

# BOARDlines

## Arizona Court Reporters Association

October 2022

### OCTOBER 2022 BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Laura Ashbrook, Dana Valles, Tammy Gillett, Sonia Vaca, Treva Colwell, Robin Osterode, Terry Libretti, Angela Miller, and student liaison McKalie Bellew.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking/Savings \$40,288.54

Prepaid Expenses \$3,821.65

Restricted Funds (\$1,146.00)

**TOTAL ASSETS \$42,964.19**

*For 70 years the Arizona Court Reporters Association has been the largest professional association of court reporters in the state of Arizona, advocating for the integrity of the profession of "Keeping the Record."*



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### WILD WEST ROUNDUP RECAP

The Wild West Court Reporter and Captioner Roundup held in Snowbird, Utah, last August was a tremendous success by all accounts. A great big thank you to former ACRA board members Cindy Mahoney and Tracy Johnston, as well as Lerryn Roberds for all their dedication and hard work in organizing a wonderful event at a magnificent venue that included outstanding speakers, CAT training, networking with peers, and FUN. ACRA president Laura Ashbrook has volunteered to take the reins for the next Roundup to be held in 2024 in Sedona. Plans are in the works to form a new committee. For more information e mail [wildwestreporters@yahoo.com](mailto:wildwestreporters@yahoo.com).

Look for incoming ACRA president Laura Ashbrook's message in the upcoming issue of ArizoNotes.

Some of Laura's goals – Make ACRA more inclusive to the court reporting community to increase membership, participation, social media visibility, and encourage higher attendance at conventions.

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*“Act as if what you do makes a difference . . .  
it does.” -William James*

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### PROFESSION UPDATES

The Court Reporter Certification Board has passed contingent certification to allow reporters to work immediately pending fingerprint clearance provided all other elements of application process is complete.

Digital court reporting is becoming more prevalent in Arizona, as evidenced by the fact that Gateway will no longer be offering a steno court reporting program by 2024 but instead plans to offer a digital court reporting program. Currently digital court reporting is not permitted in Arizona. Angela Miller intends to meet with Gateway to inform them of the requirement for certification and reach out to ACRA's lobbyists to get ahead of this situation and proactively work on legislation to block digital reporting in Arizona as was done in California and Washington.

In addition, Creosote will revisit the page rate increase for official court reporters and find a sponsor to get the bill to pass at the next session.



Autumn shows  
us how beautiful  
it is to let  
things go.

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## MENTORING

Robin Osterode needs your help in promoting our profession at local high schools. If you can volunteer to help with Career Days, please contact her at [rosterode@cox.net](mailto:rosterode@cox.net). Next Career Day will take place on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at Dysart High School, 7:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. ACRA provides all materials. All we need is you!

## Have you checked out the updated ACRA website lately?

Cindy Interdonato, our website designer, has freshened up the website making it more visually appealing and easier to navigate. Looks great, Cindy! Thanks for all your hard work on this.

## NCSA DELEGATES

Many thanks to Marty Herder and Laura Ashbrook for stepping forward to be NCSA delegates for the 2022-2023 term. The National Congress of State Associations (NCSA) is one of NCRA's most vital and active committees. Functioning as a conduit between state associations and the NCRA Board, NCSA performs a critical role within NCRA by providing a forum for state leaders to discuss issues and propose improvements to NCRA's governance, policies, and procedures.

## IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 19, 2022, at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

HOLIDAY MIXER/WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE: Date and location TBD SOON!

2023 COURT REPORTING & CAPTIONING WEEK: February 4 to 11, 2023

MIDYEAR SEMINAR (HYBRID): Tempe Mission Palms, April 22, 2023