



# BoardLines

May 2010

## New Members Approved

ACRA approved new members Terese Pollitt (Certified Reporter) and Kandis Rausch (Student). Welcome!!

## New Board Appointment

Cindy Lineburg was appointed to fill the Official board vacancy.

## Management Company

Membership directories have been printed and will be distributed at Midyear. The money for the directory was raised by Michele Balmer. Due to attendance and sponsorships, ACRA will be under budget for Midyear.

## Treasurer's Report

The ACRA board has been working to raise money and cut costs and must continue to do so in order to stay viable. Membership is down by 34 members which means lost revenue for the association.

## Bench and Bar

The next AJC meeting will be May 4, 2010. Once the agenda is posted, the ACRA board will decide who will attend on ACRA's behalf.

## Legislation

ACRA Lobbyist John MacDonald took Linda Christensen and Erica Grund to the State Capitol to meet with Senators Russell Pearce and Linda Gray. Though the potential filing fee legislation has been tabled for the year, both senators expressed interest in supporting such legislation were ACRA to pursue it again next year. The board anticipates more meetings between ACRA board members and state legislators in the coming months. John MacDonald will address membership at the Midyear Business Meeting to discuss the reasons for tabling any potential legislation this year.

## Certified Reporter Board

At the April meeting of the Certified Reporter Board, the licensing board expressed its continued interest in the issue of contracting. A subcommittee was formed comprising of one judge, one attorney, and six court reporters, including the co-chairs of the ACRA Third-Party Control Committee, Mary Meyer and Chris Green. The subcommittee has been tasked with exploring the issue in greater detail, addressing any potential loopholes in the language. In the meantime, members of the licensing board remain firm that any violations of the Code of Conduct should be reported.

## Superior Court

Official reporters in Maricopa County are working well together and with their managing reporter to ensure maximum coverage by court reporters. A new presiding judge will take over in Maricopa this summer. Officials in Pima County will be required to go paperless by June. One official from Pima County is expected to retire in June.

## Third-Party Control

In early February, a Committee on Third-Party Control was appointed, consisting of Mary Meyer and Chris Green (co-chairs) and ACRA board member Tony Garcia. The committee drafted a position paper regarding contracting and submitted it, upon request, to the licensing board. The ACRA board submitted an additional position paper relating the concerns of its members regarding contracting. ACRA member and Past President Michele Balmer also made a submission. The discussion at the meeting resulted in the licensing board appointing a subcommittee to further explore the issue. The subcommittee will have its first meeting in May.

## April 2010 Board Meeting

**Board Members Present:** Erica Grund, Diane Sonntag, Linda Christensen, Doreen Borgmann, Bob Sipos, Karen Kahle, Tony Garcia, Cindy Lineburg and John Bouley.

**Other Participants:** Melanie Humphrey Sonntag, Melissa Gonsalves, Michele Balmer, Robin Hirth, ACRA Administrator

## Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2010:

Money Market	\$40,082.63
Checking	\$ (413.00)
PAC Fund Account	\$ 1,527.92
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,968.75
LCD Projector	\$ 654.16
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$43,298.46</b>

### **Mentoring**

Linda Christensen and Doreen Loback have been giving RPR prep classes to test candidates.

### **Education and Recruitment**

NCRA President-Elect Melanie Sonntag and ACRA member Allen Sonntag visited Gateway College. There has been much discussion regarding the new theory being taught, and an advisory committee meeting on April 21 will address the issue. Bryan College will be setting up shop in the Phoenix area. ACRA Vice President Linda Christensen is working with administration to welcome the school to the Arizona reporting community.

### **Fundraising**

A golf tournament fundraiser is in the early stages of discussion. Another raffle is planned for the end of the year. The ACRA board must make a consistent effort throughout the year to work on fundraising in order for the association to stay viable.

### **Seminars**

With the ACRA Midyear Seminar finalized, President-Elect Doreen Borgmann is now working on lining up speakers for Annual. Breakout CAT sessions, student seminars, a Town Hall with the NCRA representative, as well as a presentation by a K-9 officer are some of the seminars in the works.

### **Old Business**

ACRA has researched the idea of webinars as a way for ACRA members to receive CEUs and is still searching for a topic/presenter for a trial run of a webinar.

### **New Business**

Michele Balmer requested the ACRA Board vote to put the membership directory back in next year's budget. The directory was cut from the budget this year due to ACRA's financial position, but Michele was able to raise the money necessary to print the directory. The issue was tabled until the September board meeting so that the board will have a better picture of next year's budget.

# **IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Summer ArizoNotes**

Deadlines for submission of articles for the  
Summer Issue of ArizoNotes:

**May 7, 2010**

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**June 19, 2010**

ACRA Board of Directors Meeting  
Tucson

**2010 Annual Convention  
September 10-12, 2010  
Sheraton Crescent, Phoenix**



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