



# BoardLines

July 2012

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals were down with 58 non-renewals for 2012. Several attempts were made to reach out to them before they were inactivated. We encourage members to talk to fellow reporters who aren't members and encourage them to support their profession and join. Dues for the remainder of 2012 are now pro-rated and half the fee. A membership application can be downloaded from the website.

In April, we welcomed the following new members:

Arizona Certified Reporter: Tammy Gillette

Related Professions: Claire D'Amico, scopist

Students: Lindsay Hull, Gateway CC and Tina Leaman, Gateway CC

## MANAGEMENT COMPANY UPDATE

Robin Hirth reported that we had a surplus of \$2500 for the Midyear Seminar in April. She has been working on the Annual Convention in September.

## CERTIFIED REPORTER BOARD

The Certified Reporter Board had a meeting on June 12, 2012. There was a suggestion to send a mass email to Membership advising them of the meeting dates.

## THIRD PARTY CONTROL

The Certified Reporter Board dismissed the complaints that were filed because they were filed when the old code was in force.

## RESOLUTION

The membership approved the resolution presented to Preserve and Promote the Impartiality and Integrity of the Arizona Certified Reporter. The resolution is included with this issue.

## NEWS FROM NCRA

NCRA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TechCon will be held from April 19-21, 2013 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley, in Scottsdale. TechCon brings together technologically oriented court reporter, legal technology professionals, attorneys, and other legal professionals for several days of seminars, workshops, and social events.

## June 2012 Board Meeting

**Board Members Present:** Karen Kahle, Scott Coniam, Pam Griffin, Cyndi Morris Crowe, Tracy Johnston, Doreen Borgmann, Rossana Baker and Laura Ashbrook

Also present: Robin Hirth

## Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2012:

Money Market	\$45,578.58
Checking	43.95
Equipment Depreciation	(522.00)
Prepaid Expenses	1,968.75
<u>LCD Projector</u>	<u>654.16</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$47,723.44

# IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

## ACRA 2012 Annual Convention

Let's Be Proactive—Educate, Investigate and Rehabilitate

September 14-16, 2012

Casino Del Sol Conference Center  
5655 W. Valencia Rd., Tucson 85757

Room rate: \$119 single/double

Reservations: Call 1-855-765-7829 refer to ACRA

Online: [www.casinodelsol.com](http://www.casinodelsol.com)

Fill out your arrival info under "make a reservation" at the top of the page  
Select "groups" tab, type in attendee code: 9508 & follow prompts.

**Room block deadline: August 14, 2012**

**Look for the registration information soon.**

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**ARIZONA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**RESOLUTION to Preserve and Promote the  
Impartiality and Integrity of the Arizona Certified Reporter**

WHEREAS, Certified Reporters in Arizona have maintained the highest standards of conduct when keeping the official record, and have consistently encouraged the Arizona Supreme Court, Arizona Judicial Council, Arizona Board of Certified Reporters, State Bar of Arizona and other entities to enact policies and procedures in keeping with these high standards; and

WHEREAS, the impartiality of the certified reporter is integral to the record's integrity and credibility; and

WHEREAS, the integrity and credibility of the official record is vital to our justice system and is the foundation of the public's trust in our legal process; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the public, Arizona has incorporated ethical rules and statutes that require certified reporters to maintain impartiality and independence in their capacity as officers of the court; and

WHEREAS, a legal analysis of those rules has outlined significant ethical violations that exist when an Arizona Certified Reporter participates in prohibited arrangements for court reporting services; and

WHEREAS, the legal analysis states, "...certain activities associated with such arrangements...are unethical in Arizona"; and

WHEREAS, the legal analysis further states that Arizona Certified Reporters must refrain from any arrangement that includes activities prohibited under Arizona law or Supreme Court Administrative Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Court Reporters Association (ACRA) has long been concerned that the practice of certified reporters participating in prohibited arrangements for court reporting services is inimical to the public's faith in the judicial system,

Now, therefore, it is RESOLVED that ACRA's Board of Directors will pursue and support all appropriate measures that inform the public and related legal professions about codified court reporting ethics and directives, and will pursue and support all appropriate measures that preserve and promote the Arizona Certified Reporter's ethical responsibilities to litigants in the State of Arizona.

Adopted: April 28, 2012 at the Bi-Annual Membership Business meeting