



BOARDlines

Arizona Court Reporters Association

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Hello, friends!

As our year comes to an end, we on your Board are just beginning!

Your ACRA Board consists of the following: Our returning board members included **Carolyn Sullivan** who has stepped in as President-Elect; **Haley Westra** is your Vice President; **Kate Roundy** and **Kim Portik**, representing Freelance; and of course, **Mike Bouley** as our Past President.

Some new faces to your Board are **Jeanne Kappedal** and **Marylynn LeMoine**, from Maricopa County Superior Court, have volunteered their time to participate on the Board. Jeanne will be filling the role of Secretary while Marylynn will representing the Officials. **Linda Cantrell**, from Kingman, is also representing the Officials. We also have **Amy Weaver**, a freelance reporter, who is stepping in as Treasurer. And we

are very pleased to have **Dick Borgmann** remain with us as our Executive Director.

On **Saturday, October 15, 2016**, our new Board had its first meeting. It was very productive, and I'd like to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Executive Director Dick presented two drafts for ACRA's 2017 budget, and after receiving some suggestions and revisions, the Board was sent out a final draft for approval in November.

Dick also presented a review and analysis of membership and dues amounts and revenue over the past several years. The last dues increase was in 2011. After considerable discussion, it was decided by the Board to increase dues to \$150 for reporters and \$115 for Colleagues/Related Professions for the coming year.

The Board was also given a revision of the Policies and Procedures Manual reflecting an additional section on Students

which had been previously approved by the Board

Under Membership, Amy reported **ACRA currently has 217 members**. The breakdown is as follows: 177 Arizona Certified Reporters, 11 Colleagues, 1 Federal CR, 1 Honorary, 12 Related Professions, and 15 students.

There are 380 Certified Reporters in Arizona at this time. Less than half are members of ACRA.

Carolyn is ACRA's committee chairperson for what is now called the Rules and Laws Committee. She discussed legislation rule changes from this past year – notably Rule 30. And her committee will continue to monitor legislation for the profession throughout the year.

Marylynn discussed openings in Superior Court. At that time there were four full-time positions available and three per diem positions available. Also in the works at MCSC is a salary

differential for providing realtime to judges.

Kate, Haley, and Kim presented some fundraising information. The Walk4Hearing was discussed and since then has proven to be a success, raising money for the Hearing Loss Association of America as well as some money for ACRA with reporters and students participating in the walk.. A Black Friday Raffle was discussed with two \$500 Visa gift cards to be raffled off. While Kate received donations from various people, Marylynn was able to get the reporters in Maricopa County

Superior Court to cover the cost of one of the gift cards.

Haley discussed our last convention, and we all agreed it was a success. Ideas were shared regarding potential speakers for ACRA's 2017 conventions. More information will follow on this topic.

These were the highlights of a four-hour meeting that covered a great deal of items and included much discussion. The minutes of our Board meetings will begin to be posted on our new website.

Our next meeting will be January 14, 2017. There will be

much more information to share then on upcoming events and conventions.

As you can see, your Board is working tirelessly for your Association. We will continue to do our best in representing all members of ACRA. And we wish you well in the coming year.

Thank you for your support.

Diane Donoho

President

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