



BOARDlines

Arizona Court Reporters Association

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Annual Convention in September! It's always reinvigorating to be with the wonderful people of our profession while being instructed on ways to be more effective reporters and more productive people in our daily lives.

Your new ACRA Board started off the year with training on corporate governance and best practices presented Stephanie Loquvan from the Miles Group.

Stephanie began by asking, "Who does ACRA represent?" I responded that even though we strive to do what is best for all court reporters in Arizona, we really can only represent our ACRA members. Stephanie pointed out that that is true, but to others outside of our organization, particularly government-related entities, the perception is that we do represent all court reporters in Arizona. Currently, less than half of the reporters in our state are members of ACRA. It calls to mind the need for ALL reporters in Arizona to be a part of our association in order to be a truly representative voice of Arizona reporters.

Stephanie discussed the concepts of confidentiality, conflict of interest, and other ethical guidelines for association boards. In addition, she instructed the board on ways to make our board meetings more productive. One of her suggestions was to have committee reports submitted in advance. This will reduce the amount of discussion time and leave the majority of the board meeting for long-term planning. We will be implementing this meeting model in the future and will start working on ways to build membership and formulate a three-year strategic plan for ACRA.

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Board Members in Attendance:

Carolyn Sullivan, Kate Roundy, Linda Cantrell, Diane Donoho, Nichole Forrest, Jeff Bartelt, Marylynn LeMoine, Adam Gage, Kim Portik, Amy Weaver. (Amy, Adam, and Linda were present via videoconference.)

Also Present: Dick Borgmann, Executive Director.

Financials

As of October 31, 2017:

Cash - \$24,076.52
Prepaid Expenses - \$7,087.50
Restricted Funds - (\$730.00)
Liabilities - \$0.00

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance - \$30,434.02

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midyear Seminar

Hilton Chandler
April 21, 2018

Annual Convention

Westward Look Wyndham, Tucson
September 15-16, 2018



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We still need a LOT of help with our committees. PLEASE don't wait for a personal invitation. Be proactive and contact me to let me know what area you're interested in or on which committee you could help. I'm always available by email (carolyntsullivan@gmail.com) or phone (480-329-1343).

We always appreciate your input and ideas!

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Carolyn Sullivan

ACRA President

SUPERIOR COURT COMMITTEE

Marylynn LeMoine reported that there are NINE reporter vacancies in Maricopa County.

Yavapai County also has an open position for an on-call reporter.

Spread the word about these court openings. We never know who might find a whole new exciting life working in court!

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Linda Cantrell has already been working hard on putting together the spring seminar.

The classes she has lined up sound fantastic! More details to come...

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Don't get caught in the cascade of end-of-the-year bills! Renew your ACRA membership now for 2018.