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I believe that most of the changes are great. Per the bullet points 4 & 5 above, amending rules to require a course & exam to renew commissions. Many of us have been notaries and have followed the rules and updates for many years. I don't think that it is necessary to require current notaries to take a notary class and pass an exam (online or otherwise) in order to renew their commissions. Many of us are notaries because our jobs require us to be notaries, we also work full time. A required class and exam for renewal every few years would add to the time and cost that we have to put forth to keep our licenses. Many notaries, myself included, do not get paid to notarize documents through our jobs (of course we get paid to work), and our employers do not pay our fees for renewals and costs for equipment (books, stamps, etc.).

How about along with the reminder email you send that our commission is expiring, a request to log in and confirm online, at the time of renewal, that we are familiar with and have read and understand the current rules. Current rules and updates are easy to find online and I like the emails you send with updates. I always keep a copy of the rules and any updates on my computer for easy review.

Thank you,  
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