



BOARDlines

Arizona Court Reporters Association

June 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Ashbrook, Dana Valles, Tammy Gillett, Sonia Vaca, Treva Colwell, Terry Libretti, and Angela Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking/Savings	\$47,358.97
Other Assets	3,354.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$50,712.97

CONVENTION NEWS

The 2023 Midyear Convention at the Tempe Mission Palms exceeded expectations. The feedback from attendees was extremely positive . . . from the location to the speakers to the town hall to the delicious food. The breakroom snacks were a big hit! In addition to learning new ideas and renewing our enthusiasm for our profession, a great time was had by all reconnecting with peers!

On that note, you won't want to miss the 2023 Annual Convention! It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in beautiful, historic Prescott, Arizona, on September 16-17, 2023. Among the speakers scheduled to present is Kristine Bunch from the Innocence Project. Ms. Bunch was wrongfully convicted and spent 17 years in prison before being exonerated. Today she is an advocate for people exonerated of wrongful convictions.

Please join us for ACRA's annual business meeting luncheon. Elections for the new board of directors for the new term will take place, as well as a vote on a proposed bylaw change regarding voice writers.

Additional details will be posted on the ACRA website as finalized.

CERTIFIED REPORTER BOARD

The Certified Reporter Board is still seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on the Board: one official certified reporter, one freelance certified reporter, and one attorney member licensed to practice in Arizona. Meetings are every month, and attendance may be in person or remote. The application form is online at [Board of Certified Reporters \(azcourts.gov\)](https://www.azcourts.gov). The next meeting is August 10 at 10 a.m.

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Town Hall

Angela Miller, Terry Libretti, and Kassie Kosmal moderated the Town Hall at Midyear. Valuable information was presented regarding digital recording and the steps ACRA is proactively taking to thwart this emerging and growing threat.

Kassie is an official court reporter for Maricopa County Superior Court. She gave an informative presentation on voice writing and answered questions while demonstrating how she does her job every day.



Arizona Court Reporters Association

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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ARIZONOTES

Due to Karen Kahle's retirement from Pima County Superior Court after 24 (and a half) years, she has resigned from ArizoNotes. We thank Karen for all her creativity and contributions over the years. Happy trails to Karen as she embarks on her great adventure! Please send any submissions to Terry Libretti at tjlibretti@gmail.com. Deadline is 8/11/23.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

ARIZONOTES DEADLINE: August 11, 2023

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Creosote Partners' attempt to get the language into the recently passed bipartisan budget to increase the page rate was unsuccessful this legislative session. This was due in large part to all the new faces as a result of the change in leadership. Our lobbyists are willing to continue to volunteer their time to build the new relationships necessary to get these changes into law.

ACRA NEWS

It is with great regret that we acknowledge receipt of Kim Portik's resignation letter resigning her position as ACRA's executive director. On behalf of the entire board, we thank Kim for her wisdom and patient guidance. Her dedication and commitment to ACRA has been an inspiration to us all.

ACRA has entered into an agreement with Robin Hirth of Southwest Association Management to take over Kim's position. The Board looks forward to working with Robin.

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not." – Dr. Seuss*

Social Media

Terry Libretti is now administrator for ACRA's Facebook, Instagram, and a Facebook group called "Arizona Court Reporters." Join our social media community to keep up with court reporting in Arizona. Drop a comment and say hello!

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee has started soliciting donations for Annual. If you are interested in donating a raffle item, goods or services, gift cards, CA\$H, or sponsoring a speaker, a student, breakfast, lunch, or afternoon snack at Annual, please contact us at office@acraonline.org.

ACRA'S ANNUAL CONVENTION: September 16-17, 2023, at Hilton Garden Inn, Prescott, Arizona. *Save the date!*

