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

Greetings fellow ARIDians …

Welcome to the June 2016 Summer edition!

Blue skies and sunny days! Vacations and activities galore! Don’t take a vacation away from ARID and enjoy the active involvement in ARID. Join committees! ARID still needs YOU on a variety of committees and on the 2017 Biennial Planning Committee. This is YOUR organization. #teamARID

We are now at Volume 31, Issue 4 - that’s 124 issues since 1987. How wonderful that we have kept the newsletter going all these years.

See all the news from the president, the committees, the MALs, UALR-IEP, SLK, updates from the community, congratulations, and of course, photo arrays from the awesome June 4, 2016 “Let Your ASL Out!” workshop.

Sept. 10, 2016
Workshop @ 8-11 am, & 1-4 pm
GM Meeting @ 11-1 pm
Fairfield Inn & Suites
4611 Rozell Road
Rogers, AR

DON’T FORGET!
Initial Licensure or Renewal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Greetings ARIDians!

I hope you all are enjoying the summer season! If you’re looking for some summertime diversions, don’t forget about the RID Region IV/TSID Conference in Houston, TX from July 21-24 with the student pre-conference from July 20-21.

As we draw to the end of FY 2015-2016, we also come to the end of another year of dedicated service for some, and the first year of service for other members of our current board and committee chairs and members. I want to ensure that we take time to recognize the efforts of these dedicated leaders who give so graciously of their time, talent, and treasure. ARID’s great history and future have been built through the efforts of such dedicated individuals and members for the last 35 years, and I would like to thank each of you who have been a part of this great story.

Recently, that story, ARID’s story - our story - has included such momentous events as the passing of licensure law in our state and recognition of 3 ARIDians (Raphael James, Dr. Linda Stauffer, and Myra Taff-Watson) who were selected as among the 50 most influential people of RID’s first 50 years at our national conference in New Orleans (the most members selected from any one affiliate chapter of RID!).

But what makes this story so fantastic, and why I am so thankful for my ability to play a part in it, is that between these climactic moments there are thousands of much quieter moments shared among our members. Our success as an organization comes from this commitment to one another and it is fantastic to be able to share in it with you all.

ARID has meant so many things to so many of us over the years, and this year, as a part of our celebration, we’ll be looking to learn more about what ARID has meant to individual members over the years. I hope you’ll share your stories with us as we move through this very special year!

Since the last report, I have been working closely with our board members and committee chairs on various projects from the development of our PPM, biennial conference planning, anniversary celebration planning, budget development, and others.

Regards,

Clint Brockway, MA, NIC, EIPA 3.5  
President, Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
Greetings, ARIDians …

It was my pleasure to represent ARID during RID’s 2016 Spring Volunteer Leadership Webinar. The moderator and I bonded from the beginning . . . She opened by admitting, “Presenting is easy, but the technology connected to a webinar scares me to death!”

The following is a summary of what I gleaned from the webinar.

Dawn Whitcher, RID President led the webinar with Sandra Maloney and Erica West Oyedele assisting. Anna Witter-Merithew joined us for the question/answer portion. There were 48 attendees.

Ms. Whitcher has been involved with RID for 6 years and admits there has been a constant struggle over communication. Webinars have proven a positive tool to connect with affiliate chapter leaders with a goal of each leader reporting back to their constituency. She stated, “Although we cherish our history, we are working toward change to benefit both the Deaf and Interpreting worlds.”

Ms. Erica West Oyedele, Region V Representative, stated, “We are a growing organization in a technology driven world. Our best source of communication at this time is email.” Members are urged to access the information sent through the internet.

It was emphasized that the RID Board listens to the membership and makes decisions based on their feedback. We cannot dismiss collaborative responsibility. However, Ms. Whitcher pointed out, “Members must understand that we take feedback and match it with our knowledge and by-laws before making any decisions.” Mutual respect between the board, RID headquarters, and the membership is imperative. The board depends on affiliate chapters for collaboration. However, everyone must accept the element of confidentiality involved in the decision making process.

Trust, support and dedication must improve. More members need to be willing to take on leadership roles. In the past, there has been little or no competition when choosing officers for RID’s board. Competition is healthy, causing people to feel they have more voice and opportunity to share ideas.

Members should be voting. From 6,000 members, there tends to be an average of only 1,000 voters. It was pointed out that this is typical of any election - look at US citizen voter participation. Nonetheless, increased participation would strengthen our organization.

When the Board met in March there were some wonderful discussions, which led to some hard, but necessary, decisions. NIC, moratoriums on testing, and other announcements have been posted online and were not reiterated during this forum. Contact the national office if there are more questions.

Anna Witter-Merithew emphasized that the Board and headquarters simply cannot share everything. There have been questions and comments that legally cannot be answered. When there are closed sessions, it is not because something is being done wrong. The By-laws simply must be followed.

RID’s relationship with NAD has become strictly a business/working relationship. NAD does not want to be involved in testing. NAD has made it clear they want their name removed from all testing, but would be willing to help with committees, etc.
Vice-President Report - Debbie Pearce

There was a question about BEI becoming a national test. Ms. Wittier-Merithew responded that the Board has no authority to approve that. It must be a decision of the membership. A member supporting approval of the BEI for national certification must develop the question, and present it for open discussion. The process is the same for any test. A vote of the membership is required to approve the right to use the RID name. There was also a question about how the EIPA was affected by the moratorium. The moratorium included all national testing. In order for the EIPA to be recognized for national certification, Boy’s Town must reapply and obtain membership approval.

I believe as an affiliate chapter, Arkansas RID has made great strides in keeping the membership informed. It is my strong desire that we can affect positive change in support of our national organization.

Debbie Pearce, QAST 5/4 | ARID Vice President, Biennial Chair | vicepresident@arkansasrid.org

The ARID 2017 Biennial Conference Theme  “Interpreting - It’s a Team Sport!”

It’s a great time to be a member of ARID! #teamARID

Secretary Report - Chrystal Honorable

Chrystal Honorable attended the Biennial Planning Committee meeting on June 3, 2016 in Little Rock. She will be working on the Silent Auction Committee as Co-chair with another member in the Northwest Arkansas area and hopes to bring the best items to the auction to make it a success.

Board Meeting Motions

06-03-2016 BD16.05 Move to approve the minutes from the 12-04-2015 meeting with minor corrections (Pearce, Herring) PASSED.

06-03-2016 BD16.06 Move to table all Unfinished Business until a later date (Herring, Agnew) PASSED.

06-03-2016 BD16.07 Move that the Program Committee be allowed to award two interpreters up to $60 each in ARID Square Online Store credit per quarterly six-hour workshop, in exchange for interpreting services during that workshop, in the event that interpreting services are requested (Honorable, Pearce) Ashley Beaty abstained. PASSED.

06-03-2016 BD16.08 Move to adjourn (Honorable, Herring) PASSED.

General Meeting Motions

GMM16.03 Move to approve the minutes from the last meeting (McMahon, Stauffer) PASSED.

GMM16.04 Move to approve the budget for FY16-17 (Stauffer, Musteen) PASSED.

GMM16.05 Move that we select Next Level Events for ARID 35th-year celebration to be held on December 2, 2016 (Herring, Bagley) PASSED.

GMM16.06 Move that the biennial silent auction proceeds are split 25% to the Robert Steed Scholarship Fund and 75% to the Biennial income (Pearce, Taff-Watson) PASSED.

GMM16.07 Move to adjourn (McMahon, Bagley) PASSED.
### Treasurer’s Report - Ashley Beaty

**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - July 2016 through June 2017**

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See the bottom line -

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Respectfully submitted by
Ashley Beaty, NIC, ARID 2015-2017 Treasurer
Member-at-Large Reports

Members-at-Large ... Kari Houtchens, Nelvia Agnew, Haleigh Herring

Kari Houtchens, District 1 - mal1@arkansasrid.org

There are no updates for this edition.

Nelvia Agnew, District 2 - mal2@arkansasrid.org

Greetings from ARID District 2! Interpreters in ARID Region 2 have been as busy as ever this quarter! We had a great time re-connecting with each other during the March Workshop in Jonesboro while we worked on our ASL-to-English voicing skills.

Thanks so much to Workshop Presenter, Carolyn Jolley, and our ARID Program Chair, Meagan Beaty, for arranging a wonderful learning and social environment for us all! We saw “old friends” from all across the state. We met new members and made new friends. As we shared together we laughed and we cried! We learned, and we grew! Most of all, we cheered each other on as members of Team ARID!

After the workshop, we returned to individual responsibilities in both community and educational settings. In addition, ARID Region 2 members could be seen participating in a number of Deaf events this quarter as well.

In addition to normal Board activities and responding to inquiries, the MAL2 consulted with the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro on a project on the topic of “How to become a Deaf Friendly Business.” She also continues to manage the ARID Region 2 Interpreter Chat Facebook group.

Haleigh Herring, District 3 - mal3@arkansasrid.org

MAL 3 Rep Haleigh Herring, as Chair of the ad-hoc committee, has been busy planning for the ARID 35-Year Anniversary Celebration.

The subcommittee for the ARID 35-Year Anniversary Celebration has been working hard to find the perfect venue for the affair. The event is scheduled to take place Friday, December 2, 2016 beginning at 7 pm with a cocktail/hors d’oeuvres party.

All venues listed will create a personalized menu for the event and will provide a cash bar. Listed in the chart below are the top three venue contenders; Next Level Events, Copper Grill, and Double Tree Robinson Ballroom. The chart lists specific details of each venue.

All venues are located in downtown Little Rock. Pictures of the events have been provided below the chart.
### Member-at-Large Reports

**Members-at-Large ... Kari Houtchens, Nelvia Agnew, Haleigh Herring**

Continued - Haleigh Herring, District 3 - mal3@arkansasrid.org

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<th><strong>Next Level Events</strong></th>
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<td>• Set up Fee of $350 will set up and take down</td>
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Photos of Choices

Next Level Events
Member-at-Large Reports

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Photos of Choices

Copper Grill

Robinson Ballroom Salon D

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ARIDian News & Views - Volume 31; Issue 4
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, MAL1 Rep  
mal1@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, MAL2 Rep  
mal2@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, MAL3 Rep  
mal3@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.
### 2015-2017 ARID Committees

**Standing Committees and Board Liaisons**

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 sunny June 2016 Summer edition with workshop photos and prizes. Thanks to William Gorum, Douglas Watson and Clint Brockway who assisted with the review and proofing.

Reports to ARID: The Editorial Chair sent the required 2015-2016 Annual Year End Reports to the ARID President to submit to RID.

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 2016.

Please note that there will be no submission windows since that wasn’t working out very well. Starting with the March newsletter, the deadlines will be the first day of the month of each quarter - March 1, June 1, September and December 1.

September 1, 2016 Deadline for the 2016 September Fall edition

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

Fundraising Committee ... Vacant

Vacant | ARID Fundraising Committee Chair |

Membership Development Committee ... Traci Grizzle & Alecia Mullen

At the end of FY 2015-2016, ARID 109 members: 51 voting, 36 supporting and 22 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 aridmembership@gmail.com. Don’t forget to renew your membership for the 2016-2017 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:

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 * Select "Membership" from the menu.
* Select "Membership Application" * Fill out the application and you're all set!

Traci Grizzle | ARID Membership Development Committee Chair | aridmembership@gmail.com
Alecia Mullen | ARID Membership Committee | aridmembership@gmail.com
Committee Reports

Nominations Committee … Gwenyth Sutphin

There are no updates for this edition.

Gwenyth Sutphin | ARID Nominations Committee Chair | nominations@arkansasrid.org

Professional Development Committee Report … Ann Marie Lott

Greetings ARIDians,

In May, the PDC submitted materials to RID for an audit of our PINRA processing processes. We are awaiting results from the audit and will include them in the next issue of the ARIDian.

Since the last report, the committee has processed two activities:

- 1 Sponsored Activity
- 1 PINRA

Both of these activities originated in Arkansas. We are currently processing 3 Independent Studies and 1 Sponsored Activity. CEUs for these activities will be awarded shortly.

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

Ann Marie Lott, NIC, BA | ARID PDC Committee Chair | annmariefowler2403@gmail.com
Leah Carney, QAST 2/3 | Specialist, Professional Development Committee

Program Committee Report … Meagan Beaty

Welcome to Summer! I know that I am happy to see the sun out and being able to enjoy the company of friends and family. Speaking of friends, ARID just hosted a workshop on June 4, 2016 at the Tornado Shelter at ASD. Thirty-five (35) registrants came out to see the wonderful Cheri Courtright present "Let Your ASL Out!"

We did just that in the workshop. During the morning portion of the workshop, we were able to review and discuss the basic structure of Non-Manual Markers (NMM) and Classifiers.

After our productive Business Meeting and tasty lunch, we came back into action and practiced letting our ASL out. We took simple, traditional childhood stories such as The Three Little Pigs and The Lion and the Mouse, as well as a traditional Deaf story, Timber, and we brought them to life with creativity full of NMM and Classifiers. What a great learning experience! The laughter made the workshop even more enjoyable.

Bonnie Barham won this workshop's Member Money drawing. Congratulations, Bonnie, on your $10.00 off workshop coupon!

The next workshop hosted by ARID will be on September 10, 2016 at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Rogers, Arkansas. See the information in this edition and on the ARID listserv.

Thank you to all that attended the most recent workshop. It is great seeing the membership being actively involved with their profession. See you all in September! Enjoy your Summer!

Meagan Beaty, NIC | ARID Program Chair | aridprogram@gmail.com
Committee Reports

**Scholarship Committee Report ... Myra Taff-Watson**

No new applicants were received this quarter. To date, eight (8) interpreters received funding! Please spread the word. The Scholarship Application Form is included in this issue.

**Reports to ARID:** The Scholarship Chair sent the required 2015-2016 Annual Year End Reports to the ARID President to submit to RID.

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

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**Sunshine Committee Report ... Kris Miller**

Since January 2016, 11 cards were sent:

Tristan Honey  
Sharon Downs  
Ashley Beaty upon achieving her NIC.  
Sebrena Westcott warm thoughts and continued healing for her father.  
Michael McMahon on the loss of family member Al Jordan.  
Haleigh Herring for hosting the interpreter social.  
William Gorum upon being sworn in as a court interpreter for the AOC.  
Jonathan Walterhouse and Sorenson for providing pizzas at the social.  
Cheri Medlock and her daughter Daya warm thoughts while they are struggling with some health issues.

If anybody has a need for a card to go out from the Sunshine Committee, please let me know.

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

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**Technology Committee Report ... Ashley Harper**

Greetings ARIDians!  
As I am sure you all have seen, the internet is on fire with Deaf, ASL, and interpreting news. I have been working hard to find a mix of educational and fun posts to include on our Facebook page. ARID follows a slew of different organizations and personalities to keep us up to date on current deaf-related activities.

Please continue sharing any Arkansas RID posts with your networks. This is main drive to gaining more followers. We appreciate all of your involvement on the page this past year! My Best,

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

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**PPM Ad Hoc Committee Report ... Katelyn Wilson & Gwenyth Sutphin**

There are no updates for this edition.

Katelyn Wilson | ARID PPM Ad Hoc Committee | wilsonkatelynb@gmail.com  
Gwenyth Sutphin | ARID PPM Ad Hoc Committee | gbsutphin@yahoo.com
Congratulations to QAST Interpreters through June 30, 2016
(Transliterating listed 1st, Interpreting listed 2nd)
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Leah Carney 2/3
Joanne Leah Delasse 1/1
Stephen Forrest 1/1
Traci Grizzle 1/1
Michael Jimenez 1/1
Kaitlin Lowe 3/2
Alecia Mullen 2/2
Leslie Thomas 2/2
L. Brooke Torbett 1/1
Allyson Caruthers 1/1
Donald Disney 1/1
Josh Gray 1/1
Ashley Harper 3/3
Amelia Loken 1/1
Kayla McDade 2/2
Jonathan Smith 4/4
Camille Tietz 2/2
Ashley Wilbanks 3/2

...brought to you by the ARID Grapevine!
June 4, 2016 Workshop - June 4, 2016

35 participants!

Letting our ASL Out through storytelling!

Enjoyed the Awesome Workshop!
Letting our ASL Out through group activities and storytelling!
On Wednesday, May 4, 2016, Deaf people in more than 40 states across the U.S. held Deaf Grassroots Movement (DGM) rallies at their state capitols to advocate for legislation to improve education, communication access, and jobs for Deaf people. Each participating state had a DGM representative and a team that planned and organized the rallies. The Arkansas team and the geographical regions of the state they represented were the following:

Amberly Carlton, DGM Arkansas Representative
Kitsonia Jones, DGM Arkansas Assistant Representative
Robin Burley, Activist- Northwest Arkansas
Amberly Whitaker Carlton, Activist-Northeast Arkansas
Brian and Sonja Creed, Activists-Central Arkansas
Kitsonia Jones, Activist- Southwest Arkansas
LaHollis Hill, Activist- Southeast Arkansas
Shannon Grandon, Public Relations

Arkansas was one of the more than 40 states that hosted a rally. They held a full day program that included a presentation by AAD board member, Holly Ketchum. Her remarks are reprinted elsewhere in this issue for the benefit of our readers. In addition, State Senator Jeremy Hutchinson and Representative Charlene Fite took time from their busy schedules to meet with the DGM team and participants at the rally. We appreciate their interest and support. We thank interpreters Will Gorum and Jamie Harrell for their time and generosity in helping to support the rally.

Arkansas DGM representative, Amberly Carlton, provided a note of appreciation to those who attended and supported the rally. Her note of appreciation is reprinted below.

“I want to say many, many thanks to the 95 people who showed up support the DGM rally and to fight for equal access to communication, education, and jobs for Arkansas. It inspired the Arkansas DGM team and me! We have succeeded with our first step to get the attention of state legislators. We did it! We are not going to give up. We will continue to fight for our rights! We will focus on the most important needs for Arkansas and will work with our state senators and representatives. To stay informed about DGM Arkansas, go to our Facebook page, Facebook DGM Arkansas.”

For those who may not be familiar with DGM, below is a brief summary of information about Deaf Grassroots Movement (DGM).
Community News and Updates

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Mission
The mission of the Deaf Grassroots Movement is a national grassroots movement that is pushing the Deaf Rights Activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, including civil betterment, to end the jobs and education discrimination, to shatter the communication barrier and to provide equality for all!

Vision
The vision of the Deaf Grassroots Movement (DGM) is for the Deaf to live without being judged, to protect communication accessibility, to improve the Deaf education system, and to help grow the economic power of the Deaf diversity, with respect to the community and the pursuit of life, liberty, and equality.

Who We Are
We, the DGM team strongly believe in working with you to fight for our Deaf rights, including a better education, communication access, and jobs. Together, we will unite to achieve a new bill. More information is available on the DGM website: http://www.tdgm2015.org.

During the week of July 3-9, 2016 AAD President, Ira Gerlis, and First Vice-President, Teresa Melder, were the Arkansas delegates to the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) convention held in Phoenix, Arizona. A report summarizing convention events and the outcomes of the delegates’ meeting will be included in the summer issue of the Deaf Arkansan (scheduled for distribution during September 2016). Of note is that AAD trustee, Holly Ketchum, was elected to a two-year term on the NAD Board. She will represent Region III that include states ranging from the southeast (e.g., North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida) to the southwest (e.g., Arkansas, Texas, and New Mexico).

During the weekend of August 5-6, 2006 the Little Rock Black Deaf Advocates (LRBDA) hosted the Southwestern Regional Black Deaf Advocates conference (SWRBDA) at ASD. The conference attracted close to 100 participants from Black Deaf Advocates chapters in Houston, New Orleans, Dallas, Austin, Oklahoma City, and Little Rock. The conference theme was “Working Together to Rise to a Higher Level.” Conference activities included a chapter presidents’ meeting, information sharing workshops, a business meeting, and the election of a new SWRBDA regional representative to serve on the board of National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA). The conference concluded with a catered dinner and presentations by NBDA President, Tim Albert from Columbus, Ohio, and Evon Black from Gallaudet University.
ADBC is celebrating its 20th-Year Anniversary Celebration and Banquet, and we are having a fun-filled banquet on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Embassy Suites Hotel in West Little Rock, starting with Social Hour at 11 am, Lunch @ 12 pm, and Award Ceremony until 5 pm. Attached are a letter and a reservation form. Mail your form and payment by September 1, 2016 to the post office box, or if you want to me at my home address at 1206 Eagle Pointe Road, LR, AR 72211-2265. You are welcome to pass this along to your family and friends who you think might be interested in attending. The more the merrier! We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating with ADBC.

Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community, Inc.
Post Office Box 25913
Little Rock, AR 72221-5913

ADBC Twentieth Anniversary Banquet
Saturday, September 17, 2016

Banquet Reservation Form

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Please mail this form and your payment as soon as possible to:

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Deadline: September 1, 2016
Another academic year is “in the books” and we are already immersed in summer! A lot has happened since the March 2016 column was written!

**UALR IEP Awarded 1.25 Million Grant to Prepare Educational Interpreters**

The UALR Interpreter Education Program was recently awarded a $1,248,982 grant to prepare bachelor level interpreters for Pre-K through 12th grade classrooms. This grant was highly competitive and included a wide range of disability-focused proposals.

Over the next five years, the program, funded through Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), will fund 50 scholarships covering tuition, fees, and stipends for qualified applicants. The grant program will have a three-pronged approach: 1) provide financial support with priority given to underrepresented populations, 2) collaborate with Tulsa Community College (TCC) to provide the bachelor level classes on the TCC campus via onsite and distance programming, 3) and provide for state and national assessment of interpreters to achieve professional credentialing. For more information, contact the **Principal Investigator, Raphael James** at rajames@ualr.edu.

**Spring 2016 IEP Graduates**


Four students completed their BA degree in Interpretation: ASL/English. Congratulations to Niki Charles, Erika Morris, Chelsea Richard, and Jennifer Rinear! Congratulations also to an IEP alumnus, Clint Brockway, for completing his Masters Degree in Liberal Studies!

There are three students completing their AS degree this summer and one student completing her Internship for her BA degree. We also are expecting a large number of both AS and BA graduates in the Fall!

Graduation Spring 2016
L to R: Alecia Mullen,
Taylor Byrd, Traci Grizzle.
Community News and Updates

UALR-IEP Update … Linda Stauffer

IEP Stakeholders Meeting a Success

Twenty-two (22) stakeholders met on in the ASD Tornado Shelter on March 30, 2016 to hear updates on the IEP program, the students and to give feedback to program faculty. Individuals represented ASD, ARS, AAD, Communication Plus+ Interpreter Services, Inc., Sorenson, ARID, UALR, current IEP students, IEP alumni, community and educational interpreters, and full and part-time faculty members. Others sent their regrets. Some of the agenda items included program highlights, benchmark exams and internship placements, community collaboration, the new IEP Barbara Northup Memorial Scholarship, and a Question and Answer session led by Dr. Glenn Anderson!

Ashley Wilbanks, Kayla McDade, Traci Grizzle, Alecia Mullen, Ashley Harper, Taylor Byrd, Allyson Caruthers, and Leah Carney

L to R: Dr. Janet Dickinson, Coy Ethridge, Amelia Loken, DeeDee Deplantis, Cheryl Sugg, Stephanie Ott, Alecia Mullen, Jonathan Walterhouse, Dr. Doug Watson, Myra Taff-Watson, Dr. Glenn Anderson, Ernest Northup, Nick Winchell, and Kennan Kennedy
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L to R: Jami Hollingsworth, Leah Carney, Josh Gray, Nick Winchell, Ashley Beaty, Carolyn Jolley, Debbie Woodroof, and Lisa Johnson (Arkansas Department of Education)

Barbara E. Northup Memorial Scholarship – First Annual Fundraiser

On Friday, April 1st, the UALR Interpreter Education Program launched its first fundraiser for the Barbara E. Northup Memorial Scholarship. In all, $1,007.00 was raised as Deaf and interpreter community members watched Ernest Northup as the Master of Ceremony for the “Newlywed Game.” Ernest’s new name is the “Deaf Steve Harvey!” Our “not so newlywed” couples included Karen and Glenn Anderson, Cheri and JR Courtright, and Holly and Stan Ketchum. Interpreters for the evening were Karen Owens and Jonathan Walterhouse. Food was prepared by Carolyn Jolley and served during the break by the UALR Service Learning class together with the Sign Language Club. See the article elsewhere with more information on this important and thoroughly enjoyable first-ever annual event!

Jami Hollingsworth, the 3 couples, and Ernest Northup
Continued ... **UALR-IEP**

Stan and Holly Ketchum get an answer correct

Voice Interpreters:
Jonathan Walterhouse and Karen Owens

Glenn and Karen Anderson

JR and Cheri Courtright

**Service Learning Students, Participants, Faculty**
College of Education and Health Professions Spring Awards

On Friday, April 1, the UALR College of Education and Health Professions held their annual spring awards. The IEP was pleased to honor two groups who provide vital support to our students. The “Friends of the College” awards were given to the Arkansas School for the Deaf and Sorenson Video Relay Services.

ASD has been a friend of the program since the program began in 1979. ASD provides internship sites for senior students, meeting space for IEP meetings and workshop opportunities, community events for language students to attend, and many more opportunities that benefit our students. Sorenson has supported the interpreting students for the past twelve years via the “VIP” program, the Synergy program and the constant support of Sorenson Director, Jonathan Walterhouse.

Additionally, Brittny Walker was named the 2016 AS Student of the Year for the college. Congratulations to all our award winners!

Dr. Glenn Anderson Honored at the Capitol

On April 14th, 2016, Arkansas state leaders recognized and honored Dr. Glenn Anderson for his tireless work on behalf of deaf and hard of hearing Arkansans. Senator Linda Chesterfield spearheaded this wonderful honor. Congratulations for much deserved recognition and credit for a career enhancing the lives of Arkansas’s deaf and hard of hearing citizens!
New Service Learning Class Launched in 2016

A new service learning class was offered for the first time during the Spring 2016 semester. The class is designed to provide experiences that allow opportunities for students to reflect on their understanding of ASL and the individuals that use it. Students design community service projects benefiting various deafness organizations in conjunction with the ASL Community. Our goal is for students, who continue on with the BA program, to form ties and relationships with members of the ASL Community. The class is taken at the end of the second year and simultaneously with ASL 4.

Twenty students completed the course. Five organizations were involved with this year’s class and worked with the students to complete a variety of activities:

- **Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community**: Students held a bake sale, cake walk and pizza party to raise money for the 2017 DB camp. They also worked during the Spaghetti Luncheon in April to prepare, serve and clean up for this event.
- **Arkansas School for the Deaf**: Students worked at the ASD Carnival with set-up, serving and cleaning for this event. Some students also volunteered to interpret for track meets for ASD students.
- **Little Rock Association of the Deaf**: Students raised money for renovations for the Club House and coordinated a Clean Up Day at the Coub House where they began prepping the building for future painting.
- **Little Rock Black Deaf Advocates**: Students assisted this organization for it’s monthly meetings/workshops, participated in the Black History celebration, collected items for the Yard Sale and then worked all day at a Fish Fry (a fundraising event for LRBDA).
- **UALR Interpreter Education Program**: Students worked during the Barbara E. Northup Memorial Scholarship event in April.

Over the course of the semester, students contributed over 335 hours of service towards these 5 organizations. At the end of the semester students’ comments were overwhelmingly positive:

- “I have made contact with more people in the community than the other three semesters combined. Because of my involvement, my receptive skills have improved and I'm more comfortable signing.”

- “I learned more about the Deaf Community and I am able to get more involved in the future. I now have references.”

- “This class helped me get out of my little “ASL student” shell and get out into the community.”

See the photo of happy faces! Service Learning students at the ADBC Spaghetti Fundraiser on April 16, 2016.
Community News and Updates

Continued … UALR-IEP

Spaghetti Fundraiser 4.16.16.
Front Row: Maddie White, Rhonda Read’s daughter, Taylor Byrd.
Middle Row: Bailey Gately, Sydney Morris Leah Lishman.
Back Row: Jami Hollingsworth, Rhonda Read, Alicia Mullen, Tori Hickey, Bella Jordan

Summer Programs and Activities

This summer, the Interpreter Education Program is providing a total of six classes. Jami Hollingsworth is teaching ASL 1 and ASL 2 on campus. Ray James and Linda Stauffer are teaching Advanced Interpreting, Advanced Transliterating, and Interpreting 2 to our Tulsa cohort via distance delivery and face-to-face classes in Tulsa. Linda Stauffer is supervising Internship students in three states this summer, including Tennessee, Colorado, and Arkansas!

All four full-time faculty members will be attending the RID Region IV/TSID Conference in Houston July 21 - 24, 2016.

Registration is ongoing through the summer for the fall 2016 semester. Classes begin August 17, 2016.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful summer. Look for information on our fall activities in the next issue of the ARIDian News & Views!
SLK ends another **year of full determination** and is eager to start up again next year. It has been a huge privilege being President of Sigma Lambda Kappa and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. As it comes to an end of this year, I have to say I have benefited so much and have met a lot of people this past year. I feel so blessed to see how far SLK has come this year.

SLK has participated in so much! Events include Silent dinners and Relay for Life. Some of the members have participated in several events such as Deaf-Blind socials, Deaf-Blind fundraisers, ASD Carnival, LRBDA fish fry, LRAD glow party, etc. I am so happy to see our future interpreters *so involved and pursing their love for our community.*

SLK also elected **new officers for the 2016-2017** school year.

- **President:** Josh Gray
- **Vice President:** Jami Morrissey
- **Secretary:** Bailey Gately
- **Treasurer:** Kyra Hawkins
- **Member at Large:** Madison Christie
- **Editor:** Benji Royals

I have complete confidence in the new group of officers for the upcoming year and I can’t wait to see what the new year will entail.

*SLK’s Silent Dinner at Larry’s*

*Relay for Life!*
Barbara E. Northup Memorial Scholarship - First Annual Fundraiser

Friday, April 1, 2016 put the FUN in FUNDRAISING! The UALR Interpreter Education Program hosted “The Newlywed Game” in Parnell Hall at ASD to raise funds for the Barbara E. Northup Memorial Scholarship. This was the first fundraiser for what will become an annual event! In all, $1,007 was raised for the Scholarship.

Barbara E. Northup (1950-2012) is well-loved in the Deaf and Interpreting communities. She taught in the Interpreter Education Program full time from 1986-1991 and part-time from 1991 until February 2012. She was an outstanding interpreter, teacher, mentor, and mother to her five daughters. Her lasting legacy is her book, “Aura’s Journey, God’s Faithfulness in the Life of a young Honduran Deaf Woman.”

The fundraising event’s “newlywed” couples were Karen and Glenn Anderson, Cheri and JR Courtright, and Holly and Stan Ketchum. The Master of Ceremony for the evening was Ernest Northup, who also did a great Steve Harvey imitation! Interpreters for the evening were Karen Owens and Jonathan Walterhouse.

With the husbands out of the room, wives were asked questions about their husbands and when the husbands returned, their answers were compared. Then the ladies left the stage and the men were asked questions about their wives. Some of the questions were: What is one thing your husband has that you would like to get rid of? Husbands had to fill in the blank, “My wife is a natural born _____.”

The winning couple was Glenn and Karen Anderson! First runner up was Stan and Holly Ketchum. Second runner up was Cheri and JR Courtright. The winner received a professional portrait sitting for two (sponsored by Susan and Ralph Pack) and a free night and meal at the Capitol Hotel. The first runner up received a free night at the Embassy Suites. Each couple received a large basket full of goodies.

The scholarship fund needs to grow to $25,000 before scholarships can begin to be awarded. Once the desired amount is accomplished, scholarships will be awarded annually to one or more students who apply, meet the criteria, and are recommended by a selection committee consisting of members of the interpreting and Deaf communities and the IEP faculty. To be considered for selection, awardees must satisfy the following:

1) Interpreting majors in Interpretation: ASL/English during the 3rd and 4th years.
2) Grade Point Average (GPA) 3.0 or above.
3) SCPI Intermediate or above.
4) Letter(s) of Recommendation from the Deaf Community. Letters should address the student’s quality of involvement in the Deaf and interpreting communities.
5) Membership in Sigma Lambda Kappa (student sign language club - SLK) and member of the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ARID).
6) Potential for a career as a professional interpreter.

A special thanks to the Northup family, Arkansas School for the Deaf, UALR, students in the Service Learning in the Deaf Community class at UALR, our “newlywed” couples, Leah Thorvilson (UALR) and Carolyn Jolley.

Donations to the Scholarship can be made anytime during the year. Checks can be made to “UALR – Barbara E. Northup Interpreter Scholarship” and sent or given to Linda Stauffer, Interpreter Education Program Coordinator. You will receive a letter from UALR thanking you for your tax-deductible donation.
Reminders

Fiscal Year 2016-2017
RENEW your ARID dues
Our New Fiscal Year begins July 1, 2016
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

It's never too late!
Join ARID
Renew Your ARID Dues

There’s never been a better time!
Join ARID and let’s celebrate an exciting year ahead of us!
Payments can be made online at www.arkansasrid.org
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Workshop Announcement

Keep Those Soft Skills Sharp

Research shows that in history, the generational gap has never been so broad. Each generation values soft skills differently, this must be understood for the interpreting professional. This workshop discusses the differences between soft skills and hard skills, as well as the application of these skills when regarding the clients, colleagues, mentors, and students of the interpreting field. How participants’ generational membership affects their views and behaviors in the workplace will be considered. Participants will partake in open forum and small group discussion to explore real world scenarios in search of differing actions and analyzing these actions to find the best possible outcomes for the stakeholders. During the workshop, a correlation will be made to show that when developing and maintaining soft skills, an interpreter is practicing compliance with the Code of Professional Conduct.

Interpreters young and old, seasoned and fresh will find this workshop beneficial and engaging.

September 10, 2016
Registration opens at 7:30 AM
Workshop is 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
ARID GMM 11 AM – 1 PM

Fairfield Inn & Suites  •  4611 Roze Rd, Rogers, AR

For accommodations email aridprogram@gmail.com.
Interpreters will only be provided upon request, workshop will be presented in spoken English.
Upon completion, 6 QAST CEUs and/or .6 RID CEUs will be awarded.

Jeremy holds BEI Advanced certification and works as an interpreter in both community and VRS settings. He has over 15 years of management experience with companies that are heavily focused on efficient teamwork and providing clients with an excellent experience, specifically because the customer service was outstanding. Jeremy has considerable experience in areas such as hiring, training, and mentoring employees.

Sponsored by:
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# Workshop Registration Form

## Registration Form

“Keep Those Soft Skills Sharp” Workshop

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Make checks payable to ARID or Register online using Paypal

Mail to: P. O. Box 46511
Little Rock, AR 72214

Arkansasrid.org

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### When:
Saturday, September 10, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
**ARID General Business Meeting**, 11:00am to 1:00pm

### Where:
Fairfield Inn & Suites 4611 Rozell Rd, Rogers, AR
Rozell Room, Fairfield Inn & Suites

### Registration:
- Early Bird (before 9/1): $65 ARID member, $80 non-member
- After (9/1): $75 ARID member, $90 non-member
- Student Rate (CEUs not issued): $25.00 ARID member

Please address questions to Meagan Beaty via email at aridprogram@gmail.com.

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/Some. Target audience is certified and pre-certified interpreters. Arkansas QAST level interpreters may earn 6 hours CEU training. Interpreters for the Deaf provided upon request with two weeks notice. Cancellations received by the treasurer 30 days before the event will be 100% refunded. Cancellations received by the treasurer 15-29 days before the event will be partially refunded at 50% of the registration fee. Cancellations received by the treasurer 0-14 days before the event will not be refunded.
Legal Training!

Administrative Office of the Courts

Arkansas Justice Building
625 Marshall Street, Little Rock, AR 72201
501-682-9400 (AOC) 501-682-2147 (Library)

Due to the late release of our 2016 Testing Dates, we have just confirmed the addition of a July Orientation in Little Rock. The website is in the process of being updated with this information.

Curious, concerned, or nervous about interpreting in a legal/courtroom setting? Don’t be! Contact our office to discuss observation hours with one of the AOC staff interpreters. Courtroom observation will answer many of your questions and concerns. Please read and familiarize yourself with the Requirements, which are outlined in the attached documents.

https://courts.arkansas.gov/administration/interpreters

2016 Orientation Dates – Please Note Registration Deadlines

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Legal Training Opportunity

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES

2016 ORIENTATION REGISTRATION FORM

*** COMPLETE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION ***
Including your EMAIL ADDRESS AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (Street Address, City, State and Zip Code).

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________
(Full address)

Phone #: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Language: ________________________________

Previously Tested (month/year): __________

REGISTRATION FEE $200.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)
Make checks payable to: AOC Court Interpreter Fund
(Fee must accompany your registration form or your registration will not be accepted)

Select the one (1) Orientation option that you would like to register for from the list below:

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LOCATION INFORMATION:

LITTLE ROCK, AR - Orientation will be held in Room 101 at the Justice Building, 625 Marshall Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

FAYETTEVILLE, AR - Orientation will be held in Waterman Hall (Room TBA) at the U of A, 1045 W. Maple Street, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Registration Checklist:

Submit a Personal Information Form Application (signed and notarized)
Submit Proof of Education (copy of G.E.D. /High School Diploma /Post-Secondary Transcript)
Select one (1) of the above Orientation Dates (before registration deadline)
Enclose $200.00 Registration Fee (Made Payable to: AOC Court Interpreter Fund)

Please mail your registration & payment to: Administrative Office of the Courts
Attn: Court Interpreter Services
625 Marshall Street, Justice Bldg.
Little Rock, AR 72201

AOC 03/2016 Questions? Contact Court Interpreter Services at (501) 682-9400 or aoc.interpreter.services@arcourts.gov
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/screensings 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.
Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

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)

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 ☐
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**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 2016

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

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Videophone

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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: __________________
Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf  
P.O. Box 46511  °  Little Rock, AR  72214-6511  
Annual Membership Application for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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

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  or  ☐ 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:  
Date Dues deposited:  
Database updated:  
Membership card sent:
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.