



TUCSON BOARD MEETING

The ACRA Board met at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2011, at the home of Karen Kahle just off Ina Road in Tucson. Little did we know the tragic events that were taking place simultaneously just down the road at the Safeway with the shooting of Gaby Giffords, Judge Roll, and others. We would learn of the events as they unfolded via Tweets throughout the morning.

NEW MEMBER

ACRA is pleased to welcome Marmie Guimont as a new court reporter member. Welcome!

MANAGEMENT COMPANY UPDATE

Robin suggested that we leave her management fee at the temporary reduced rate until the end of the year, at which time they will request a 5% increase on next year's contract. The dues invoices have been sent out. There was no special assessment this year. New budget will be worked on by Robin, Cindy, and Doreen then sent to the Board via email for approval.

BENCH AND BAR

A discussion was had regarding the proposed legislation change involving replacing live reporters in the Grand Jury with audio/video. It was decided to send a letter out to County Attorneys and Public Defenders as well as Sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies soliciting their support in opposing this legislation.

LEGISLATION

Discussion was had on the presentation at the AJC on the Grand Jury FTR matter and the unanimous vote thereon.

SUPERIOR COURT

Discussion was had about the lateness of transcripts (in Maricopa County in particular) and ways to improve the situation.

THIRD PARTY CONTROL

Discussion was had about a boilerplate letter regarding potential code violations. Doreen will put together a letter and submit it to the Board for comment. TPC Committee suggested we send a letter to the CR Board about complaints and urge them to act on complaints. It was pointed out that complaints must be made to the CR Board, not to ACRA. Mary Meyer and Chris Green inquired (through Tony Garcia) if there was a conflict between joining a firm-owners group and being on the TPC Committee. After discussion, the Board determined there was no conflict.

MENTORING

It was reported that the RPR class was starting in February at Gateway.

EDUCATION AND RECRUITMENT

It was reported that Bryan College would possibly be opening a school in the Phoenix area.

January 2011 Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Doreen Borgmann, Karen Kahle, Scott Coniam, Cindy Lineburg, Tony Garcia, Erica Grund, Donna DeLaVina and Rossana Baker.

Also Present: Robin Hirth, Administrator and Diane Sonntag

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2010:

Money Market	\$37,108.31
Checking	(32.64)
PAC Fund Account	1,627.92
Equipment Depreciation	(522.00)
Prepaid Expenses	2,154.99
LCD Projector	654.16
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$40,990.74

A fundraising yard sale put on by Cindy Benner raised \$576 for ACRA!!! Thanks, Cindy!

FUNDRAISING

The Board decided to have a 2011 fundraising raffle for Visa gift cards in the amounts of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, with the drawing to be held at the April Mid-Year Seminar and tickets selling for \$10 each.

SEMINARS

Barbara reported on Webinars as a possible fundraising tool in the future. Discussion was had on doing a one-hour webinar as a trial and having it available for members at the end of the year for last minute CE credits. Discussion was had about keeping the speaker honorariums low and that the new budget had not yet been set.

BYLAWS

Diane Sonntag reported on plans to draft a bylaws change changing the date of the DSA submission to May instead of 90 days prior to the annual meeting and changing the makeup of the DSA Committee to three, including a voting chair. The Committee would consist of previous DSA recipients and the previous past president as the Chairman. Diane and Erica are to send out a new draft of the bylaws change by February 10.

MEMBERSHIP

Scott will put together a list of non-members to give out to Board members to choose names for calling regarding renewing membership or joining ACRA. Doreen has a list of contacts in outlying counties and will work with Scott to develop a state-wide list of liaisons for information dissemination and membership outreach.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10, 2011

Deadlines for submission of articles or advertising
for the Spring Issue of ArizoNotes
Editor: Karen Kahle, hvymtlccr@juno.com
Advertising: Robin Hirth, acra@saminc.org

March 26, 2011

ACRA Board of Directors Meeting
Chandler

May 7, August 13 (tentative) & November 5, 2011

NCRA Exams
Visit www.ncraonline.org for details

2011 Midyear Seminar

April 30, 2011

Holiday Inn, Mesa



2011 Annual Convention

September 16-18, 2011

Prescott Resort



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