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

Greetings ARIDians … Welcome to the December Winter edition!

It’s been a fun and very productive winter for all of us! See all the news from the president, the committees, the MALs, UA Little Rock IEP, numerous updates from the community, and of course, photo arrays from our awesome December Workshop. Have a wonderful holiday season. See you in 2018!

We start the winter off with Volume 33, Issue 2 - 130 issues since 1987.

March 2018 Workshop
Save the Date:
March 10, 2018
Location-TBA

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President Report – Katelyn Wilson

Greetings ARIDians!

Grab a cup of hot cocoa, take a seat in front of the fireplace, and enjoy the Winter Holiday edition of our newsletter. I hope you are all staying warm and cozy this winter! Exciting things are happening around ARID. I would like to announce that I have asked Dr. Linda Stauffer and Ray James to serve as alternating parliamentarians during general membership meetings. This is to ensure that meetings run smoothly and in compliance with our Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order. Thanks to you both for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

In the December 9, 2017 business meeting, a motion passed to establish ASL as the primary language for ARID business meetings. (Please see the Secretary’s Report in this newsletter for motion GMM17.17 and look for the minutes to review the discussion of this motion.) What does this mean for you? ARID business will be conducted in ASL. However, if you require a voice interpreter, one will be provided upon request. A request should be made in accordance to the time frame given on registration forms.

You may recall, in the September business meeting, we established a Mentorship Development Adhoc Committee. I am thrilled to announce that Meagan Beaty will be chairing this committee. Stay tuned for updates on the development of this program.

Debbie Pearce will be completing her second term on the Licensure Board and we thank Debbie for her service. ARID nominated two candidates for this position, Sebrena Westcott and Michael McMahon. Selection and appointments will be made by the Director of the Arkansas Department of Health. Look for an announcement on who will be filling this position.

This is just a reminder that the 2018 RIV Conference, “Together We Thrive,” will be held in Albuquerque, NM July 19-22, 2018 at the Hotel Albuquerque. The call for presenters is now closed. Be looking for more information on the website: https://www.ridregion4conference.com/

Early Bird Registration is now open and will end on February 28, 2018. *Please Note* - if you are a member of RID, you will receive the RIV Member rate. See the chart below for registration cost.

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I hope you all will plan to attend as it is sure to be a wonderful time of learning and networking.

Katelyn Wilson | ARID President | president@arkansasrid.org

Vice-President Report – Cheri Courtright

During the last fiscal year, the Vice President of Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf planned and implemented our 2017 Biennial Conference, “Interpreting: It’s a Team Sport!” Working with a committee of 15, we established a $25,000 budget. With registration fees, sponsorships, and donation, we hosted a successful training event and stayed well under budget, leaving seed money for the 2019 conference. We offered an eight hour pre-conference worth 0.8 CEUs and a full conference with 3 tracks and a possible 1.2 CEUs. Our registration for the 3-day training totaled 87 participants.

We are proud to announce that Jaime Harrell accepted the position of Co-Chair of the 2019 ARID Biennial Conference. Thank you, Jaime!! Happy New Year to all!

Cheri Courtright | Vice-President | vicepresident@arkansasrid.org
Secretary Report – Gwenyth Sutphin

Board Meeting Motions 12.08.2017

BD17.19 Motion to accept board minutes (Winchell, Courtright) PASSED.

BD17.20 Motion to void the previous motion to fundraise for $800, and instead donate the full $1000 from ARID’s account to Region IV (McMahon, Winchell) Motion was withdrawn.

BD17.21 Motion to void the previous motion to fundraise $800 for Region IV (McMahon, Courtright) PASSED.

BD17.22 Motion to donate $1000 from ARID’s general fund to sponsor Region IV (McMahon, Wilson) PASSED.

BD17.23 Motion to adopt RID’s language for our Organizational Membership description. (Sutphin, McMahon) PASSED.

BD17.24 Motion to sponsor Meagan Beaty to go to the Region IV conference as Support Staff Chair up to $1000 for travel and accommodations (Sutphin, McMahon) PASSED.

BD17.25 Motion to adjourn (McMahon, Wilson) PASSED.

General Membership Meeting Motions 12.9.2017

GM17.17 Motion to adopt ASL as the official language for ARID Meetings (Brockway, Becker) PASSED.

GM17.18 Motion to approve minutes (J. Smith, Lott) PASSED.

GM17.19 Motion to approve budget report (Becker, Binko) PASSED.

GM17.20 Motion to accept RID’s wording, for Organizational membership description, but change RID to ARID (Taff-Watson, Brockway) PASSED.

GM17.21 Motion to amend Myra’s motion to add the word “individual” to the description, so the wording would be: Organizations, agencies, and/or individuals who support ARID’s purposes and activities (McMahon, Becker) PASSED.

GM17.22 Motion that GM17.21 be referred to an Ad Hoc committee for discussion at the March GMM (Stauffer, Taff-Watson) (one abstained) PASSED.

GM17.23 Motion to donate $1000 to Region IV conference (Stauffer, J. Smith) PASSED.

GM17.24 Motion to donate an additional $1000 to RID Region IV conference (Brockway, Stauffer) (one abstained) PASSED.

GM17.25 Motion to adjourn (Becker, Lott) PASSED.

A gentle reminder: with the transition of our meetings being conducted in ASL, I ask everyone be a little patient with me. It will take me just a bit longer to get everything recorded. Thank you so much and have a wonderful Holiday!

Gwenyth Sutphin | Secretary | secretary@arkansasrid.org
Treasurer Report – Nicholas Winchell

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - July 2017 through December 2017

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Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell | ARID 2017-2019 Treasurer | treasurer@arkansasrid.org
Treasurer Report – Nicholas Winchell

ASSETS

Current Assets
- Checking/Savings
  - Bank of America: 35,700.29
- Total Checking/Savings: 35,700.29
- Total Current Assets: 35,700.29

TOTAL ASSETS: 35,700.29

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities
- Long Term Liabilities
  - Myra Taff-Watson Scholarship: 395.00
  - Robert Steed Memorial Fund: 2,694.96
  - Scholarship Fund: 20.50
  - Shirley T. Herald Memorial Fund: 820.00
- Total Long Term Liabilities: 3,930.46
- Total Liabilities: 3,930.46

Equity
- Opening Balance Equity: 15,282.12
- Unrestricted Net Assets: 12,823.15
- Net Income: 3,664.56
- Total Equity: 31,769.83
- TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY: 35,700.29

Expense Breakdown

Total: $4,170.58

Income Breakdown

Total: $7,835.14

See the bottom Line!

Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell | ARID 2017-2019 Treasurer | treasurer@arkansasrid.org
The Members-at-Large have been working hard to report on events and keep everyone in the loop about what is going on in each respective district. Since 9/1/2017 we have reported 37 events across the state!! Don’t forget that submitting an event for our online calendar is easy, just head over to https://www.arkansasrid.org/events-calendar/ and fill out the form. You can also view upcoming events while you are there!

According to the 3 MALs, the districts show that:
District 1 has 20 members
District 2 has 20 members
District 3 has 59 members

The Membership Committee shows that we have 108 members ... In which districts are the other 9 members ??

We know we have more interpreters across the state than these numbers show - so don’t forget to join ARID!

If you have any concerns in your district please contact your MAL today!

Kari Houtchens, District 1 - mal1@arkansasrid.org

Michael McMahon District 2 - mal2@arkansasrid.org

Ashley Beaty, District 3 - mal3@arkansasrid.org
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 Houchens, MAL1 Rep  
mall@arkansasrid.org

**Counties:** Benton, Washington, Crawford, Sebastian, Scott, Polk, Montgomery, Yell, Perry, Logan, Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Van Buren, Cleburne, Madison, Newton, Searcy, Stone, Izard, Fulton, Baxter, Marion, Boone, Carroll.

**District 2**
Michael McMahon, 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**
Ashley Beaty, 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.
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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Jaime Harrell |
| Gwenyth Sutphin, Secretary: | PPM (Ad Hoc)
Professional Development | VACANT (8/15/17)
Ann Marie Lott |
| Nicholas Winchell, Treasurer: | Fundraising
Scholarship | Keri McPherson
Myra Taff-Watson |
| Kari Houtchens, MAL D1: | Editorial
Nominations | Myra Taff-Watson
Becca Davis |
| Michael McMahon, MAL D2: | Program
Technology | Jonathan Smith
Allyson Caruthers |
| Ashley Beaty, MAL D3: | Bylaws
Membership Development
Sunshine | Linda Stauffer
Alecia Mullen
Bailey Adams and
Jami De La Cruz |
Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee Report ... Linda Stauffer

There are no updates for this edition.

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

Editorial Committee ... Myra Taff-Watson

Newsletter: The December 2017 winter edition is filled with news from the community, workshops, announcements, and so much more. Please note that the Membership Form is included for fiscal year 2017-2018 for those of you who have not joined and/or renewed. We need all of you to be a part of the team.

Special thanks to our awesome Allyson Caruthers for her assistance in the publishing of this edition.

Other Editorial: The Editorial Committee continues to review and/or edit other printed materials from ARID members or any information that serves the ARID membership, such as, flyers, workshop announcements, or any other electronic and printed distributions in 2017.

Deadlines for newsletter submissions: Effective with the March 2016 edition, the deadlines will be the first day of the month of each quarter - March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

March 1, 2018 Deadline for the 2018 March Spring edition

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

Fundraising Committee ... Keri McPheron

I am currently researching the Fayetteville area for a Community Rewards type program similar to what we already have with Kroger.

Keri McPheron | ARID Fundraising Committee Chair | aridfundrasing@gmail.com
Committee Reports

Membership Development Committee ... Alecia Mullen

Hello friends, current members, and past members …

Hello friends, current members, and past members. Since the 2017-2018 fiscal year has begun, ARID has received several new memberships, but we are in need for our colleagues to renew their memberships! Remind your team! Currently, we have a total of 108 members: 59 voting members, 28 supporting members, and 21 student memberships. We ended the last fiscal year with 128, so let’s beat that number! We want you to continue being a part of our great team. Go ahead and sign up now! I know you want to!

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

Let’s get those numbers up! Don’t forget to renew your membership for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. It’s so easy! You can do so at http://arkansasrid.org/online-membership-form.htm, or www.arkansasrid.org. 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

Don’t forget 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. It can’t get much better than that!! Go Team!! #teamARID

Remember, you are awesome!

Now go ahead and start a new tab by clicking on the link either above or below this sentence for renewing your membership!

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

Alecia Mullen, QAST 3/2 | ARID Membership Committee | aridmembership@gmail.com

Nominations Committee ... Rebecca Davis

There are no updates for this edition.

Rebecca Davis | ARID Nominations Committee Chair | aridnominations@gmail.com
Hello ARIDians,

Since the last report, the committee has processed 8 activities:

- 4 Sponsored Activities (workshops)
- 2 Academic Coursework Activities
- 1 Independent Study
- 1 Conference (AAD)

All of these activities originated in Arkansas.

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

Ann Marie Lott, NIC, BA | Professional Development Committee Chair | aridpdc@gmail.com

Happy Holidays, ARID!

Our most recent quarterly workshop was Saturday, December 9, 2018. We met at the Arkansas School for the Deaf at the Nutt Athletic Complex in the Leopard Lair. Randy Chappell from Memphis came and presented on “Top Tens for Terps.” Randy Chappell, our presenter is on the board of the interpreting agency, Deaf Connect, in Memphis.

We had 22 in attendance that day. Luckily, the weather finally got cold enough that we were able to enjoy our soup and chili potluck. I would like to thank Karin Binko and Kyra Hawkins for volunteering to help cook.

It was great to see a lot of familiar faces and some new ones too! Our quarterly workshops are a wonderful time to get together and fellowship with our peers from across the state.

Our March workshop will be March 10, 2018. I am meeting with the board soon and we will have information shortly on who will be the presenter, as well as the location of the workshop. We’ve got some amazing things lined up and in the words of Debbie Pearce, “It’s a great time to be a part of ARID!”

Jonathan Smith, QA 4/4, EIPA 4.2
ARID Program Committee Chair | aridprogram@gmail.com

There was one new application received this quarter. To date, eleven (11) interpreters have received funding!

Please spread the word. Take advantage of the Scholarship Application Form included in this issue and apply for funds for RID, BEI and QAST testing.

Myra Taff-Watson, CSC, MA | ARID Scholarship Committee Chair | mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu
Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee Report ... Bailey Adams and Jami De La Cruz

No updates for this issue.

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

Bailey Adams and Jami De La Cruz | ARID Sunshine Committee Co-Chairs | aridsunshine@gmail.com

Technology Committee Report ... Allyson Caruthers

The ARID website will be getting a new update over the next few months. I will be updating some broken/missing links. Also I will be uploading photos from workshops, 2017 Biennial Conference, and our 35th anniversary party. If anyone has photos from the past 35+ years please email them to me and I will add them to the album. As always if you have any problems with our website please let me know and I will assist you.

Our Facebook page has a total of 652 Likes and 640 Followers as of December 1, 2017. This is up from about 400 Likes this time last year. If you or anyone you know have not Liked our page please do so! I am always looking for good Facebook posts, if you see anything you like and would like me to share email me the link.

Allyson Caruthers | ARID Technology Committee Chair | aridtechnology@gmail.com

PPM Ad Hoc Committee Report ... Vacant

There are no updates for this edition.

Vacant | ARID PPM Ad Hoc
Sunshine News

Congratulations to Meagan Beatty who graduated in December with her Masters in interpreting pedagogy from the University of North Florida (UNF)! Well done!

Nate Daniels (BA Tulsa 2016) has been accepted into the University of Northern Florida masters degree program.

Congratulations to QAST Interpreters
(Transliterating listed 1st, Interpreting listed 2nd)
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Eden Anderson 1/1
Lauren Beirise 0/1
Samantha Branch 1/1
Catherine Elliott 1/2
Rick Kaiser 4/4
Lesley Thomas 1/1
Nick Winchell 3/2
Crystal Kirkland 4/3

... brought to you by the ARID Grapevine!

2018 QAST Dates!

All scheduled dates below for the 2018 QAST will be held on a Friday

January 12 August 3
February 23 September 7
March 23 October 5
April (TBA for UALR) October 19
May 25 November 9
June 15 December 7
July 20

Don’t forget to fill out the Scholarship Application form to receive funding for QAST for by ARID!
TOP TEN FOR TERPS

CSC, NAD-V, SC:L

December 9th, 2017
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Lunch/GMM: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
Arkansas School for the Deaf Nutt Athletic Center
2400 W. Markham St. Little Rock, AR 72205

Randy Chappell is a 40+ year interpreting veteran who was raised in the strong Deaf culture environment of Talladega, home of the Alabama School for the Deaf. Randy earned a Comprehensive Skills Certificate in 1980, and attained the Master’s Level from the National Association of the Deaf in 1995, and has passed the SC:L written test. He graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Arts in communication studies in 1996.

The emphasis of this workshop will be leadership and learning. As an interpreter, one must excel in the profession and expand education, both personally and publicly. This workshop will seek to discuss how we can be leaders in the profession and how learning never ends.

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For accommodations, email aridprogram@gmail.com. Interpreters will be provided upon request.

Randy Chappell
CSC, NAD-V, SC:L

Participants!

22 Participants!
Hello to all! It’s been a very exciting fall semester in the Interpreter Education Program! From future students to International guests - we’ve had a variety of exciting events this semester.

**Eighth-Grader Job Shadows**

On September 20, 2017, Ms. Sydney Littrell, an 8th grader at Joe T Robinson Middle School, spent the day with the IEP faculty as part of her school’s Job Shadowing Program. Sydney met Dr. Stauffer in Spring 2017 during the Duke Talent Identification Program (TAP). In September she contacted Dr. Stauffer asking to shadow as part of teacher Ms. Amy Bailey’s Career Development class in Business Education. She sat in on Dr. Anderson’s ASL 1 and ASL 3 classes. Sydney sat in on a student advising appointment (with the student’s permission) and we also reviewed the requirements for the program. She was equipped with a list of questions about our work. Sydney will prepare a PowerPoint and present her shadowing day experience to her classmates. We were glad to have her shadow in our program!

**Distinguished Deaf Presenter Series**

We had three very distinguished Deaf individuals present to our students this fall.

On October 10, 2017, the IEP hosted Dr. Zheng Xuan, first Deaf person to receive a PhD in linguistics from a Chinese university. She is an Associate Professor, Special Education Department of Chongqing Normal University and a Researcher for the Center for Chinese Sign Language and Deaf Studies, Shanghai University.
On October 17 2017, Dominik Pointer and Magdelena Starzengruber visited from Austria. Dominik is a young man from Austria with Usher Syndrome. He is fluent in Austrian Sign Language and primarily used Gustuno (international sign language) and Austrian Sign Language that was interpreted into ASL by Michael McMahon, CDI who was voiced into English by Ms. Carolyn Jolley and Ms. Stephanie Ott. Magdalena is from Austria and knows German, Austrian Sign Language, and English. The students were introduced to and exposed to not only to Dominik and his background growing up with Usher Syndrome, but also to multi-lingual interpreting teams.
On October 26, 2017, Stacy Abrams, an Arkansan, and a proud graduate of both Gallaudet University and University of California at Santa Barbara, spoke to the students. Stacy was this year’s AAD Convention Keynote Presenter! She started the #whyisign campaign that went viral. She is the Coordinator of Training for the Clerc National Deaf Education Center at Gallaudet University.

See-A-Song

On October 24, 2017, parents, friends, students and community members filled the UA Little Rock Stella Boyle Concern Auditorium for the 2017 See-A-Song. This year’s theme was “Disney.” Students from ASD opened with the Star Spangled Banner, and faculty and students alike joined in the production. A special thanks to Michael McMahon and Clint Brockway for serving as Masters of Ceremony for the show and to the Interpreting 1 class for voice interpreting for the audience!
Community News and Updates

UA Little Rock IEP

Deaf-Blind Camp

The Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community hosted a retreat in Ferncliff, Arkansas from October 19 - 22, 2017. This was the fifth time that ADBC has held retreats here in Arkansas. There were approximately 30 deaf-blind individuals from several different states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, etc. There were over 60 deaf, hard of hearing and hearing individuals who volunteered their time to work as SSPs for this event. The INTR 4358 Interpreting for Individuals who are Deaf-Blind students volunteered for this event and were mentored throughout the 4-day event by two faculty members. The UA Little Rock students did an outstanding job of providing services and support so that deaf-blind individuals could fully enjoy this 4-day get-a-way experience designed for their enjoyment. The UA Little Rock Interpreter Education Program has been participating in Deaf-Blind Camps since 1999 and we have mentored 203 students serving as SSPs.

This year's UA Little Rock students: Bailey Adams, Ja'alon Baker, Madison Christie, Becca Davis, Jami DeLaCruz, Kyra Hawkins, Mollie Hicks, Brittny Hogan, Leah Lishman, Belle McGhee, Sydney Morriss, Savanna Nellis, Kaprecia Slocum, Kenni Smith, and Maddy White.

2017 Arkansas Deaf-Blind Camp

Games at Deaf-Blind Camp

Kaprecia Slocum (IEP student) and Larry Robillard (LA, SSP) at Deaf-blind Camp
Faculty Take Road Trip to Tulsa to recruit new Cohort

The IEP faculty traveled to Tulsa Community College on November 17–18, 2017 to recruit a 4th cohort to begin Spring 2018. TCC Faculty Glenna Cooper and Rhoda Smietanski hosted us as we presented on the requirements for entering the OK-AR Interstate BA program in Interpretation, and courses that will be offered each semester. Former Tulsa cohort 3 graduate, Nate Daniels, also stopped by to say hello! We are recruiting ten (10) students in Tulsa to begin Spring 2018 with a graduation date of Spring 2020. We also say goodbye to long time TCC faculty member, Don Hastings, who is retiring.

Cheryl Wilcox Retires

December 19, 2017 is Cheryl Wilcox’s last day with the Department of Counseling, Human Performance and Rehabilitation and the Interpreter Education Program. Cheryl has been an Administrative Assistant here for the past 12 years coming to us from the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing! Cheryl is retiring and plans to spend some time enjoying travel with her husband in their RV. The Department celebrated her retirement on December 5, 2017 with a potluck lunch, gifts, and a cake. Wishing Cheryl a most happy retirement!
Community News and Updates

**UA Little Rock IEP**

**Fall IEP Graduates**

Congratulations to **Mary Kate Riscoe** and **McKenzie (Kemni) Smith** who completed their AS degree in ASL Studies and will graduate in December. Both will continue on with their BA degree in Interpreting in spring 2018.

Also, congratulations to **Stephen Forrest** and **Amelia Loken** who completed their BA degree in Interpreting: ASL/English and will graduate in December. They join **Josh Gray** who graduated with his BA degree this past August 2017.

**SPRING 2018 Schedule**

Class registration is **open** for the spring 2018 semester! Classes being offered are:

- INTR 1320 American Sign Language 1 (5 sections)
- INTR 1321 American Sign Language 2 (4 sections)
- INTR 2320 American Sign Language 3 (2 sections)
- INTR 2321 American Sign Language 4
- INTR 2260 Service Learning in the Deaf Community
- INTR 2280 Fingerspelling
- INTR 2344 Comparative Linguistics
- INTR 3364 Sign to Voice Interpreting/Transliterating
- INTR 3366 Voice to Sign Interpreting/Transliterating
- INTR 3372 Interpreting for Persons who are Hard of Hearing (Little Rock & Tulsa)
- INTR 3380 Introduction to Interpreting Research
- INTR 4332 Interpreting II
- INTR 4380 Advanced Transliteration
- INTR 4382 Advanced Interpretation
- INTR 4384 Interpreting Academic Subjects (Little Rock & Tulsa)
- INTR 4308 Independent Study
- INTR 4770 Internship
- INTR 4970 Internship

The IEP faculty and staff wish everyone a most Happy Holiday Season and a Health and Prosperous New Year!
Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community … Art Babin

ADBC Receives AAD Community Service Award

Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community (ADBC) was presented with a Community Service Award by Arkansas Association of the Deaf (AAD) during ADBC’s November 2017 social. ADBC President Arthur Babin accepted the award on behalf of ADBC and thanked AAD Past President Ira Gerlis for recognizing ADBC with this special award. Mr. Gerlis emphasized that ADBC continues being so involved in the Deaf Community by providing monthly socials for the Deaf-Blind community, hosting successful annual spaghetti fundraiser open to the whole community to raise funds for the Deaf-Blind Retreats in Arkansas, hosting its 20th Anniversary Banquet last September 2016, hosting its yet another fun-filled Deaf-Blind Retreat last October 2017, and collaborating with UA Little Rock Interpreting Education Program to help enhance prospective interpreting students to become successful interpreters.

ADBC’s Fifth Deaf-Blind Retreat

Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community (ADBC) hosted its fifth Deaf-Blind retreat last October 19-22, 2017 at Ferncliff Camp in Ferndale, Arkansas. It was yet another successful and fun-filled weekend with 105 attendees coming from several states, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, California and Florida, as well as two from Austria. Some of the highlights of the retreat were a short workshop by Ms. Alice Berry with Sprint Relay Services, a field trip to Arkansas State Fair which was tremendously enjoyed by everyone, various games including Tactile Bingo and Left, Center & Right, and traditional Saturday night dance. The next Arkansas Deaf-Blind Retreat will be held in the fall of 2021, and it will be a special one since ADBC will be celebrating its 25th anniversary as an organization. Plans and ideas have already begun for this next exciting event.

ADBC Membership Drive

All of the current members of ADBC will need to renew their membership in January 2018. It is $20 for a two-year term from January 2018 to December 2019. We welcome new members so if you are interested to join, please contact Carel Dunaway via e-mail at carel128@yahoo.com and he will send you some application form and instructions.

Upcoming ADBC Spaghetti Fundraiser

ADBC will plan another spaghetti fundraiser to be held in April 2018. Watch for more information soon!

AAD … Edwin Mitchel

Arkansas School for the Deaf (ASD)

Silent Sunday is a yearly fundraising event to support Arkansas School for the Deaf. This year KATV Channel 7’s Todd Yakoubian and Janelle Lilley were the Masters of Ceremonies yet again. The band, The GroanUps, were back again for another year along with many other groups showcasing their talents. Since the start of Silent Sunday this event has raised over a half of million dollars for ASD! This year all the proceeds will go directly to the technology programs at the Arkansas School for the Deaf. A HUGE thank you to everyone who came out this year, we can’t wait to see everyone again in 2018!

UA Little Rock SLK… Rebecca Davis

Hello ARIDians!

Our semester has come to a close, and it was definitely a busy one! We had dinners two silent each month, as well as a fun event once a month, and our participant turnout was much better than it has been the last few years! We look forward to continuing this trend in the upcoming spring semester, as well as encouraging our students to branch out from just SLK events and attend events held by the Deaf community to start building relationships on their own.

Speaking of the spring semester, there have been some changes in SLK leadership, effective as of December 12, 2017.

President: Rebecca Davis  
Vice-President/Treasurer: Kyra Hawkins  
Secretary: Starla Roberts  
Editor: Madison Christie  
Members at Large: Scarlett Quick and Mollie Hicks

The new leadership is going to be focused on getting SLK out and involved in various UA Little Rock events, and we hope to spread our love of the Deaf community and sign language to others on campus who may not even know that our campus offers sign language.

Our first meeting in spring semester will be Monday, January 29, 2018 at 3:00 pm in Dickinson 501. We will be voting on dates and locations for our February silent dinners and events at this meeting. Everybody is welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Rebecca Davis | SLK President | slkualr@gmail.com
Workshop Announcements

March 2018 Workshop will be on Saturday March 10, 2017. More information will be released soon. Check out our website for more information. http://www.arkansasrid.org/workshop/

Our Program Committee is working hard to bring you a wonderful March 2018 workshop.

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SAVE THE DATE
Interpreter Workshop
Presenter: Carla Mathers, Esq., CSC, SC:L

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12/7/17 - Four Linguistic Principles that Will Improve Your ASL Interpreting Immediately - 0.2 PS CEUs by Dr. Steven Surrency.

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Thank you Cheryl Sugg for providing us with this list.

If you find any CEU opportunities please share them with everyone on the ARID email list and send them directly to the editors of the ARIDian for publication.

CEUs and Initial Licensure or renewal are due by Sunday December 31, 2017!
Why wait till the last minute? Send them in NOW!
Reminders

Fiscal Year 2017-2018
RENEW your ARID dues
Our New Fiscal Year began July 1, 2017
Recruit a new ARID member!
Easy options to pay your dues

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Payments can be made online at www.arkansasrid.org
As 2017 comes to a close and everyone is spending time with family, friends, and loved ones; the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs of ARID would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Hope everyone has had a wonderful year and we can’t wait to see what will happen in 2018!

See you in 2018 ARID!
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, 20(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 mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu.
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 mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu.
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

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Address _________________________________________________________

Cell _______________ Telephone _______________ Email ________________

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

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

None □

RID □ __________

QAST □ Level __________

Other □ __________ (name and level)

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

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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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Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Verification of Testing Form
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Address __________________________________________________________

Cell __________________ Telephone __________________ Email ____________

Signature of the Test Administrator

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

Location - site, city, state ____________________________________________

Name of Test Administrator (please print) ____________________________

Date

Please check the Candidate's Test Category:

RID ➤ NIC ☐ OTC ☐ SC:L ☐ CDI ☐

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Annual Membership Application for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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.)*

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Year first joined ARID: __________________________

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