



Arizona Court Reporters Association October 2014 BoardLines

"That old September feeling...of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air...Another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that annual autumnal beginning, as if last year's mistakes and failures had been wiped clean by summer." ~ Wallace Stegner

Fall is finally here!

I would like to personally thank you for all your good wishes and support in taking on the position of your President of ACRA. I have been working on committees and behind the scenes for the last five years, and I am happy to finally be here. There are no words to describe becoming involved in an organization with people who have the same passion for this profession as you do. It is beyond all my expectations, and the friendships that have come out of it are forever etched in my heart. This is a good time to get involved, and we do need your help, so please don't hesitate to reach out. We want you!

The annual convention held at the La Paloma was another success, and once again we have to thank Diane Donoho and Robin Hirth for putting together such a great event. The hotel was magnificent, and one of the highlights was the President's Party which had a great turnout. The weather was perfect, the food and drinks were great, and I think a good time was had by all. It was a nice way to say thank you to Marty Herder for his commitment to ACRA!

As we are now a month into our new code changes, there are still questions by both reporters as well as attorneys. If you come across a question you can't answer, don't hesitate to contact ACRA. We will do our best to direct you to the section of the code to get the answer. For more information, the link for the Arizona Certified Reporters Board is: <http://www.azcourts.gov/cld/CourtReporterCertificationProgram.aspx>.

Our first order of business at our board meeting on October the 4th was to make a motion and approve Mike Bouley as our President-Elect. Mike is such a great asset to ACRA, and we are happy to have his invaluable input on the board. Talk about dedication, next year will be Mike's second turn at the helm of our association. Welcome aboard, Mike!

ACRA is gearing up for a presentation in March at the Arizona School Counselors Association, promoting court reporting to 550 school counselors across the state. If you are interested in becoming a member on this committee, please contact Robin at office@acraonline.org. This is very exciting and an opportunity for us to spread the word about our profession.

We are already planning for the first annual Jim Bouley Speed Contest at our next annual convention in September, and in a strange twist of things, Mark Kislingbury, who has competed against Jim many times through the years and considers him a good friend, has agreed to dictate the contest! This will be a memorable event, so start practicing, and let's make this one to go down in the history books of ACRA.

If you have time to donate or get involved, please contact Robin Hirth at office@acraonline.org. We could use your help.

You get what you give, and you reap what you sow.

Happy Halloween,

Pam Griffin, President