

ASRA proudly presents  
**:-) Punctuation Extraordinaire :-)**

**Margie Wakeman Wells**  
**The Princess of Punctuation**



**Schedule of Events**

<b>8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.</b> Hot Breakfast	<b>CE Credits</b>  ASRA – 12 NCRA - .6
<b>8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</b> Seminar 1 and 2	
<b>12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.</b> Lunch	
<b>1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</b> Seminar 3 and 4	
<b>4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b> Special General Meeting	

Margie has taught in the court reporting field for 34 years. She spent 30 years at the original Bryan College in Los Angeles and is currently working as the Online Education Consultant for College of Court Reporting in Indiana. In addition to teaching all levels from theory to the exit speeds for the machine, she has taught English-related subjects: grammar, punctuation, spelling, word pairs, transcript production, and proofreading.

In the past 26 years, under the auspices of NCRA and state and local court reporting organizations, Margie has given over 300 seminars to reporters, teachers, and students. The subject she most often teaches is punctuation -- specifically punctuating the court reporting transcript. In addition, she writes articles for state newsletters and a column for the *JCR*.

Margie has worked over the years to put into print the content of her punctuation lectures. The result is that her book, *Court Reporting: Bad Grammar/Good Punctuation*, will be available in 2010 beginning at the NCRA Midyear Convention in San Francisco. The book is meant to be a guide for the rules of punctuating the transcript with an explanation of the how-and-why behind the rules.

We all know that there are a couple of reasons that punctuating the transcript is so difficult, and the main one is that the rules we have were developed and intended for the written word. Our job is to punctuate the very spontaneous and random oral English that we hear every day on the job. I believe this book will make your job easier.

## Comments from Seminar Attendees

“Margie Wakeman Wells is a genius when it comes to teaching punctuation. Her ability to engage the audience with humor while explaining the rules of English is truly remarkable. When I told my Board of Directors that I wanted to host an all-day punctuation seminar with Margie, their jaws hit the floor. ‘How do you expect a room full of people to stay alert while being lectured for six hours on the rules of punctuation and English?’ The answer became obvious by the first break of the morning -- easy! By the end of the day, all 85 seminar attendees were asking when we can have her back for a whole weekend of punctuation! Margie’s teaching style is so authentic it’s hard not to love her.”

Debbie Gutierrez  
President  
Massachusetts Court Reporters Association

“If you want to have fun while learning English grammar and punctuation, you should RUN, not walk, to a seminar given by Margie Wakeman Wells. She is, by far, the best speaker I have ever listened to. I always come away with several new rules to apply to my work as a deposition reporter. One can never get too much of her seminars. I am hooked!”

Althea Miller  
Owner  
Miller and Company Reporters  
Los Angeles and San Francisco

“What’s more fun than attending a seminar by Margie Wakeman Wells? Not very much! Her disarming presentation style, coupled with years of punctuating for reporters, makes her the perfect addition to any program. Her handouts contain a wealth of information and reference material, organized in a logical and easy-to-comprehend format. Her breadth of knowledge and experience is unparalleled; she has an answer for any conundrum presented. When you pick the topic, Margie can fill an hour or a day with an entertaining combination of war stories and solid answers. Your attendees will be asking for more -- and your seminar is guaranteed to be a big draw that won’t disappoint when you include Margie Wakeman Wells in your lineup.”

Melanie Humphrey-Sonntag  
National Speed Contest Medalist  
President, Sonntag Reporting Service  
Wheaton, Geneva/St. Charles, and Chicago