Editor’s Welcome… Myra Taff-Watson, MA, CSC

Greeting fellow ARIDians and Welcome to the September 2015 Fall edition!

It is my pleasure to be able to publish the quarterly newsletter for the membership, and with this Volume 31, Issue 1, we have published 121 issues since 1987. Can you believe that?

I want to say Thank You! to the out-going board of 2013-2015 and Welcome! to the new 2015-2017 board. This new board has accomplished quite a bit already in the first quarter of their stewardship. Congratulations! The enhanced website, ARID Now, the President’s blog, the re-organization of committees and work on the PPM, are but some of the recent accomplishments of the new board.

Clint Brockway, President
Debbie Pearce, Vice-President
Chrsytal Honorable, Secretary
Ashley Beaty, Treasurer
Kari Houtchens, MAL District 1 (not pictured)
Nelvia Agnew, MAL District 2
Haleigh Herring, MAL District 3

See all the news from the president, the committees, the MALs, updates from the community, and of course, photo arrays from both the RID NOLA Conference and the Sept 12, 2015 Arts and Architecture workshop.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12, 2015
GM Meeting & Lunch @ 11:30-1 pm
Workshop @ 8:15-11:30 am
Workshop @ 1-4 pm
Crystal Bridges
Bentonville, AR

Holiday Celebration
December 5, 2015
Workshop and GM Meeting
ASD Tornado Shelter

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President’s Report
ARIDian, September 2015

Friends,

It has been an exciting and busy quarter since we began serving as your 2015-2017 ARID Board of Directors. I am proud to be able to announce that we have filled all board positions and all but two committee positions. Additionally, it is with great pleasure that I share with you that most of our committees are now served by two or more interpreters, with some benefitting from the work of as many as four interpreters.

The pool of talent shared amongst our membership is remarkable and diverse. We are fortunate to have a committed membership who is gracious enough to direct those talents to the goals of ARID.

Since taking office I have focused the majority of my efforts on addressing the questions that I raised in my nomination comments during the business meeting at our biennial conference:

**What is the value of the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in 2015? What is it that ARID can be doing for our membership in the digital age?**

One of the characteristics of our organization that has had, I believe, the greatest impact on our sustained presence and success since our inception in 1981 is the fellowship that our organization creates. *We have ever been, and remain, a hub for connecting with colleagues and professionals in related fields.* Business partnerships, mentorships, enduring friendships, and many other connections are shared between us due, in large part, to the nature of our organization.

Interpreters often work in isolation and it is easy to feel disconnected from our colleagues and the profession as a whole when that is the case. ARID remains the hub for connecting us with one another, but the landscape of that process has changed.

ARID has been making steady progress toward developing a more visible online presence, we are now engaging members and stakeholders on social media and via our new website. The work of those who were involved in these projects has made a great impact on ARID’s sustained success, *we extend our gratitude to you all.*
We will renew these efforts to ensure that:

- Our website features high quality, original content that is relevant and updated regularly
- We are utilizing our website and other technology resources to the best of our ability to maximize the benefit and availability of information to our organization, membership, and stakeholders
- Our presence on social media is appropriate and beneficial to those with whom we are connected, and reflects best practices as adapted to meet our specific needs.

I have been working toward these goals by generating new content for our webpage. I invite you all to visit the new pages:

- **President’s Blog** - This page is listed under the “About Us” tab and is replacing the President’s Welcome. The previous page was a static landing page welcoming visitors to the site. We will continue using the homepage for that purpose, but the President’s Blog will replace its predecessor and provide a dynamic environment where you will find updates on news about ARID, RID, interpreting, and related content. I will also share information about other content areas affecting interpreters such as self-care, record keeping, etc.

- **Our Impact** - Also listed under the “About Us” tab you will find this new page celebrating the impact of our organization. The current highlight is the combined work of the Program, Professional Development, and Biennial Conference Planning Committee. I will be adding information as more metrics are implemented to record our activity.

I have also begun compiling the monthly bulletin, “ARID Now,” in an effort to centralize and deliver time-sensitive information in a branded, interactive format.

As we have been working through the PPM and bylaws, the board has been doing research into committee work and reporting in previous minutes. In an effort to maintain a clear vision and course, we must streamline our processes, increase resource sharing, and maintain accurate and concise reporting.

In our research we identified four ad hoc committees that had never been formally dissolved. Each committee was established for a specific purpose that has either been long since achieved or long since abandoned. The four committees are: the QAST Committee, the SSP Committee, the Educational Interpreter Committee, and the SSP Committee. These committees have been formally dissolved. Our organization extends our gratitude and praise to those who served on these committees.

The board has been meeting monthly, the minutes from these meetings are being shared by our diligent Secretary, Chryстал Honorable. I have also been meeting informally with many our committee chairs to discuss their needs and the directions the committees will be moving in. New changes in leadership have been reported to our Region IV Representative, Connie Herndon.

This is an exciting time for ARID! If you are interested in joining the 20+ interpreters currently serving in board and committee positions for ARID, please contact us through the “Contact Us” tab found on our homepage at arkansasrid.org.

I want to close this first report by thanking you, the membership, for entrusting myself and my fellow board members with the leadership of this organization. I am both proud and fortunate to serve alongside a board of incomparable colleagues, with the solid foundation of our industrious committee chairs and members to support our work. It is our privilege to
President’s Report - continued

Debbie Pearce
Arkansas. Save the date!

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With your help and encouragement, I believe “my skills can take me there.” My main focus as Vice-President will be planning our next biennial conference, which will be held June 9-10, 2017, in Northwest Arkansas. Save the date!

Debbie Pearce, QAST 5/4 | ARID Vice President, Biennial Chair |

Vice-President’s Report - Debbie Pearce

This is an exciting time to be a member of ARID! We have a new board motivated to work hard and implement positive changes for our organization.

I have loved serving as your Program Committee Chair! I will never be able to thank you enough for allowing me the opportunity to serve our beloved ARID in this capacity! Not only have I grown professionally, but I have been blessed to work with many wonderful presenters and individual ARID members. After eight years, I have passed that mantle to Meagan Shepherd. I know she will do a great job and serve us well.

At our recent biennial conference, the membership voted to grant me a new “passport” to serve as your Vice President. I am grateful, humbled, and scared to death! With your help and encouragement, I believe “my skills can take me there.” My main focus as Vice-President will be planning our next biennial conference, which will be held June 9-10, 2017, in Northwest Arkansas. Save the date!

Debbie Pearce, QAST 5/4 | ARID Vice President, Biennial Chair |
**Board Meeting Motions**

**07-03-2015**
BD15.01 Move to terminate Meagan Shepherd as the chair of the Nominations Committee in order to fulfill the duties as the chair of the Program Committee (Beaty, Herring) PASSED.

BD15.02 Move to accept Carolyn Jolley’s verbal resignation as chair of the Sunshine Committee as expressed to Clint Brockway on June 27, 2015 (Pearce, Agnew) PASSED.

BD15.03 Move to accept AnnMarie Lott’s resignation as chair of the Fundraising Committee as expressed to Clint Brockway on June 26, 2015, in order to fulfill the duties as the chair of the Professional Development Committee (Herring, Beaty) PASSED.

BD15.04 Move to table discussion concerning other committees until the next board meeting. At such time the Board will discuss the function and purpose of four (4) committees: QA Committee, Student Committees, SSP Committee and the Interpreter Coordination Committee after it has been discussed with the Bylaws Committee and gathered information (Beaty, Herring) PASSED.

BD15.05 Move that Clint Brockway be elected as delegate to the RID National Conference. In the event that he is unable to attend, then Ashley Beaty will go in his place (Pearce, Herring) PASSED.

BD15.06 Move that we table the discussion for the liaison appointment to the committees and their responsibilities until the next meeting (Agnew, Beaty) PASSED.

**08-22-2015**
BD15.07 Move to accept the minutes from the July 3, 2015 meeting with the stated revisions (Agnew, Beaty) PASSED.

BD15.08 Move to accept the budget for 2015-2016 (Pearce, Honorable) PASSED.

BD15.09 Move that the four Ad hoc committees: Educational interpreter, QA Committee, SSP Committee and Student Relations Committee, be dissolved immediately (Beaty, Pearce) PASSED.

BD15.10 Move to appoint a PPM Ad hoc committee with a life span of six (6) months (Pearce, Agnew) PASSED.

BD15.11 Move to establish the ad hoc committee beginning at the General Membership Meeting starting in September 2015 until March 2016 (Beaty, Agnew) PASSED.

BD15.12 Move to initiate the use of the Square effective immediate and discontinue the use of PayPal after all the funds have been processed from the September workshop (Beaty, Pearce) PASSED.

BD15.13 Move to increase membership rates by five dollars ($5) for workshop registration and increase non-membership rates by ten dollars ($10) for workshop registration (Beaty, Agnew) PASSED.

BD15.14 Move that the rates become effective October 1, 2015 (Agnew, Herring) PASSED.
Board Meeting Motions - continued

BD15.15 Move to give Clint Brockway permission to proceed with registering ARID with the Presidential Volunteering Certifying Service Organization (PVCSO) (Pearce, Beaty) PASSED.

BD15.16 Move that the cost for any scholarship application for the Crystal Bridges workshop be covered by ARID (Pearce, Beaty) PASSED.

BD15.17 Move that the dates for the 2017 Biennial Conference be set for June 9-10, 2017 in Northwest Arkansas (Pearce, Beaty) PASSED.

BD15.18 Move to adjourn the meeting (Beaty, Agnew) PASSED.

09-11-2015

BD15.19 Move that the nominations process will be, if accepted: On September 14, 2015 at 12:00 a.m. nominations will be open via web form on the ARID website. A ballot will be built that includes all nominees that will be sent out to all ARID voting members. That ballot will be available on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 12:00 a.m. and will close on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. In the event of a tie, a second round of voting will be held for the tied nominees beginning on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 12:00 a.m. and will close on Friday, October 2, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. If there is no tie, the voting process will formally end on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 12:00 a.m. If there is a tie, then the voting process will formally end on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 12:00 a.m. Within forty-eight (48) hours of the formal end of the voting process, Glenn Anderson, Editor of the Arkansas Association for the Deaf, will be notified of our nominees (Houtchens, Beaty) PASSED.

BD15.20 Move to adjourn the meeting (Beaty, Houtchens) PASSED.

General Membership Meeting Motions

09-12-2015

GM15.05 Move to accept the minutes from the last meeting with minor corrections (Taff-Watson, Shepherd) PASSED.

GM15.06 Move to accept the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 (Taff-Watson, Lott) PASSED.

GM15.07 Move to adjourn the meeting (Taff-Watson, Buccino) PASSED.
## Treasurer's Report - Ashley Beaty

### Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - July 2015 through June 2016

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Board Outreach

ARID President Clint Brockway and Treasurer Ashley Beaty attended the UALR SLK Welcome Back Reception on August 31, 2015. The students were given a brief introduction to ARID and its role as the professional organization in their discipline.

From that talk, we are happy to welcome five new student members to ARID!

One of those members was sponsored by a donor. It means that one of those students has received a one-year membership to ARID at no cost.

What a fantastic way to give back and to welcome students to the field!
# 2015-2017 ARID Committees

## Standing Committees

ARID Committees provide one of the many ways for members to serve the professional organization. If you have an interest in serving, contact the board to learn more!

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Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee Report … Linda Stauffer

There are no updates for this edition.

Linda Stauffer | ARID Bylaws Committee Chair | lkstauffer@ualr.edu

Editorial Committee Report … Myra Taff-Watson

Newsletter: Enjoy the September 2015 Fall edition with 2015 RID Conference NOLA 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.


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

Fundraising Committee … Vacant

Vacant | ARID Fundraising Committee Chair |

Membership Development Committee … Traci Grizzle

For the new 2015-2016 fiscal year, we have **89 members**: **50 voting, 28 supporting** and **11 student members**! Go ahead and sign up! Just as a reminder regarding RID and ARID Bylaws - to be a voting member of RID you must also be a member of your affiliate chapter ARID. Please remember - if you enjoy voting privileges in either organization, you must join both to be able to vote and have your voice heard. If you have questions regarding ARID membership, please contact me at trgrizzle@ualr.edu. 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](http://arkansasrid.org/online-membership-form.htm), or [www.arkansasrid.org](http://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

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](http://www.arkansasrid.org)  
Select "Membership" from the menu.  
Select "Membership Application"  
Fill out the application and you're all set!

Traci Grizzle | ARID Membership Development Committee Chair | trgrizzle@ualr.edu
Committee Reports

Nominations Committee … Gwenyth Sutphin

The time has come for us to collect nominations for one position on the Advisory Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf (referred to as the Advisory Board). We will submit these nominations in conjunction with the Arkansas Association of the Deaf (AAD). AAD will provide nominations for a second position on the Advisory Board to the ARID Board of Directors for approval.

The ARID nominations process will operate as follows:

✦ Nominations will be accepted until 11:59p on Friday, 9/18/15.
✦ A link to a ballot of nominees will be sent to all voting members of ARID on Monday, 9/21/15 and will be open for voting until 11:59p on Friday, 9/25/15.
✦ In the event of a tie, a second round of voting will be open from Monday, 9/28/15 through 11:59p on Friday, 10/2/15.
✦ The two (2) nominees who receive the most votes will be submitted to AAD within 48 hours of the close of voting.
✦ ARID and AAD will jointly submit two nominees for each position to the Arkansas Department of Health on or before 10/9/2015.

The advisory board is comprised of:
✦ Four (4) individuals who are qualified, licensed interpreters
✦ Two (2) individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf.
✦ One (1) individual who is neither a qualified, licensed interpreter nor an individual who is Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf.

This composition incorporates the perspectives of interpreters; Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, and Oral Deaf consumers; and hearing consumers. The two positions that are up for nomination and reelection are:

• One (1) interpreter (nominated by ARID)
• One (1) hearing consumer (nominated by AAD)

Before nominating an individual, please review the Rules Governing the Advisory Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf and the Rules Governing the Licensure of Provisional and Qualified Interpreters and contact the individual you are nominating for their consent.

Gwenyth Sutphin | ARID Nominations Committee Chair | gbsutphin@yahoo.com
Program Committee Report … Meagan Shepherd

Happy Fall ARID!

Debbie Pearce and Elise Kirkpatrick have worked hard to plan ARID’s fall workshop in Bentonville, AR at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Ray James presented “Art and Architecture: Hands on Interpreting,” on Saturday, September 12, 2015. There were guided tours and opportunities to work with fellow interpreters. We had 52 participants, 13 of whom received scholarships and 4 students from 3 different state (AR, MO, OK) attended this wonderful workshop. Thank you to all of you who came to beautiful Northwest Arkansas.

In June of this year, Debbie Pearce accepted the position as Vice-President and I was appointed the new Program Chair for ARID. I look forward to working with the membership in planning some remarkable workshops. On July 29, 2015, I sent out a survey to the membership in order for me to obtain insight as to the type of workshops everyone was interested in attending. I have collected the data and I am working diligently on planning the December 2015 workshop. The workshop will be December 5, 2015 in the Tornado shelter at ASD. Be on the lookout for more information on the ARID listserv.

Debbie has served this position for ARID with such pride and grace, and I am excited to learn from one of the best. See you all in December! Thank you.

Meagan Shepherd, NIC | ARID Program Chair Meagan Shepherd | meaganrshepherd@gmail.com

Professional Development Committee Report … Ann Marie Lott

Greetings fellow ARIDians,

Leah Carney and I are excited to have taken on the role of your new Professional Development Committee! Thank you for allowing us to give back to the interpreting community in this capacity! Going forward, if there are any CMP request or concerns, please feel free to contact us via our new gmail account; aridpdc@gmail.com. All communications via this email are forwarded directly to the committee chair, AnnMarie Lott.

Remember that ARID quarterly workshops will be utilizing the new scanner system. We hope that you’re enjoying this new streamlined process as much as we are enjoying it. If you’d like to be scanned in, please bring your barcode with you. These have been delivered to you electronically in order to reduce ARID’s carbon footprint. If you chose to print them please feel free to do so. Otherwise, our amazing scanners are capable of scanning from any mobile device.

Since the last report, the committee has begun processing 6 activities, all of which originated in Arkansas:

- 5 Sponsored Activities, scheduled for September and October
- 1 Academic Coursework

As always, if you have any questions about the PDC’s work, don’t hesitate to contact us!

Ann Marie Lott | ARID PDC Committee Chair | annmariefowler2403@gmail.com
Leah Carney, QAST 1/2 | Specialist, Professional Development Committee
 Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee Report … Kris Miller

This year I have taken on the task of Chair of the Sunshine Committee with Carolyn Jolley as my mentor. We met to discuss what is involved in the Sunshine Committee. Carolyn trained me how to use the website Sendoutcards.com. We sent cards to all of the sponsors who donated items for the ARID Silent Auction and to the presenters for their workshops. We also sent cards to Debbie Pearce to congratulate her for receiving the Barbara Northup Excellence in Community Involvement Award and to Myra Taff-Watson to congratulate her for receiving the ARID Shirley Herald Lifetime Achievement Award.

Kris Miller | ARID Sunshine Committee Chair | krismiller25@gmail.com

Scholarship Committee Report … Myra Taff-Watson

To date, six (6) interpreters received funding with one more applicant currently in the Committee approval process. Please spread the word. The Scholarship Application Form is included in this issue.

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

Technology Committee Report … Ashley Harper

Greetings good people of Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf,

If you don’t know me already, my name is Ashley Harper. Some of you may have met me as a student representative “travel guide” at the ARID Biennial Conference. I am currently a senior in the Interpreter Education Program at UALR.

I am incredibly grateful and flattered to be appointed as the Technology Committee Chair. With great delight, I accept. While in this position, I plan to devote my energy to amping up our web and social media presence. Keep an eye out for some fun, engaging, and educational terp talks posted on the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Facebook page. I look forward to being a part of the ARID team and to continue to serve and grow within this community.

Ashley Harper | ARID Technology Committee Chair | ajharper32@gmail.com

PPM Ad Hoc Committee Report … Katelyn Wilson & Gwenyth Sutphin

Greetings! Please see the Policies and Procedures Manual Ad Hoc Committee below.

Katelyn Wilson | ARID PPM Ad Hoc Committee | wilsonkatelynb@gmail.com
Gwenyth Sutphin | ARID PPM Ad Hoc Committee | gbsutphin@yahoo.com
Policies and Procedures Manual Ad Hoc Committee
Purpose, Process, Content, Division of Labor, and Timeline for the Development of the New PPM

Katelyn Wilson
Co-Chair, Policies and Procedures Manual Committee

Gwenyth Sutphin
Co-Chair, Policies and Procedures Manual Committee

Clint Brockway
President, Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

Purpose:

To codify the day-to-day operations of ARID in a manner such that committee and board work can be taken over by the next elected or appointed individual without issue.

wilsonkatelynb@gmail.com       gbsutphin@yahoo.com       president@arkansasrid.org
Process

The PPM Committee shall be a joint effort, shared by all who serve ARID. The committee’s lifespan shall be from the September General Membership Meeting (GMM) of ARID through the March General Membership Meeting of ARID, approximately six months. Should the committee’s work not be completed by such time, the Board of Directors will consider an extension at the Board Meeting held immediately before the March GMM.

The work of this ad hoc committee will require the support of each committee and board member. Those who serve ARID will be asked to complete a form on the ARID website. This entry will detail how their position and/or committee functions.

These submissions will be reviewed by the PPM committee for clarity and form, then submitted to the Editorial and Bylaws Committees for review. The Editorial Committee will review the submissions for clarity and form once more. The Bylaws Committee will review the submissions to ensure that they are in total compliance with the bylaws.

While that review is underway, the PPM committee will begin developing structural elements of the document such as the table of contents, the index, and page layout templates for each section of content. Once all of the above tasks have been completed, the final document will be assembled.

This final document will be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval.

It is important to note that the PPM is unlike other documents that ARID operates under. For example: Our bylaws are a governing document, we must do what is in the bylaws; the PPM is a living document, it must say what it is that we do. Essentially, our bylaws tell us what to do and we tell the PPM how we’re going to do that. The PPM is a living, changing document that will need to be revisited with the installation of each new board.
Timeline

9/25/15
Web form must be developed and live.

10/30/15
Committee chairs and board members must complete their submissions via the web form (Exception given to the Biennial Planning Committee whose documents will not be due until July 1, 2017 for inclusion in the next iteration of the PPM).

10/31/15-11/30/15
Katelyn and Gwyneth review submissions, edit for clarity, and contact chairs/ board members to solicit revisions as needed.

12/1/15
Edited and proofed sections are sent to Editorial and Bylaws committees for review.

12/1/15-1/14/16
Editorial and Bylaws Committees review and revise, as needed, the content developed to this point.

PPM Committee begins developing structural elements of the document: table of contents, index, and page layout templates.

1/15/16
All revisions thus far are completed and have been returned to Katelyn and Gwyneth. The document is in total compliance with bylaws and has been proofed multiple times by multiple individuals to ensure its clarity and that there are no spelling or grammar errors.

1/15/16-2/11/16
Final document is assembled and branded by PPM Committee.

2/12/16
Final document is submitted to the Board of Directors for review.

2/13/15-2/29/15
Board of Directors reviews document, sends back any revisions, reviews again.

3/1/15
Final document approved by the Board of Directors, uploaded to website before March GMM.
Kari Houtchens, District 1 -

Hello!

I, Kari, will be filling the role on the ARID Board as the MAL for District 1. In reality, it will be a team effort between Dawn Malley and I. I'll be the one representing our area at the board meetings, but it definitely will be a collaborative effort.

Some time ago, Interpreters in Northwest Arkansas met on a monthly basis. As schedules became busy the participation declined. Seeing a desire within the interpreting community to get connected and support each other, we are working with interpreters to develop a communication strategy, opportunities for learning, and ways to support the next biennial interpreting conference that will take place in 2017 in Northwest Arkansas. All of this while having fun, making new friends, and supporting the field of interpreting.

Currently, a local non-profit agency will be leading two training events for local interpreters. A workshop led by local interpreters is in the works for November 2015. This is a great way for interpreters to give back and volunteer, and for local interpreters to learn in a safe environment. This was done 2 years ago with great success and interpreters want another workshop in the same format.

Thank you! By the time you read this, we're sure we have enjoyed seeing a lot of you at the Art and Architecture workshop!

Dawn Malley, NIC and Kari Houtchens, NIC

Nelvia Agnew, District 2 -

As I write my first ARIDian report, I want to begin by thanking the ARID membership for allowing me this opportunity by electing me to serve in the position of Member-at-Large for District 2 (MAL-2). My first several months as MAL-2 have been filled with a wide variety of activities related to gathering information on the District’s membership and “learning the ropes” of serving on the ARID Board. Emails have been sent to current District 2 members to “introduce myself” and provide my contact information for their convenience. Similar correspondence has been sent to former District 2 members, which also encouraged them to renew membership. I continue to seek ways to connect with interpreters in District 2 and welcome your input. Let’s all come alongside each other, give an encouraging word, lend a helping hand, share our favorite resources, listen with an understanding heart, and demonstrate what “ARID membership” means! Together we can build a strong professional network that will be informative, supportive, and encouraging!

Nelvia Agnew | ARID Member-at-Large District 2 | nelviaagnew@yahoo.com
Haleigh Herring, District 3 -

July 28 - ARID received an email from CART transcriber. She recently moved to Little Rock area from out of state and was interested in getting information on interpreting agencies. A list of agencies, as well as university contacts, was sent to her. I also suggested that she could join ARID to receive information on job postings.

Aug. 16 - I had contact with a UALR student who is currently in the internship stage of the IEP. When asked if she was a member of ARID, she said no. She believed that she first had to be recommended by a current member to join. This is a concern to me. ARID does not require a person to be recommended to join. I would like to see clarification on the webpage that anyone can join ARID as a supporting member.

Aug. 19 - I contacted SLK President to find out information on SLK events. SLK has monthly silent dinners held at various restaurants in the Little Rock area. The first SLK Silent Dinner was held Tuesday Sept. 8, 2015.

Aug. 20 - A UALR student contacted ARID and asked if the Sept. 12 workshop was open to anyone. She is currently a student member of ARID. I informed her that ARID workshops are meant for interpreters at all levels and that she would receive the membership rate as a current member.

Aug. 27 - I had contact with a UALR student who is currently in the internship stage of the IEP. When asked if she was a member of ARID, she stated she had tried to join but did not understand PayPal. I recommended that she try to join again and should do so before she graduates in order to receive the reduced student rate. However, she has already obtained all of her required CEUs for the year. Joining ARID to receive reduced workshop rates was not enough to sway her to join. This concerns me as the Board has been discussing the benefits of joining ARID. We need to focus on emphasizing the benefits of ARID. It may also benefit ARID to put more instructions for using PayPal on the website.

Sept. 10 - A resident of Benton contacted ARID on Sept. 6 seeking information on how to request an interpreter. In response, I sent him referral information regarding interpreter services.

Haleigh Herring | ARID Member-at-Large District 3 | haleighcherring@gmail.com
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 each 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**  
Kari Houtchens, MAL 1 Rep  
mail1@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**  
Nelvia Agnew, MAL 2 Rep  
mail2@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**  
Haleigh Herring, MAL 3 Rep  
mail3@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.
Congratulations!

Clint Brockway

on award of the RID NIC

See the 2015 December edition for Congratulations to QAST Interpreters
(Transliterating listed 1st, Interpreting listed 2nd)

ADBC ... Arthur Babin

Great news! Hold the date for ADBC’s 20th Year Anniversary Celebration and Banquet scheduled for September 17, 2016 at the Embassy Suites in LR. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating with ADBC.

AAD ... Glenn Anderson


... brought to you by the ARID Grapevine!
Sept. 12 Workshop Photo Array

52 participants
with 4 students from 3 different states: AR, MO, OK

Interpreting descriptions and history of art and architecture
How do you describe the architecture? Classifiers!!
Sept. 12 Workshop Photo Array

Happy Days!

And an educational and fun visit to the original Walton’s!
25 Arkansans attended the RID Conference!

Congratulations!!! Stars on the Red Carpet Walk!
Ray James, Linda Stauffer and Myra Taff-Watson
were named among the
50 Most Influential Members of RID in the Past 50 Years!
The most in any one state … We are so proud of you!

RID 2015
1185 registered:
953 certified members,
172 associate members,
38 students, and
22 additional enthusiastic participants!
A grand total of 1,705.15
CEUs were awarded!

Winner of the
RID Distinguished Service Award
Jes Nelson-Julander

Winner of the
RID Outstanding Service Award
Leandra Williams

Let the festivities begin!
New RID Board
(front row, seated, l-r)
Vice President
Melvin Walker
President Dawn Whitcher
Secretary Josh Pennise
(back row, standing, l-r)
Region IV Representative
Connie Herndon
Region V Representative
Erica West Oyedele
Region II Representative
Randy Chappell
Member-At-Large
LaVona Andrew
Region I Representative
Lewis Merkin
Region III Representative
Sandra Maloney
Deaf Member-At-Large
Ritchie Bryant
Treasurer
Billieanne McLellan
Our members making motions during Business Meetings, presenting at the RIV Caucus, voting, finding one’s own star on the Red Carpet Walk, and having fun at the end of the evening!
Greetings! Welcome to another fall Semester of the Interpreter Education Program at UALR! We had a great summer and many things already in planning for the Fall!

**Summer Courses**

This summer the Interpreter Education Program offered ASL 1 from May 26-August 4, 2015. Three other courses were taught to the Tulsa cohort: *Manually Coded English, Comparative Linguistics, and Interpreting I*. Classes taught to Tulsa spanned a five week period, four days a week from 8-4:15. Faculty traveled to Tulsa several times over the five-week semester to meet with students and teach face-to-face.

**Fall Semester Begins**

Classes began on August 17, 2015. On August 31st, the 11th day on which the official count takes place, we had **327 seats filled across 25 sections of classes**. Included in that number are **11 students completing their Internship this semester**! They are widely spread in terms of location: Puerto Rico, New York, Alabama, Texas, Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, and 3 cities in Arkansas!

The following courses are being taught this semester:

- ASL 1 (6 sections)
- ASL 2 (3 sections)
- ASL 3 (2 sections)
- ASL 5
- Ethical Standards and Practices (2 sections LR and Tulsa)
- Introduction to Interpreting
- Interpreting Theory and Process
- Principles of Educational Interpreting
- Interpreting
- Manually Coded English
- Artistic Interpreting
- Interpreting for Persons who are Deaf-blind (2 sections, Little Rock and Tulsa)
- Deaf Culture
- Internship (2 sections)

The Tulsa students are taking two of our classes, once separately, and one together with Little Rock students!

We welcome **Cheri Courtright** to our group of part-time instructors! Cheri will be teaching ASL 2 and 3. We are so glad to have her back with us! We say **goodbye to Carolyn Jolley** who is taking a break from teaching, but will be helping out with the Interpreting for Persons who are Deaf-blind class taught by **Jami Hollingsworth**.

**See-A-Song**

The Artistic Interpreting class is already at work on **Fall 2015 See-A-Song**. This wonderful event, Hits from the Stage and Screen, will take place on Tuesday evening, **November 3, 2015 at 6:00 pm**. More information will be disseminated at a later date.
Deaf-Blind Retreat

Students in both Tulsa and Little Rock are already preparing for the Deaf-Blind Retreat, which will be held in Louisiana this year October 22-25, 2015. Jami Hollingsworth and Carolyn Jolley are traveling to Tulsa several times to give hands on practice. The Tulsa students will travel to Little Rock for a Deaf-Blind Social and meet the students and Deaf-Blind Community members here in Arkansas!

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 plans to start meeting with 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.

Scholarships and Awards

The IEP will work with the new College Director of Development to make progress in establishing the Barbara Northup Scholarship, and discuss the feasibility of developing of other student scholarships. Additionally, the faculty is discussing the establishment of IEP student awards to be presented during the College’s spring scholarship and awards ceremony.

Faculty Summer Activities

Besides teaching, the faculty had a busy summer attending conferences, presenting workshops and at conference, participating in professional business meetings, teaching summer courses, and interpreting, in order to practice their skills and to bring the latest information back to the program.

ARID Biennial Conference

All IEP Faculty attended the ARID Biennial Conference held June 19-20 in Little Rock. Ray James presented a fabulous pre-conference workshop on June 18th on interpreting for museums. (See Photos elsewhere).
National Episcopal Conference General Convention

**Dr. Stauffer** spent 11 days in Salt Lake City, Utah as one of four professional Episcopal interpreters hired by the [Episcopal Conference of the Deaf](#) to interpret the 78th General Convention of the national Episcopal Church. Interpreted events included daily worship for **5,000 persons**, hearings on budget priorities, disability issues, province dinners, and the business meetings of the House of Deputies.

Linda Stauffer interprets the sermon for daily worship during the national General Convention of the Episcopal Church

**Dr. Glenn Anderson** attended the 27th national NBDA conference in Louisville, KY, August 4-9, 2015. Dr. Anderson along with Lindsay Dunn moderated a panel "The State of Education of Black Deaf Children: Progress or Stagnation?" Four superintendents of different schools for the deaf across the country including today's only Black deaf superintendent **Ernest Garrett** (Missouri School for the Deaf) took part in a panel discussion. **Howard A. Rosenblum**, CEO of the [National Association of the Deaf](#) also participated on the panel.

RID Conference

Many Arkansans attended the [national conference of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#) in New Orleans, LA August 8-12, 2015 including IEP faculty **Jami Hollingsworth**, **Linda Stauffer**, **Katelyn Wilson**, and **Carolyn Jolley**. We saw many graduates of our program, including Arkansas interpreters and those now working in other states!

L-R: Jami Hollingsworth, Annie Mikel, Katelyn Wilson, Nikki Cherry

**Ray James**, **Myra Taff-Watson** and **Linda Stauffer** were named 3 of the “50 Most Influential Members of RID in the Past 50 Years!” What an honor and quite a surprise! See the photos in the RID 2015 NOLA section of this edition.

We wish everyone a great Fall 2015 semester!
SLK News … Traci Grizzle

SLK is starting the semester with full encouragement and enthusiasm! Since school has begun this semester, SLK has been busy. SLK participated in the Student Organization Fair, visited ASL classes to inform the students about SLK and encouraging them to be involved, and hosted a Welcome Back Reception for all ASL and interpreting students.

SLK table at the Student Organization Fair

SLK had a table at the Student Organization Fair on Monday August 17, 2015. The officers were there to promote the student organization and give any information about Sigma Lambda Kappa. We also encourage students to be involved.

From left to right, Vice President: Jami Morrisey, Member-at-Large: Bailey Gately, President: Traci Grizzle, Treasurer: Josh Gray, Secretary: Leah Carney, Not Pictured: Editor: Tori Hickey.

First SLK Meeting of the Year and Welcome Back Party

We had such a great turn out at our first SLK Meeting that was held August 31, 2015. We had 30-40 students show up. Jonathan Walterhouse, Director of Sorenson, provided pizza to welcome everyone back to a new year. He briefly explained a little about Sorenson. We are so thankful for his generosity! Ashley Beaty and Clint Brockway did a wonderful job presenting on ARID. ARID gained 5 new student members after the meeting. Our first SLK meeting was definitely a success!!

Top: Traci Grizzle, SLK President presents on upcoming SLK activities while Alecia Mullen interprets.

Ashley Beaty and Clint Brockway presenting on ARID!
Community News and Updates

Some of the 30-40 persons attending the Welcome Back reception.

Glenn Anderson drawing a name for the door prize!
Ashley Harper explaining the ASL Meet Up
Jonthan Walterhouse presenting Sorenson Video Relay Services!

Silent Dinners and Events Planned for September 2015

SLK has a few silent dinners and events planned for the month of September. Remember during the Silent Dinners and events it is voice off, hands up! SLK would like to invite the Deaf community, Deaf Blind community, and anyone else who may be interested. Plans are as follows:

- September 8th is our first Silent Dinner at U.S. Pizza on Fair Park, right behind UALR at 7:00pm.
- September 12th, SLK plans to tailgate for the Razorback game that will be held at War Memorial Stadium. We plan to start setting up around 9:00 am.
- September 15th will be our Bowling event help at Professor Bowl at 6:30pm.
- September 23rd will be our second Silent Dinner of the month being held at Purple Cow on Chenal Pkwy at 7:00pm.
- September 25th is the ASL Meet Up at the Starbucks. Ashley Harper works at Located in West Little Rock on Kirk Road at 7:00 pm
- September 28th-Oct 2nd is Deaf Awareness Week.

Can’t wait to see everyone there!!

SLK Membership

SLK gained 45 new members since the first meeting. 14 of those 45 members are paid members. Paid membership is growing by the minute! If you would like to become a member of our student organization, it costs $7.50 each semester or $15.00 for the full year.

SLK T-SHIRTS

We still have plenty of SLK t-shirts for sale. If you would like to purchase a t-Shirt you can contact me at trgrizzle@ualr.edu or Josh Gray at jxgray3@ualr.edu. Shirt sizes S-XL are $10.00 and XXL are $12.00. Hurry and get your shirt!!

As president, I am so inspired to see the encouragement of everyone being involved. This is wonderful semester! I see amazing things happening in the future! Let the year begin!!
Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

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)
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

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 Certifications

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)

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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:

RID ☑ NIC ☐ OTC ☐ SC:L ☐ CDI ☐

EIPA ☐

QAST ☐ Level 1-3 ☐ Level 4-5

Other ☐ __________ (name and level)
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ARID Rates for 2015

$50 1/4 page
$75 1/2 page
$100 full page
# Member Update Form

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## Please check the preferred method(s) of contact:

- [ ] Home Phone
- [ ] Work Phone
- [ ] Cell Phone
- [ ] Fax (work)
- [ ] Video Phone
- [ ] Email ________________________________

## Credentials:

- [ ] RID Certification, Member Number: ____________________
- [ ] QA Level: ____________________
Fiscal Year 2015-2016
Need to renew your ARID dues?
Our New Fiscal Year began 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

Don't fall behind! It's never too late!
Join ARID

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Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf  
P.O. Box 46511  *  Little Rock, AR  72214-6511  

Annual Membership Application for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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.

Please complete the table below and send this page with your membership payment

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

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Check/Money Order Payable to ARID

For Office Use Only

Date payment received: ____________
Date Dues deposited: ____________
Database updated: ____________
Membership card sent: ____________
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About Our Organization … Incorporated in 1981
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