



BOARDlines

Arizona Court Reporters Association

January 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Ashbrook, Dana Valles, Tammy Gillett, Sonia Vaca, Treva Colwell, Robin Osterode, Terry Libretti, and Angela Miller. Also present was Kim Portik, Executive Director.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking/Savings	\$47,802.23
Prepaid Expenses	400.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$48,202.23

2023 MIDYEAR CONVENTION

The 2023 Midyear Convention will be held in person and virtually at the Tempe Mission Palms in Tempe, Arizona, on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Scheduled to present is Anissa Nierenberger of Learn to Caption, Anissa Captions, and Dictionary Jumpstart. Ms. Nierenberger is an entertaining and engaging national speaker who is also a frequent presenter at NCRA conventions. Also presenting is local attorney Marc Victor. Mr. Victor is a long-time freedom activist who has successfully represented clients in many high-profile and media attention cases, such as the "Baby Gabriel" case. ACRA has negotiated a room rate of \$189 for attendees on Friday night. Additional details will be posted on ACRA website as finalized.

Town Hall

Past president Angela Miller and current board member Terry Libretti will moderate the Town Hall at Midyear. Information will be presented regarding the digital threat to Arizona, as well as introduce a prospective bylaw change that would allow voicewriters to become members of ACRA.

UPDATES

Creosote continues to seek a sponsor for the page rate increase legislation. Our lobbyist is working with a member of the House of Representatives who is on the Judiciary Committee. Although there is no official commitment yet, our lobbyist anticipates ACRA will move forward with introducing the bill.

One person can ~~only~~ do so much.

The Certified Reporter Board is seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on the Board. There are three opportunities available at this time: one official certified reporter, one freelance certified reporter, and one attorney member licensed to practice in Arizona. Volunteers are appointed to five-year terms. Meetings are every month. The application form is online at [Board of Certified Reporters \(azcourts.gov\)](https://www.azcourts.gov/BoardofCertifiedReporters).



"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."
~ Lily Tomlin

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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."

2023 COURT REPORTING & CAPTIONING WEEK FEBRUARY 4-11

President Laura Ashbrook will seek a Proclamation from the Governor's Office to acknowledge CR&C Week.

Other ways you can celebrate include:

- Show your court reporter pride by changing your Facebook profile picture, cover photo, or Twitter icon to the CR&C Week logo from February 4-11, 2023.
- Share a complimentary copy of [Making the Record: A Guide for Attorneys](#).
- Share [DiscoverSteno.org](https://www.discoversteno.org) with the parents of high schoolers, transitioning military members, second career seekers, or college graduates disappointed with their chosen majors, so they can learn more about what you do and the endless opportunities this job offers.

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee has started soliciting donations for Midyear. Letters will go out to only a few prospective vendors due to anticipated number of attendees. If you are interested in sponsoring a breakfast, lunch, or afternoon snack at Midyear, please contact us at office@acraonline.org.

Social Media

Terry Libretti has admin rights on a private Facebook court reporter group called "Arizona Court Reporters." Join to interact with other court reporters about all thing court reporting!

MENTORING

ACRA will promote court reporting at the AzSCA Annual Conference February 5-7, 2023, at the We-Ko-Pah Casino Resort. 650 guidance counselors will be in attendance. Reminder: Volunteer opportunities are still available! Please contact Robin Osterode at rosterode@hotmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

2023-2024 CERTIFIED REPORTER CERTIFICATION RENEWAL: Expires January 31, 2023. \$50 late fee after January 31, 2023.

ARIZONA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE: February 5-7, 2023, at We-Ko-Pah Casino Resort, Fort McDowell, Arizona.

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MIDYEAR CONVENTION (HYBRID): April 22, 2023, at Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, Arizona.