



BoardLines

February 2014

Spring is in the Air! It has been yet another wildly productive and dynamic season of growth for ACRA. So much going on, and a handful of members doing the work of legions.

We are sad to report that Jennifer Pancratz has asked to resign from the board. We thank Jennifer for her months of service and wish her all the best. Membership has hit a home run, as last week leadership recruited veteran reporter/CART provider Kim Portik, owner of Canyon State Reporting to join the ACRA board as Secretary. We are blessed and eager to benefit from Kim's contributions, as she has already been extremely active in our Third-Party Contracting Committee.

ACRA committees have continued to fight tirelessly deep in the trenches each day, researching, compiling and formulating suggested language for the Task Force on Anti-Contracting. These changes have the potential of changing the landscape of Arizona freelance court reporting dramatically. What began as a wholesale gutting of any ethical restriction, continues to be crafted and updated with ACRA input into a more comprehensive and enforceable proposal than was originally proposed. The Task Force is on track to recommend suggested changes to ACJA 7-206 to the Arizona Judicial Council March 20, 2014. It is highly likely that firm registration will be implemented in Arizona through this revision.

There has been a flurry of events and activity in recognition of National Court Reporting and Captioning Week. ACRA hosted a Mentor/Student business luncheon at Griffin & Associates, and enjoyed an energized gathering of some of Arizona's current and future top professionals. Also, ACRA hosted a seminar at Gateway's Captioning Studio, interacting with students and rejuvenating our mentor reach-out program.

Also, Senator Kimberly Yee (10th) presented ACRA a Senate Proclamation on the Senate Floor! ACRA leadership was then also mentioned and recognized "In Session" before the full Senate body, as Sen. Yee, generously praised the historical significance of court reporters and captioners in American society. We are deeply humbled and grateful to Sen. Yee and her staff for this privilege, and to the extraordinary membership that we serve.

Registration is now open for our Midyear Seminar "Technology...We've Come A Long Way" on April 5, 2014. Our agenda promises to be informative AND fun, with lots of opportunity to make build new friendships and rekindle old ones. You can get complete registration details at www.acraonline.org.

If you have not already renewed you dues, please do so as soon as possible.

We are deeply grateful for your continued participation in Arizona's largest and most dynamic group of court reporters, the Arizona Court Reporters Association. Your membership and convention attendance both sustain and energize us all. Let's keep making this a better association, together.

"It's a great day to be a court reporter."

Marty Herder, President

P.S. It's 2014. Your rotary phones, manual stenographs, and your old 8-track tapes are dead. For almost a decade, Facebook has risen worldwide as the most user-friendly, cost-effective, secure platform to connect. All ACRA updates, current and archived events, meetings, schedules, photos and information can also be conveniently found in one place on the Arizona Court Reporters Association Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Arizona-Court-Reporters-Association/152975191460126>

January 2014 Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Pam Griffin, Cyndi Morris Crowe, Marty Herder, Nichole Forrest, Syndie Hagarth, Rosina Seymour, Jennifer Pancratz, Carolyn Sullivan and Laura Ashbrook

Also present: Robin Hirth, ACRA Administrator

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2013:

Money Market	\$22,938.49
Checking	31.95
Equipment Depreciation	(522.00)
Prepaid Expenses	2,968.75
LCD Projector	654.16
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$26,071.35