



BOARDlines

Arizona Court Reporters Association

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Hello, friends!

Your Board has been hard at work these past few months, and I want to update you on what's going on in your Association.

First off, we held our Board of Directors meeting on January 14. We discussed and approved our Budget for the coming year.

Our Rules & Laws Committee has been very busy. Carolyn discussed posting on ACRA's website storage retention, issues involving the state contracts, update on Rule 30(e), State Bar issues advisory opinions. There was also discussion regarding contacting the CR Board for an updated list of firms that are registered in the state and that reporters need to make sure their firm is registered. The Board will be discussing this in the future and anticipating that ACRA will update reporters with the rules for registering.

As you can see, ACRA's Rules & Laws Committee is always busy! We have a phenomenal committee chair in

Carolyn as well as many people on her committee to assist in overseeing issues that impact our professions legislatively.

Marylynn updated the Board on what's going on in Superior Court. Maricopa County has six full-time positions as well as three per diem positions available, and with reporters retiring this year, we need to fill these openings. I'd like to encourage any reporters who are thinking about making the change from freelance or CART to perhaps consider a per diem position.

The Board had a few things lined up for National Court Reporting and Captioning Week, and many Board members as well as volunteer reporters participated in the Arizona School Counselors meeting on February 27 and 28, and ACRA also provided a small sponsorship for the Freelance Owners seminar in Tucson.

An important topic of discussion was our Midyear and Annual conventions. Our Convention/Seminar chair Haley discussed speakers who will be involved and ideas for seminar sessions. **Our Midyear Seminar, which will be held April 22, 2017, at the Chandler Hilton,** is entitled "New Technology: New You"

and will include seminars showcasing tips on Windows 10 and computer hardware; cyber security, streaming realtime, and discussing future court reporters in training. Our Annual seminar is still in the works, but we hope to have some exciting and informative seminars to present at that time.

We, as your Board, our doing our best to inform and represent all members of our association. I encourage all members to contact the Board with any issues they feel should be addressed, present any articles for the ArizoNotes newsletter, and especially consider serving on our Board. **The Arizona Court Reporters Association exists because of wonderful people like you.**

As I've said in the past, it truly is an honor to serve our members of this great profession, and I have the utmost respect for our Board. They are a wonderful group of seemingly tireless professional, and they have my sincere appreciation for standing by me in serving our profession.

See you at the Midyear!

Diane Donoho
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