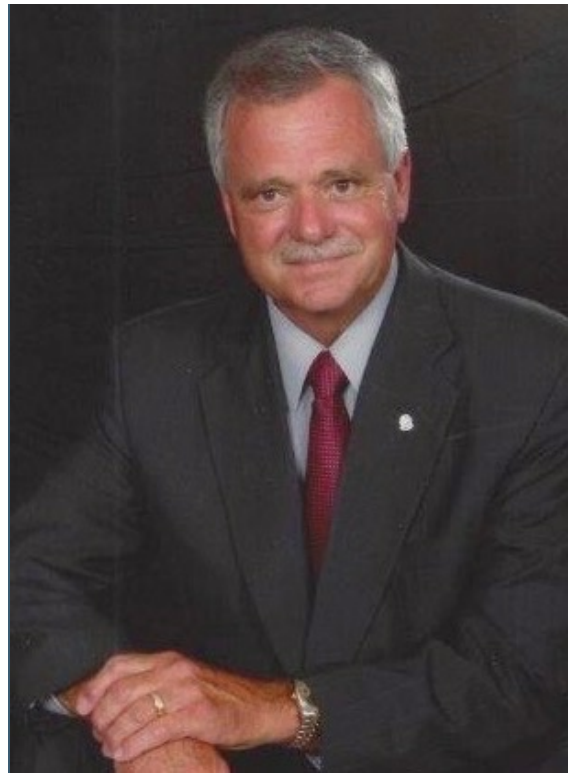
Email us at [notarynews@sosnc.gov](mailto:notarynews@sosnc.gov).



**Karen Gray**  
Wake County

*Karen's been a notary since 2001.*

Originally from Philadelphia, Karen has an identical twin sister. They are both married



**Steve Bumgarner**  
Caldwell County

*Steve has been a commissioned notary since 1979.*

He's had the pleasure of enjoying retirement for the

and their husbands have the same initials for their first and last name - both KG.



### **Anita Holbrook**

Wake County

*Anita has been a notary since 2002.*

Anita's fun fact is that she loves to shop!

last 22 years.



### **Rhonda Strickland**

Person County

*Rhonda has been a commissioned notary for more than 20 years.*

She's also a certified notary instructor at both Piedmont Community College in Roxboro and Alamance Community College in Burlington. Rhonda works as an executive assistant at UNC-CH in the Biochemistry/Biophysics department.





## NC Notary Facebook Group

Have you joined our notary Facebook group yet?

***The North Carolina Notary Network***

Well, what are you waiting for? More than 13,037 notaries around the state are in the group. If you haven't joined yet, click the link and come on in!

The purpose of the group is to connect NC notaries as well as to give notaries an opportunity to share information, tips and ideas with one another.

When answering questions for fellow notaries, we encourage sharing page numbers, statutes or even pictures of citations from the *2016 NC Notary Public Manual*.

Click [here](#) to join today!





## ***BEST SNACKS FOR ROAD TRIPS***

On the road again this summer? Yep, most of us are. We've been cooped up inside for months, so we're ready to travel (safely, of course) and soak up some sights and sun.

Whether we are taking planes, trains or automobiles this summer to get to our favorite places, snacking is usually one of the activities that goes along with travel.

It's better to plan snacks ahead of time to save money and keep you from over-indulging.

Whatever your destination, from our beautiful Outer Banks to our majestic Blue Ridge Mountains and everything in between or beyond our state lines, remember that -- as Ralph Waldo Emerson said, it's not the destination, it's the journey...and the snacks we had along the way (OK, he may not have said that last part). Here are some great grab and go snacks that are yummy and won't wreak havoc on your diet.

***BON VOYAGE!!***

**Beef Jerky**



Fruit  
Nuts  
Mini Candy Bars  
Pretzels  
Popcorn  
100-Calorie Snack Bags  
Low Fat Yogurt  
String Cheese  
Turkey Pepperoni  
Small Cereal Boxes  
Hummus  
Water, Coffee or Green Tea



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