From the President … Cheryl Thomas

The 2015 ARID Biennial Conference was a fantastic event! Congratulations to the planning team for a job well done. Thank you as well to all of the students and volunteers for their hard work. Without these amazing people, we would not have had an opportunity for learning and fellowship that was far beyond measure.

Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. ~Sherry Anderson

During the conference we had the opportunity to elect a new Board of Directors. I wish them well and I have every confidence that they will inspire our organization to new heights. Their enthusiasm for ARID and its membership is priceless and inspiring. Please take time to give them your support, your patience, your understanding and your time when they need it. The world today is a busy place for all of us, but taking the time to make a phone call, write a letter or just provide support will make a huge difference to your Board of Directors. It is humbling to realize that the ARID membership has such trust in you as a volunteer, and I know that they do not enter into this commitment lightly.

The outgoing Board of Directors has worked to ensure that the tasks given to them by the membership were completed. With your input we have been able to complete both the new website and the Policy and Procedure Manual. It is our hope that both will be valuable tools to the members and to those who interact with our organization.

Thank you as always to Myra Taff-Watson for her hard work and dedication to the newsletter. There are many hours spent behind the scenes to ensure that you are kept abreast of the events that are happening locally, nationally and internationally within our profession and related fields.

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand." ~Woodrow Wilson

When I present to interpreters across the country I always try to remember to tell them: “I am a CODA. This is not my fault; I had absolutely nothing to do with the decision. It is my blessing. I am grateful for interpreters because you allow me to be a child.” The gift you give as a professional interpreter who works daily to improve your language, cultural and people skills, is not one I could quantify. I can only simply state that you are amazing and, to me and those I love, you are a blessing. You may never meet a member of my family face-to-face, but you enrich the world that they live in through your indirect contact. I thank you for being you and for caring so deeply.

I wish everyone the best and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for ARID.
The time has finally come! With the Biennial Conference wrapping up fiscal year 2014-2015, my term as Vice President is also wrapping up. What seemed like an impossibly daunting task set before me two years ago, has become a great sense of accomplishment and pride. Working with the Biennial Planning Committee (BPC) both past and present has been an honor and a wonderful learning experience. I would like to take this time to acknowledge the amazing cooperation and leadership skills of this year’s BPC and encourage members to take an active role in planning your 2017 Biennial Conference.

The BPC for the 2013-2015 term made the decision to increase registration fees. This follows pricing increases across the board from suppliers, vendors and goods. Every attempt was made to be conscientious of our member’s time and money. As Vice President I sincerely hope this Conference fulfilled your need for not only CEUs on paper but also the knowledge and fellowship we need as professionals in the field of interpreting. All of the recent changes in the way we practice our profession have the opportunity to damage our community. I feel that ARID needs only to look within for gracious leaders and those willing to serve to make our grassroots organization vibrant and strong enough to serve our purpose. I hope you enjoyed your 2015 Biennial Conference “Passport to Anywhere: Your Skills Can Take You There.” Speaking on behalf of the 2013-2015 Biennial Planning Committee, it was our honor to plan this conference and work along side our membership.

2015 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Chair - Anna Litchfield and Liaison to:
Program: Debbie Pearce  Program Book: Myra Taft-Watson  Finance: Alvin Haas  Technology: Eddie Schmeckenbecher

Co-chair - Meagan Shepherd and Liaison to:
Student Reps: Meagan Shepherd  Fundraising: Ann Marie Lott  Hospitality: Jamie Ross  Silent Auction: Chrystal Honorable

Co-chair - Ashley Beaty and Liaison to:
Registration: Alvin Haas  Interpreter Coordination: Haleigh Herring  CMP: Clint Brockway  Entertainment: Kris Miller

Anna Litchfield, NIC | ARID Vice President, Biennial Chair | Biennial Planning Committee
Secretary Report .... Katelyn Wilson

Thank You to the Out-Going 2013-2015 Board for Your Service

Cheryl Thomas, President
Anna Litchfield, Vice-President
Alvin Haas, Treasurer
Tironica Hamilton, MAL District 1
Chrystal Honorable, MAL District 2
Glenn Anderson, MAL District 3

Thank You

Congratulations and Welcome to the New 2015-2017 Board

Clint Brockway, President
Debbie Pearce, Vice-President
Chrystal Honorable, Secretary
Ashley Beaty, Treasurer
Kari Houtchens, MAL District 1
Nelvia Agnew, MAL District 2
Haleigh Herring, MAL District 3

Congratulations
Biennial 2015 Budget vs. Actual - July 2013 through June 2015

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and Ashley Beaty, QAST 5/5, ARID 2015-2017 Treasurer
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2015 ARID Biennial Conference Awards

Presented by Cheryl Thomas, President, at the 2015 ARID Biennial Conference Awards Ceremony

Not long after the 2013-2015 ARID Board of Directors took office, we began the process of ensuring that the Barbara Northup Excellence in Community Service & the Shirley Herald Lifetime Achievement Awards would be bestowed on two recipients who epitomized the grace, dedication and spirit of these two amazing women. It was an honor and a blessing to present these awards to:

Debbie Pearce - Barbara Northup Community Involvement Award
Myra Taff-Watson - Shirley Herald Lifetime Achievement Award

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum - an excerpt from the book, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sand pile at Sunday school.

These are the things I learned:

• Share everything.
• Play fair.
• Don't hit people.
• Put things back where you found them.
• Clean up your own mess.
• Don't take things that aren't yours.
• Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
• Wash your hands before you eat.
• Flush.
• Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
• Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
• Take a nap every afternoon.
• When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
• Be aware of wonder.
• Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
• Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
• And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.
• Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.
• Take any of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm.
• Think what a better world it would be if all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had a basic policy to always put thing back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.
• And it is still true, no matter how old you are - when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.
We are here now to celebrate the life and legacy of two remarkable women who not only lived by these principals, but taught us through their work and everyday life, how to live by them as well. Barbara Northup and Shirley Herald were and are women first and foremost. Through their work and love for their families, friends, the interpreting and Deaf communities and their belief in God and the goodness in people, they were our kindergarten teachers. The walked a walk that we can only hope to emulate and they really knew and lived their A B C’s.

A is for Amazing: This is defined as “causing great surprise or wonder; astonishing” and informally as “startlingly impressive.” Both Barbara and Shirley were a wonder to behold. To watch them work their craft and to give love and support to all who crossed their path was a sight to behold and we were always surprised that two women of such astonishing wonder were put in our paths.

B is for Blessing: One of the definitions of this word is “a thing conducive to happiness or welfare.” I don’t know about you, but they made me smile, and the memory of them does as well. I can remember Barbara on stage at ASD. She was up there alone and yet she pulled everyone in the audience into her embrace. The room fell in love instantly and people longed to be closer to her and to be bathed in her warmth.

C is for Character: The second definition is “Moral strength; integrity and public estimation of someone; reputation.” It is not our profession that is the example of our character; it is because of the character that we show within the interpreting and Deaf communities that allow us the privilege to what we do. The kindness and concern for others comes from the heart and soul and must be a part of our character, and there is no creating it or faking it. It is real or it is not. During my last conversation with Shirley, she was on her hospital bed and she said to me “Cheryl, I just want to interpret one last time.” I had no answer for her. I could not say “oh you will” for I would be lying. What I do know is that she is in heaven and is sitting as she did at the biennial. In a chair in the lobby and folks are coming up to her because they are drawn by her character like a moth to a flame.

Tonight we present the Barbara Northup Excellence in Community Service award and the Shirley Herald Lifetime Achievement award. It is an amazing gift that our community has so many who are deserving of these awards and that we actually have to choose someone to receive it. All those who were nominated could easily share these awards.

The Barbara Northup Excellence in Community Involvement Award is given during a Biennial Conference year to honor the member of the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ARID) that demonstrates outstanding community involvement in the Deaf and/or Deaf/Blind Communities of Arkansas. The Award is a memorial to Barbara Northup, a commended and dedicated member of ARID and forever cherished member of the Deaf Communities of Arkansas.

I would like to read you the nomination for the recipient of this award:
“This interpreter has always given to the Interpreting/Deaf community by working diligently with ARID. They are always going the extra mile and work hard to feed our communities. This person works hard and without a lot of help from all of us. This person goes out of her way to meet everyone’s professional development needs. They are diligent to get input from all to make sure our workshops are what we all need to improve as interpreters and helping us to be able to make our services more usable for the communication access for our Deaf and Hearing clients. In addition, they do this all with a smile on their face and nothing but kind words. This is a person who goes way past anything that is even expected of them and has done this for many years. This person set goals in their own professional standards for and has achieved them and then spent years in helping others to meet their own goals.”

In life there are things that we truly look forward to and I can say I look forward to being near this person. I always know with a certainty that I will smile and learn something. She is wise and her wisdom comes through in her patience, kindness and consideration for others. If we had been children in the same community, my mom would have said “Cheryl Rose; do what she does? Can’t you do just a little bit of that?” I don’t know that I can, but I can say that I would be proud to have half of the heart and kindness for those around me that she does. It is an honor and a blessing to present to -

Debbie Pearce
Barbara Northup Excellence in Community Involvement Award
Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for everyone who is blessed to know you and for those who will one day get to know you.
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The Shirley Herald Lifetime Achievement Award: The recipient should be one whose talent, efforts, and work has in a fundamental way advanced the field of interpreting; whose accomplishment has been acknowledged by professional peers and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community; and whose work has and will continue to have a lasting impression on interpreters, the profession, and society. The Shirley Herald Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding interpreters whose pioneering spirit and excellent work and dedication to the field throughout their careers has improved our society and inspired others.

Eligibility Requirements: Candidates for this award are role models in the field of interpreting. The recipient is an interpreter who resides in Arkansas and whose life-long career had a significant impact on society as a whole. The Shirley Herald Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a person whose efforts have changed, shaped, or anyway affected the field of interpreting or the lives of interpreters. The candidate for this award continues to interpret in AR. This interpreter will have at a minimum 25 years interpreting experience. The recipient is a member of ARID in good standing at the time they are nominated and chosen to receive this recognition.

The nomination for this person was 18 pages in length. I was going to try to hide who they were and surprise them, but I am unable to. All I have to do is start to read this and you’ll know. It is with pleasure and gratitude that I nominate -

**Myra Taff-Watson for the ARID Shirley Herald Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015**

Since arriving in Arkansas in 1981, I can think of very few individuals who have contributed as much to ARID, the interpreting community and the Deaf Community as Myra. She has been an interpreter educator for over 25 years bringing millions of dollars in federal grants to UALR for interpreter education, was one of the first Commissioners on the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education (CCIE) overseeing accreditation of interpreting programs, served for many years on the ARID Board of Directors including the presidency, mentored countless interpreters toward certification (myself included), and is owner of the longest running community interpreter service company in Arkansas providing interpreters for our Deaf Community and employment for our interpreters! Myra also contributes generously and often to support ARID conferences and events around the state. And this is only the tip of the iceberg!

Myra can simply be described as a "force of nature!" She hit Arkansas by storm over 30 years ago with her New York accent and notable fashions, and enough energy and a heart committed to building the Interpreter Education Program at UALR. She served as the Program Coordinator for her many years at UALR and continues to serve as a guest speaker, a mock QAST evaluator, an Internship supervisor, and a member of the Stakeholders Council. The community owes Myra a huge debt of gratitude, one that she does not seek, and would be embarrassed to receive.

Most interpreters know Myra as the owner and President/CEO of Communication Plus+ Interpreter Services, Inc. When ARID had to relinquish the interpreter referral business, Myra, together with partner Rob Parrish, started this company. When Rob moved out of state, Myra bought the company and has been the longest employer of free-lance interpreters in the state. She works 24/7 to make sure that Deaf consumers have interpreters in all aspects of their life.

Myra's contributions to ARID are many. Besides serving on the Board of Directors, she has served on many committees including biennial conference planning committees, the Bob Steed Scholarship Committee, and has been a long-time editor of the ARIDian News & Views. It was at Myra's invitation that I attended my first ARID meeting in early 1984.

Myra has brought recognition and respect to our state through her national activities. She was one of the first Commissioners on the Commission of Interpreter Education (CCIE), which reviews and accredits interpreter education programs. She has published widely in refereed journals, monographs, curricula and newsletters. She is on the Board of Editors of the Journal of Interpretation, the journal of RID. She has been sought after as a consultant, a mentor, a conference workshop presenter, a panelist, and the list goes on. She served for 14 years as the Editor of the CIT NEWS, the national newsletter of the Conference of Interpreter Trainers. She continues to attend national conferences and participate in the business of our profession.

Through all of this, Myra continues to practice her profession of interpreting while providing Deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing consumers and area businesses with qualified interpreters, and participating in the education of new interpreters. I have considered her a role model and my hero.
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Please accept this letter of nomination for Myra Taff-Watson who exemplifies in every way the kind of candidate this award seeks to recognize. I think Shirley would be pleased with this nomination if she was still with us.

As most of you know, I am an immigrant; Myra is a naturalized citizen. When we move to another country, we have the amazing opportunity to create a new family to add to the richness of the one we have left behind. Myra exemplifies this ability. Indeed, my husband has known her longer than I have. When I was applying to work in the U.S. the Immigration and Naturalization Service wanted to know that I would work and not be a burden to the hardworking citizenry of this country. My husband looked in the phone book, found Myra’s business number and called her. She willingly wrote a letter to the INS telling them that Arkansas did indeed need more sign language interpreters. For all she knew I could’ve shown up and signed (do the body sign language for my name). I hope I have done better than that and will always continue to improve. When I asked my husband to remember back to that first meeting, he said “We’ve always gotten along great. She was more than willing to help a stranger. She was Myra. Now anytime she sees me, she’s gotta hug me.”

Myra, I not only think that Shirley is pleased with this nomination; I KNOW she is smiling down upon you and I also know you can feel her hugs and love right now and in everything you do.

Please everyone, stand and join me in thanking these two beautiful women. They teach us every day about our ABC’s and they have much more to teach us if we’re willing to learn.

2015 ARID Biennial Conference Photo Array

Biennial Conference photos are courtesy of Allyson Caruthers and all 126 photos can be viewed and downloaded at: https://www.flickr.com/gp/133534894@N03/5AMi65
Congratulations!!
Cheryl Thomas
awarded the RID SC:L

Congratulations to Dr. Douglas Watson, Ph.D.
Recipient of an Honorary Degree, LHD …

Dr. Douglas Watson, Ph.D.
Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*

The Honorary Degree was conferred upon Dr. Douglas Watson, 1963 alumnus of Gallaudet University, by Gallaudet University at their 2015 Commencement Ceremonies. He was honored for his 50+ years as a visionary leader, researcher, director of the Research & Training Center on Deafness (RT-31), educator, author, editor and presenter.

He is nationally recognized for his outstanding and consistent contributions, publications and service to the field of deafness, rehabilitation, education, deaf-blindness and interpreting.
Congratulations to the following 16 QAST interpreters
(with permission to publish - Transliterating listed 1st, Interpreting listed 2nd)

Molly Burns 1/1  Leah Carney 1/2  Allison Caruthers 0/1
Jennifer Clark 1/1  Dee Dee Duplantis 4/4  Virginia Jackson 1/1
Crystal Kirkland 3/2  Kayla McDade 2/1  Erika Morris 2/2
Chelsea Richard 2/2  Jonathan Smith 4/4  Kevin Tietz 2/2
Lauren Waldorf 2/2  Sierra Welter 1/0  Ashley Wilbanks 1/1
Nick Winchell 2/2

Did you know that the largest committee of ARID is the Sunshine Committee? Anyone who is a member of ARID is also a member of the Sunshine Committee. Your Sunshine Committee Chair is your GOPHER! The Chair is at your beck and call! Contact me with Sunshine News and I will “go for” a card to send on the membership’s behalf. You can text me, email or call me!

The Open Door - The Committee is seeking a more efficient process of communication in order to increase awareness of those in the membership with needs or achievements who are due congratulations. We want membership ideas for an effective and appropriate way to institute an “open door” regarding acknowledgement and condolences requests (e.g., email, a Wiki page, Facebook, etc.). If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Carolyn Jolley Carolyn.S.Jolley@gmail.com or 501.346.3007.

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The application form is available for download on the ARID website:

http://arkansasrid.org/

Apply for Licensure Now!!
Renewals due December 31

While there is not a way to submit payment online, there is a process for submitting the form and accompanying documentation online. If you choose this option, you will receive an email with instructions for mailing in your payment. Online payment will be available next cycle.


Let Melanie Thornton <Melanie.thornton@gmail.com> know if there are any difficulties in downloading the documents or using the online application form.
Committee Reports

Professional Development Committee Report … Clint Brockway

The scanners have been bought and they were being used at the Biennial Conference. All the feedback from the membership has been positive about the use of scanners. It has helped to make the CEU tracking system easier.

Clint Brockway | ARID PDC Committee Chair | cjbrockway@ualr.edu

Program Committee Report … Debbie Pearce

ARID’s fall workshop will be in Bentonville, Arkansas, at Crystal Bridges Art Museum! Ray James will present “Art and Architecture: Hands on Interpreting” on Saturday, September 12, 2015. There will be guided tours and opportunities to work with fellow interpreters to enhance your learning experience.

Crystal Bridges will provide snacks and box lunches for anyone registered before August 28, 2015. Workshop participants will be given dietary choices of regular, vegetarian, and gluten free. However, the kitchen at Crystal Bridges is not certified gluten free. If you have health concerns or register late, you are invited to bring your own food. See the flyer and registration information in this edition.

Debbie Pearce | ARID Program Committee Chair | debbie4pearce@yahoo.com

Membership Development Committee … Ashley Beaty

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to you these last few years. The time has come for me to pass the torch as Membership Chair. This position has been so much fun, learning everyone's names and really getting a feeling of who is really in the ARID community. I hope to have someone working with me and preparing to takeover before the end of this year, 2015.

If you or someone you know is willing to step into a small leadership role that does not require very much extra time, please contact me at abeaty87@gmail.com. I hope to hear from some of you soon!

We had 94 members by the end of FY 2014-2015: 59 voting members, 25 supporting members and 10 student members. For the new 2015-2016 fiscal year, we have 39 members: 27 voting, 10 supporting and 2 student members! Go ahead and sign up!

Just as a reminder regarding ARID Bylaws - to be a voting member of RID you must also be a member of an affiliate chapter, in Arkansas it is ARID. Please remember that if you enjoy voting privileges for either organization, you must join both to make sure that you are able to vote and have your voice heard. If you have questions regarding your membership with ARID, please contact me at abeaty87@gmail.com.

Don’t forget to renew your membership for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. It’s easy! You can do so at http://arkansasrid.org/online-membership-form.htm, or www.arkansasrid.org and click on the “Membership” under the menu, choose membership application to fill it out and pay online. You can also mail in your membership renewal form to ARID:
Arkansas RID ATTN: Treasurer P.O. Box 46511 Little Rock, AR 72214-6511
Committee Reports

Membership Development Committee … Continued

Remember to continue to remind your fellow students, friends and colleagues to join ARID. The more members we have, the more capable we are to have more events and workshops in the future, while at the same time, you are supporting your local interpreting organization.

Don’t forget!

Go to www.arkansasrid.org
Select "Membership" from the menu.
Select "Membership Application"
Fill out the application and you're all set!

Ashley Beaty | ARID Fundraising Chair | abeaty87@gmail.com

Fundraising Committee Report … Ann Marie Fowler

Awesome News!! Over $6,000 in sponsorship toward the 2015 Biennial Conference and $1,306 was earned through the Silent Auction! Way to go team!

Ann Marie Fowler | ARID Fundraising Chair | 501.612.6652

Nominations Committee … Meagan Shepherd

The time has come to nominate our fellow interpreters to serve on the ARID Board. The nominator and nominee both have to be members of ARID. Nominations are open until the General Membership Business Meeting that will be held at the ARID Biennial on June 20, 2015. All nominations must be submitted online or at the business meeting on June 20th. Below you will find the positions that are up for nominations, the link to be able to nominate online, as well as a link for the map for Member-at-Large areas.

Nominations Positions:
President
Vice President
Secretary
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MAL District 3

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Meagan Shepherd | ARID Nominations Committee Chair | meaganshepherd@gmail.com
Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee Report … Myra Taff-Watson

To date, **four interpreters received funding** with a fifth applicant currently in the Committee approval process. **Please spread the word.** The Scholarship Application Form is included in this issue on pages 28-29.

Myra Taff-Watson | ARID Scholarship Committee Chair | 501.951.5170 | mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu

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Editorial Committee Report … Myra Taff-Watson

**Newsletter:** Enjoy the June 2015 Summer edition with Biennial Conference photos and awards. **Thanks** to William Gorum, Clint Brockway and Margaret Taff who assisted with the review and proofing of this edition.

**Other Editorial:** The Editorial Committee will continue to review/edit other printed materials from ARID members or information that serves the ARID membership, such as the new website, flyers, workshop announcements or any other distributions in 2015.

**Submission period deadline** - 2015 **September Fall edition**

**Between August 15 - August 31, 2015**

Myra Taff-Watson | ARID Editorial Committee Chair | 501.951.5170 | mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu

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Sunshine Committee … Carolyn Jolley - No Report

QAST Committee … Cheryl Sugg - No report

Technology Committee Report … Eddie Schmeckenbecher - No report

PPM Committee Report … Karin Binko - No report

Student Relations Committee Report … Jennifer Glover - No report

SSP Committee Report … Coy Detherage - No report
ARID has a user-friendly map of the state of Arkansas that divides the state into three respective Districts. Each ARID Member-at-Large is assigned to one District, with each District consisting of various counties. This map allows ARID members to locate his/her county of residence and to have contact information for the Member-at-Large responsible for that District. Any questions, concerns, and/or information that an ARID member would like to convey to the ARID Board Members can be addressed by contacting the Member-at-Large Representative responsible for his/her district. The Districts listed are as follows:

**District 1**  
Tironica Hamilton, MAL Rep  
memberatlarge1@arkansasrid.org  
**Counties:** Benton, Washington, Crawford, Sebastian, Scott, Polk, Montgomery, Yell, Perry, Logan, Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Conway, Van Buren, Cleburne, Madison, Newton, Searcy, Stone, Izard, Fulton, Baxter, Marion, Boone, Carroll.

**District 2**  
Chrystal Honorable, MAL Rep  
memberatlarge2@arkansasrid.org  
**Counties:** Randolph, Clay, Sharp, Lawrence, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Craighead, Mississippi, Poinsett, Cross, Crittenden, Woodruff, White, Faulkner, Lee, St. Francis, Monroe, Prairie, Lonoke, Arkansas, Phillips.

**District 3**  
Glenn Anderson, MAL Rep  
memberatlarge3@arkansasrid.org  
**Counties:** Pulaski, Saline, Garland, Hot Spring, Grant, Jefferson, Sevier, Howard, Pike, Clark, Dallas, Cleveland, Lincoln, Desha, Little River, Hempstead, Nevada, Ouachita, Calhoun, Bradley, Drew, Chicot, Ashley, Union, Columbia, Lafayette, Miller.
Greetings! The spring 2015 semester is on the books! We had a great semester with a lot of events taking place in the second half of the semester!

**Graduation**

On May 16, 2015 we had eleven (11) students graduate with their A.S. degree in ASL Studies! We are pleased to recognize Jaa’lon Baker, Emily Brown, Leanne Chenault, Joanne Delasse, Shantae Ford, Ashley Harper, Sandra Horton, Amelia Loken, Shannon Miller, Chelcia Standridge and Ashley Wilbanks. We say goodbye to Shantae Ford and Chelcia Standridge, but will see the other nine students who will return in the fall as B.A. majors!

Twelve (12) B.A. degree students completed their coursework and will be completing their Internship in the fall 2015 semester! With only the one course left, and with students scattering across the country for Internship, many students elected to walk and celebrate with classmates and family during the May 2015 graduation. We recognize these students: Molly Burns, Niki Charles, Angelina Hester, Joelle Jackson Crystal Kirkland, Erika Morris, Chelsea Richard, Jennifier Richard, Lesley Thomas, Jessica Thompson, Lauren Waldorf and Nick Winchell! Congratulations to all these students!

**Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community**

On April 17, 2015 the College of Education and Health Professions (CEHP) held an Awards and Recognition Ceremony honoring outstanding students and “Friends of the Department.” The Interpreter Education Program was able to make one selection for this year as winner of the 2015 “Friends of the Department” Award for the Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation, and Adult Education (CARE). We were thrilled to select the Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community as this year’s recipient. ADBC has been working with our students for the past 19 years in providing our students with a service-learning project for the fall deaf-blind retreats. ADBC’s support of our program provides an invaluable richness to our students’ education unmatched by other interpreter education programs. Dwayne Pope participated in the ceremony and was presented a plaque on behalf of ADBC. Congratulations and thank you ADBC!
Stakeholders Meeting

On May 8, 2015 the Interpreter Education Program held their annual Stakeholder Meeting in the Tornado Shelter at Arkansas School for the Deaf. Stakeholders include individuals from university and community partners, Arkansas Department of Education, city and county school districts, interpreter employers, ASL and interpreting students, program alumni, consumers, ASL and interpreting instructors, and educational and community interpreters. Topics discussed included: 2015 changes to the degree plans, student success, community collaboration, Tulsa third cohort, impact of interpreter licensure law on the program, future plans, and a time for questions and answers! Some interesting statistics shared with the Stakeholders are:

Number of student seats filled in IEP courses (Summer 14 – Spring 15): 704
Number of A.S. and B.A. majors (Summer 14 – Spring 15): 97
Number of Spring 2015 students taking the SCPI: 17
Number of Spring 2015 students taking the QA: 20 (both 3rd and 4th year students)
States for 2015 Internship: AL, AR, CO, MA, MS, NY, TN, TX, WA, & Puerto Rico (in process)

SLK Elections

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Sign Language Club for the 2015-2016 academic year:

- President: Traci Grizzle 4th year BA student
- Vice President: Jami Morrisley 3rd year BA student
- Treasurer: Josh Gray 3rd year BA student
- Member at Large: Bailey Gately 2nd year AS student
- Editor: Victoria Hickey 2nd year AS student

Look for more information from the SLK Editor!

SLK hosts “dead day” party for students and faculty before the start of final exams
Community News and Updates

Continued … UALR-IEP

Summer Courses

This summer the Interpreter Education Program is offering ASL 1 from May 26-August 4. Three courses are being taught to the Tulsa cohort: Manually Coded English, Comparative Linguistics, and Interpreting I. Classes taught to Tulsa span a five week period, four days a week from 8-4:15 pm. Faculty will travel to Tulsa several times over the five-week semester to meet with students and teach face-to-face.

2015-2016 Academic Year Ahead

Academic Program to Prepare ASL Teachers for Arkansas Public High Schools: In 2013, the Arkansas Legislature passed an act allowing ASL to be taught in public high schools to meet foreign language credit. The IEP has been intricately involved in the development of the ASL Curricular Framework and the Competencies for ASL Teachers K-12. The IEP is working on offering a pathway to certification and will develop a proposed program during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Collaboration with Spanish Department to offer Joint Interpreting Courses: The IEP has been approached by the Spanish language department to work collaboratively toward jointly taught courses as Spanish looks to create a Minor in English/Spanish interpreting. The IEP is excited about this prospect.

Barbara Northup Scholarship: The Interpreter Education Program continues to make slow, but steady progress to establish the “Barbara E. Northup Memorial Scholarship for Interpreter Education.” We plan to pursue this vigorously during the next academic year.

Wishing everyone a fun-filled and relaxing summer! See you at the ARID and RID conferences this summer!

AAD Update … Glenn Anderson

Look for an update in the September 2015 Fall edition of the ARIDian News & Views.

ADBC Update … Arthur Babin

Look for an update in the September 2015 Fall edition of the ARIDian News & Views.
Community News and Updates

SLK News ... Traci Grizzle

One reoccurring event that SLK hosted was their Silent Dinners, which were hosted at various restaurants throughout the spring semester. These restaurants included Buffalo Wild Wings, Genghis Grill, US Pizza, Purple Cow, On the Border and Boston’s.

SLK partnered with the ARID Biennial Fundraising Committee at two of the Silent Dinners and a total of $318.38 was raised. In addition, SLK donated a few Silent Auction items for the ARID Biennial Conference held June 18-20, 2015 in Little Rock.

Throughout the course of the spring semester, SLK continued to increase in membership thanks to the remind app. If you are interested in receiving updates about SLK’s events and meetings you can text @ualrslk to 81010. To receive updates via email, send an email to ualrslk@mail.remind.com.

Another update this past semester was a new t-shirt. The 2014-2015 Secretary, Chelsea Richard, created the design. If you are interested in purchasing an SLK t-shirt, email: slkualr@gmail.com.

The sizes and pricing for the t-shirts run as follows- S-XL are $10 and XXL are $12.

The front design located on the left pocket area

The back of the 2015 SLK t-shirt!!
After a great semester, we elected the **new officers for the 2015-2016 school year**. Those officers are: **President - Traci Grizzle, Vice President - Jami Morrisey, Secretary - Leah Carney, Treasurer - Josh Gray, Editor - Victoria Hickey and Member-at-Large - Bailey Gately.** We ended the semester with our end of the year party formally announcing our new 2015-2016 SLK officers.

The 2015-2016 SLK officers with our faculty advisor Dr. Glenn Anderson. Left to right, back row: Jami Morrisey, Traci Grizzle, Leah Carney, and Dr. Glenn Anderson. Front row: Bailey Gately and Victoria Hickey.

For the **fall semester**, we plan to continue with our Silent Dinners because they always are a great turnout and a great benefit to both the Deaf community and the members of SLK. SLK also plans to keep ties with ARID and other professional interpreters. We hope to continue to be **involved with the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community**.

SLK hosted **See-A-Song 2015** along with Jami Hollingsworth’s Artistic Interpreting class. Hopefully throughout the upcoming year, we can have scheduled “meet and greets” with working interpreters in our field to gain potential mentors and relationships with colleagues to carry on after graduation. In addition to the other events we participate in, SLK plans to be involved with **Deaf Awareness Week**. The new SLK officers are excited for the experience they are about to encounter in the upcoming year! Can’t Wait!
Reminders

Fiscal Year 2015-2016
Need to renew your ARID dues?
The New Fiscal Year begins July 1, 2015

Recruit a new ARID member
Easy options to pay your dues

1) print the Membership Form found in this newsletter and mail the form with your check to ARID or
2) go to www.arkansasrid.org to the Membership Form tab:
   a) print and mail the form with your check to ARID or
   b) submit it online and pay through PayPal

😊 Online is very fast, and prints out your membership card

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Join ARID and let’s celebrate an exciting year ahead of us!
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It’s easy and quick through PayPal
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015
REGISTRATION  7:45 am, WORKSHOP  8:15 am – 4 pm

Enjoy a day of hands-on immersive learning from works of art and architecture at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Grounded in the philosophy that learning from works of art is socially constructed, you will experience the process of using facilitated dialog to explore and discover the visual arts.

The workshop will guide you in exploring ideas and concepts within American art history and architecture. In the morning session, you will have an interactive interpreting experience in the galleries before the Museum is open to the public. The afternoon session will offer you an interactive interpreting experience as we discuss the architecture of the Museum.

Following each session, we will discuss your experiences and establish signed vocabulary for the concepts we learn.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

7:45 am  Registration opens
8:15 – 11:30 am  Morning session
Hands-on Interpreting Works of Art
11:30 am – 1 pm  Lunch and business meeting
(lunch provided with advance registration)
1 – 4 pm  Afternoon session
Hands-on Interpreting Architecture

PRESENTER

Raphael (Ray) James, M.S./M.Ed., IC/TC, Texas-IV-Court, is an instructor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in the Interpreter Education Program. He specializes in teaching the junior and senior level courses as well as those related to the educational interpreting minor. James has over 35 years of experience in interpreting and over 25 years experience in teaching and training interpreters. His fine arts background includes theatrical interpreting, shadowing and performances, providing access to programming and training for Deaf artists at the Art Institute of Houston, and serving on the creation of the Professional Development Endorsement System to provide a framework for sequential education in specialized settings.

Presented in collaboration between the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

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ARIDian News & Views - Volume 30; Issue 4
Art & Architecture: Hands on Interpreting
ARID’s Fall Workshop
Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR
September 12, 2015
Presenter, Ray James

ARID is an approved sponsor for Continuing Education Activities under the CMP and ACET. The program is offered for a total of .6 CEUs in Professional Studies with a Content Knowledge Level of Little/None. Target audience is certified and pre-certified interpreters. QAST level interpreters may earn 6 hours CEU training.

Early Bird (before 8/28): $60 ARID member, $75 non-member
After (8/28): $70 ARID member, $85 non-member

Please address questions to Debbie Pearce, 479-264-7069 or debbie4pearce@yahoo.com
Crystal Bridges is offering some scholarships on a case-by-case basis.
Contact Debbie Pearce for an application.

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Registration Form for Art & Architecture: Hands on Interpreting

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Address_________________________
Non-member (before 8/28) $---------
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Current Member (after 8/28) $---------
Phone_________________________
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* Member indicates membership in ARID. Member status will be verified. Dues may be included with workshop fee. (Supporting member dues, $25; Voting member dues, $35; Student member dues, $15)

Box lunches will be provided for those who register before August 28. Although there is a gluten free option, the meals will not be prepared in a certified gluten free kitchen. For those with severe gluten reactions or those who register late, you will want to bring your own lunch. Please choose from the following lunch options:

  o Regular
  o Vegetarian
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History: Purpose of Scholarship Funds for National and State Certification Testing:
In 1991, ARID established the Scholarship Fund to assist individual ARID members defray the costs of RID certification testing. In 2010, the Scholarship Committee updated the scholarship criteria and procedures to reflect current tests, terminology and the ability to submit materials electronically. The ARID membership approved the updates at the 12/4/10 GM Meeting and it was printed starting with the ARIDian News & Views, 26(2) December 2010 Winter Holiday issue. In 2011, the Scholarship Committee named the scholarship and revised the eligibility criteria to expand the availability of funds to ARID members for any national and state certification tests. The ARID membership approved the revisions at the 12/3/11 GM Meeting and all information was printed in the ARIDian News & Views, 27(2) December 2011 Winter Holiday issue.

Purpose of Scholarship Funds for National and State Level Testing:
Scholarship funds are available to all ARID members in good standing for any national or state certification, or performance tests/assessments/screenings that include, but are not limited to: 1) the RID Performance Tests [NIC, OTC, SC:L, CDI], 2) the EIPA Performance Assessment and 3) the Arkansas QAST Screening Tests [Levels 1-3 and Levels 4-5], hereafter referred to as “tests.”

Reimbursement Process:
It is the candidate’s responsibility to pay for any Application and/or Written Test fees for certification and/or state level interpreter tests. Reimbursement for performance tests is up to $150.00.

Eligibility Criteria:
Regardless of which test or assessment a candidate wishes to take, all candidates must first satisfy the following and be:
1. A current resident of the state of Arkansas.
2. A member in good standing of ARID for a minimum of two years.
3. A member in good standing of RID, Inc.
The RID NIC Performance Test:
• Pass the RID Written Exam.
• Possess a minimum of a QAST Level 2 or another RID or national certificate.
The EIPA:
• Pass the EIPA Written Test.
• Possess a minimum of a QAST Level 2
The Arkansas QAST:
• Pass the Arkansas QAST Written Exam.

Application Materials:
I. Application Form
1. Complete the form indicating your contact information, current membership status, credentials, degrees and the category for which you are requesting funds.
2. Submit a scanned copy of the current ARID membership card and a copy of last year’s membership card. (If you don’t have a copy of last year’s membership card, check the box on the Application requesting verification with the ARID Membership Committee Chair).
II. Application for National RID Testing:
• Submit a scanned copy of your current Arkansas QAST card (verifying QAST Level 2/2 minimum).
• Submit a scanned copy of your current RID membership status (verifying RID membership status).
III. Application for EIPA Testing:
• Verification of passing the EIPA documentation that verifies you passed the EIPA Written Test.
IV. Application for Arkansas QAST:
• Verification of passing the Arkansas QAST Written Exam.

Electronic Application Process / Procedures for Reimbursement of Performance Test Fees:
ARID will only accept electronic submissions as part of its efforts to “go green” and all submissions must be complete and submitted as a Word.doc (scanned items can be in pdf or jpg formats).
1. Twenty (20) days before the test date, please submit Application Materials via email to the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@arkansasrid.org.
2. Ten (10) days before the test date, the candidate will receive the Verification of Testing Form.
3. Present the Verification of Testing Form at the testing site to the RID Local Test Administrator (LTA) or the QAST Coordinator for his or her signature.
4. Upon completion of the Performance Test, the applicant has seven (7) business days to submit the signed Verification of Testing Form via email to the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@arkansasrid.org.
5. Upon receipt of signed Verification of Testing Form, the Scholarship Committee will inform the Treasurer to draft a check to the candidate.
6. Within ten (10) working days, the candidate receives a reimbursement check for certification and/or state level interpreter testing.
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Application Form

Name ________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________

Cell ___________________ Telephone ___________________ Email ___________________

Optional

Education / Training (list all degrees, if any; status if a current IEP student; otherwise why interested in testing)

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Current Credentials (check all that apply; include certification and/or level)

None ☐

RID ☐ ______

QAST ☐ Level ______

Other ☐ ______ (name and level)

Check the Test Category Scholarship Funds for which you are applying:

RID ☑ NIC ☐ OTC ☐ SC:L ☐ CDI ☐

EIPA ☐

QAST ☐ Level 1-3 ☐ Level 4-5

Other ☐ ___________ (name and level)

Check all that apply (please include scanned copies as attachments)

ARID Membership Card Current ☑ Last year ☐ Verify with Membership Chair ☐

RID Membership Card Current ☑ Not Applicable ☐

QAST Card Current ☑ Not Applicable ☐

Other _______ (name and level) Current ☑ Not Applicable ☐
Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Verification of Testing Form

Name ____________________________________________
Address __________________________________________
__________________________________________________
Cell ___________________ Telephone ________________ Email ________________

Signature of the Test Administrator

The Test Administrator verifies that the above candidate took the following performance test:

__________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature ______________ Date ______________

Name (please print) ________________________________

Name/Location of Testing Site ________________________________

Please check the Candidate’s Test Category:

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EIPA □
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Other □ __________ (name and level)
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$100 full page
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## Credentials:

- [ ] RID Certification, Member Number: [ ]
- [ ] QA Level: [ ]
### Membership Types & Annual Dues Information:

**Voting - Annual dues $35.00**

Voting membership carries the privilege of voting for officers and issues of concern at ARID business meetings.

Voting members must be RID members in good standing in any category.

Verification of RID membership is required. *(Enclose a copy of your RID member card.)*

**Supporting - Annual dues $25.00**

Supporting membership carries all the privileges and benefits of voting membership except for voting rights.

Supporting members are encouraged to join RID, but are not required to do so in this category.

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### Interpreting credentials/certifications (RID CSC, NAD, NIC, QAST etc.)

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### Ethics Statement: By joining ARID I agree to adhere to the RID Code of Professional Conduct

### Membership Services Preferences

ARID Member Services are now electronic. Members will receive newsletters, quarterly business meeting minutes, and renewal notices via email and/or will receive an email prompt to log on to the ARID website.

Please check all that apply if you prefer these services in print format only:

- [ ] Business Meeting Minutes
- [ ] Quarterly Newsletter
- [ ] Annual Dues Renewal Notice

### Payment Method:

- [ ] Check
- [ ] Money Order

### Payment Information

- Voting ($35) OR Supporting ($25) __________
- Tax Deductible Donation __________
- Total Enclosed ________

### Check/Money Order Payable to ARID

### For Office Use Only

- Date payment received: __________
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- Database updated: __________
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ARID is a non-profit organization whose goals are to:
• provide an organizational structure for interpreters/transliterators;
• promote quality interpreting services;
• recognize the unique language and culture of Deaf people;
• promote certification;
• provide professionals development opportunities;
• uphold the standards of the profession;
• provide information sharing;
• serve in an advocacy role for the rights of persons who are deaf and for the rights of interpreters/transliterators;
• develop liaisons with other disciplines and organizations that interact and interface with the interpreting field

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