



BoardLines

June 2011

NEW MEMBERS

ACRA is pleased to welcome as new members CR Karen Saari, CR Lisa Vitoff, CR Caryn Mazella, CR Christine Harrington, CR Wanda Curry, and Colleague Robin Bobbie.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY UPDATE

We were about 20 people short on registrations for Mid-Year. A suggestion was made to have the handouts available online for attendees to download if they wanted them instead of printing them to save costs in the future and to implement this procedure at Annual in September.

BENCH AND BAR

Doreen plans to write and submit an article to the plaintiffs Bar magazine "The Advocate" and/or the Bar's magazine "Attorney at Law" about third party contracting. She will run it by the Board to review and approve it.

LEGISLATION

The Board will be meeting with John MacDonald for a legislative planning session. The Board will make efforts to raise money for the PAC fund.

CERTIFIED REPORTER BOARD

Doreen attended the last meeting, which was very short. Discussion of the subpoenas to national firms were tabled until the next meeting at the request of the Attorney General's Office for further investigation. At that time the CR Board will most likely discuss the subpoenas in executive session to get the advice of counsel.

SUPERIOR COURT

Rossana reported on the new Court of Appeals, Division One, website, which has a list of every reporter's transcript due dates. Cindy Lineburg reported that sometimes the website is not up to date. Cindy also reported that Maricopa County officials are having difficulty finding out who the attorneys are for the defendants on appeal. It was suggested bringing this up at the new judge training.

THIRD PARTY CONTROL

Tony Garcia reported by email that Mary Meyer has been appointed to NCRA's anti-contracting task force. In regards to the firm registration, Tony polled a number of firm owners and the overwhelming responses were not in favor of the idea. Some people did express what a good job they thought the ACRA Board is doing. Doreen reported that in speaking to others from other states, firm registration has not made an impact.

Motion: Having done extensive research by way of polling firm owners and other state associations and concluded that firm registration would not be in the best interest of our members, that ACRA take no further action towards firm registration at this time, seconded and carried.

MENTORING

Barbara Stockford reported that Stephanie Dillard called from Gateway requesting RPR prep classes. Doreen Sutton contacted Stephanie and offered to resume classes at Doreen's office but has not heard back from Stephanie. Doreen is available to do classes with Jennifer Schuck and Linda Christensen.

BYLAWS

The DSA Bylaws change passed at Annual.

FUNDRAISING

Karen Kahle reported that she would appreciate some input for possible fundraising ideas. It was suggested that ACRA needs a PAC fund for legislators. Barbara discussed the possibility of a wine tasting fundraiser and possibly combining it with software training.

June 2011 Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Doreen Borgmann, Erica Grund, Karen Kahle, Cindy Lineburg, Donna DeLaVina, Rossana Baker, Barbara Stockford.

Also Present: Robin Hirth, ACRA Administrator; Pam Griffin, Cathy Taylor, guests; John MacDonald and Dana Paschke, lobbyists.

Absent: Laura Ashbrook, Tony Garcia, and Scott Coniam

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2011:

Money Market	\$55,422.89
Checking	(9,408.51)*
PAC Fund Account	1,677.92
Equipment Depreciation	(522.00)
Prepaid Expenses	1,968.75
<u>LCD Projector</u>	<u>654.16</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$49,793.21

**Negative balance in the account is because funds transfer to cover checks was done after month-end.*

EDUCATION & RECRUITMENT

Barbara Stockford reported that Bryan College has a tentative target for enrolling Arizona students in the online program in September 2011. Bryan College would like to know if any ACRA members are interested in teaching, dictating, guest speaking or mentoring students both locally and online. Barbara toured their facility in Tempe. Students who don't pass the theory class the first time are asked to leave the program. Bryan College is considering asking local firm owners to sponsor students.

SEMINARS

Barbara presented the proposed lineup of speakers at the annual convention. A discussion was held regarding having an NCRA representative to swear in the new board and the expenses related to that. Karen Kahle reported that there is no bylaw requirement to have an NCRA representative preside over the installation of officers.

MEMBERSHIP

Doreen reported that Wilma Weinreich has volunteered to put together a comprehensive list of all reporters in the state to keep them up-dated on issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Doreen Borgmann and Scott Coniam will be the Arizona's delegates to the NCRA Business Meeting on July 28, 2011, in Las Vegas.

Erica Grund reported that she still has some openings on the nominee slate for 2011-2012.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28, 2011

NCRA Business Meeting, Bally's, Las Vegas
NCSA Meeting, Bally's, Las Vegas

July 29 - 31, 2011

NCRA Convention - Bally's, Las Vegas, Nevada

August 10, 2011

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

Editor: Karen Kahle, hvymtlccr@juno.com

Advertising: Robin Hirth, acra@saminc.org

September 16, 2011

ACRA Board of Directors Meeting, Prescott

**2011 Annual Convention
September 16-18, 2011**



Hotel Information:

Rate: \$95 includes complimentary guest room WIFI
1-800-967-4637 ask for group code: G743 or the ACRA room block
Room block deadline to guarantee rate: August 16, 2011



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