



BoardLines

April 2011

NEW MEMBERS

ACRA is pleased to welcome as new members Don Moll, Lisa Nance, Nancy Richardson, and Nicola Bauman; Colleague Elizabeth Pope; Related Professions Steve Laner, Stenograph; and Students Kimberly Balunis and Chelsea Voigt.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY UPDATE

260 membership renewal invoices were sent out, and as of March 25, 70 had not renewed. They have been advised of the April 7 date to be included in the ACRA Directory. Board members will be sent a list for telephone follow-up in the next week.

BENCH AND BAR

It was announced that Judge Simmons has been appointed the new Presiding Judge for Pima County. A discussion was held on whether ACRA should rent a space at the State Bar convention. Robin reported the cost was prohibitive - \$1,200 to \$1,500. The suggestion was made that we could perhaps sponsor a break at the convention or do an educational seminar on how to make a better record, distributing the NCRA handout "How to Make a Record." It was reported that Diane Sonntag is putting together a paper for new judge orientation. A recommendation was made that we ask her for a copy.

LEGISLATION

John reported that he believes that House Bill 2354 is dead, but he is cautiously watching things until the legislative session is over. We may well see the GJ legislation again next year. A proposal was made to have a meeting in May with John and Dana to discuss the GJ issue and formulate strategy.

CERTIFIED REPORTER BOARD

The next CR Board meeting is May 10 at 1:00 p.m. ACRA will request an update regarding subpoenas sent to national firms and also request an update on possible Arizona freelance firm registration. A discussion was held on the cost of firm registration. The Supreme Court would set the dues amount for firms. Discussion was held on the loss of clients by Arizona firms to national firms and the effect that will have on current attitudes towards firm registration. Board members were asked to talk to firm owners about their feelings toward firm registration. Further discussion was tabled until the June Board meeting.

SUPERIOR COURT

It was reported that no reporters from Maricopa County have been brought before the CR Board for late transcripts. Reporters are getting their extensions in on time.

The Court of Appeals listing of transcripts due is not always up to date. It was suggested that ACRA mention this to the CR Board. Pima County officials now have a Real-Time Committee task force to implement a "plug and play" system in each courtroom.

THIRD PARTY CONTROL

Erica proposed that the Third Party Control Committee submit a report regarding firm registration and get their written input by the ACRA June 11 meeting. It was reported that advisory letters were sent out to several national firms regarding possible violations of ACJA 7-206. These letters were informational only.

MENTORING

It was recommended that a new mentor list be started. Barbara will get in touch with Gateway and offer ACRA's willingness to mentor students.

BYLAWS

A motion was made to ratify the e-mail vote regarding DSA changes; seconded and carried. This proposal will be made to members at the April Mid-year with changes to become effective after the Annual Convention in September. Diane Sonntag will be asked to make the presentation of the proposed changes to the membership.

March 2011 Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Doreen Borgmann, Erica Grund, Karen Kahle, Scott Coniam, Cindy Lineburg, Tony Garcia, Laura Ashbrook, Rossana Baker, Barbara Stockford.

Also Present: Robin Hirth, ACRA Administrator, and John MacDonald and Dana Paschke, lobbyists.

Absent: Donna DeLaVina.

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2011:

Money Market	\$44,623.71
Checking	3,244.58
PAC Fund Account	1,677.92
Equipment Depreciation	(522.00)
Prepaid Expenses	9,968.75
LCD Projector	654.16
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$51,647.12

EDUCATION & RECRUITMENT

Barbara reported that Bryan College has moved into a new location in Tempe. They are not yet enrolling new students because of potential funding cuts by Washington, but they do have an online program that is "going strong." Bryan College is creating an advisory board to liaison with ACRA and the Arizona court reporting community regarding current employment needs. They invited us to tour their new facility. No RPR classes are being held at Gateway because of a lack of higher speed students.

SEMINARS

Barbara reported that Mid-Year seminars are all set and that she's working on Annual seminars. A discussion was held of possible seminar speakers and topics.

No incentives will be offered for early registration to Annual.

Barbara reported on webinars and the various associated costs. A discussion was held regarding possibly filming some of the sessions at Mid-Year and possibly proceeding with webinars in a small way.

FUNDRAISING

The Board was urged to continue making an effort to sell raffle tickets up to and including the Mid-Year Seminar.

MEMBERSHIP

Scott reported that approximately 240 Arizona CRs are not ACRA members. Robin will send out Scott's list and Board members are encouraged to make contact with those they know regarding joining ACRA.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7, 2011

NCRA Exams

Visit www.ncraonline.org for details

May 10, 2011

Deadlines for submission of articles or advertising
for the Summer Issue of ArizoNotes

Editor: Karen Kahle, hvytmlccr@juno.com

Advertising: Robin Hirth, acra@saminc.org

June 10, 2011

DSA nominations deadline: noon

June 11, 2011

ACRA Board meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Chandler

July 29 - 31, 2011

NCRA Convention - Bally's, Las Vegas, Nevada

2011 Midyear Seminar

"Reporting 2.0: Essential Information for
the Contemporary Court Reporter"

April 30, 2011

Holiday Inn, Mesa

Pre-registration deadline: April 25



2011 Annual Convention

September 16-18, 2011

Prescott Resort



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