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

Greetings ARIDians …Welcome to the March Spring edition!

We are springing into action in 2018! It’s going to be a fun and very productive year for all of us! Planning for the 2019 Biennial Conference will be underway, GM meetings, and workshops for interpreters. See all the news from the president, the committees, the MALs, UA Little Rock, SLK, ABDC and numerous updates from the community, LRBDA Black History Event and photo array, and of course, photo arrays from our awesome March 10, 2018 Workshop presented by our Region IV Rep!

Have a glorious 2018!

We start off the spring with Volume 33, Issue 3 - 131 issues since 1987.
Dear ARIDians,

The Board has been busy learning the ropes for business meeting proceedings. We underwent Parliamentary Procedures Training in February. J.R. Courtright and Ray James volunteered their time to lead the training. We had a great time learning and practicing how to properly conduct business meetings. I look forward to incorporating in our meetings what we learned from the workshop.

The Arkansas Licensure Board has two new Board members. Michael McMahon (ARID’s nominee) and Carel Dunaway (AAD’s nominee) will be joining the board for the next two years. They will be sworn in on March 16, 2018.

The 2018 RIV Conference, “Together We Thrive,” is taking place in Albuquerque, NM July 19-22, 2018 at the Hotel Albuquerque. The Board had a special meeting to discuss the appropriation of the money budgeted for the conference. We want to send as many ARID board members as possible, so we have reserved two rooms and the remaining funds should help cover other costs, such as registration fees. The Board will be working within the current budget, as approved by the membership. We hope to send four board members to represent ARID.

Region IV Conference Early Bird Registration is now closed, but it is not too late to take advantage of regular registration. You can now find a schedule online at https://www.ridregion4conference.com/. I would like to take a moment and congratulate Micheal McMahon and Clint Brockway who have been accepted to present workshops at the conference. I hope to see everyone there!

Early Bird Registration ended 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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RID Certified Members have received an email regarding Motion H from the 2017 RID National Conference.

CM2017.07 (previously listed as Motion CM2017.01): By Maura Nolin, Seconded: “CEUs earned from online trainings be limited to 25% of the overall required total number of CEUs to maintain certification. For specialist certifications, not more than 49% of CEUs for certification maintenance may be earned online.”

Please be sure to vote by March 30, 2018. This issue will affect you as a certified member. Let your voice be heard through your vote.
President Report – Katelyn Wilson

President Report continued ...

Lastly, RID is working on changing the Standard Practice Papers to White Papers. This will allow for more flexibility as we advance in our profession. Each Standard Practice Paper needs review and we are looking for people to volunteer their time working in small groups to make these changes. A complete list can be found at https://rid.us7.listmanag...e=24284616c9

If there is a specific setting you are interested in working on, please let me know and I can submit your name as a recommendation. Email me: president@arkansasrid.org.

I hope your spring brings you lots of sunshine and flowers!

Katelyn Wilson | ARID President | president@arkansasrid.org

GMM – March 10, 2018 Photo Array
Hello!

As spring slowly approaches, thoughts of the **2019 Biennial Conference** dance in my head.

After the General membership meeting held on March 10, 2018, many of you attending signed up to join the Biennial Planning Committee (BPC). I am grateful for those who signed up, however, there is **ALWAYS** room for more people.

Please consider joining the following committees that need chairs or co-chairs and/or members. **We cannot do it without YOU! We need your teamwork.**

The chairs for the Biennial Planning Committee are **Cheri Courtright and Jaime Harrell.** As this endeavor begins, please feel free to contact either of us for any questions, comments or compliments. **We look forward to working with you all to make this an exciting and productive event.**

Cheri can be contacted at: [vicepresident@arkansasrid.org](mailto:vicepresident@arkansasrid.org)
Jaime can be contacted at: [Jaimefisharrell@gmail.com](mailto:Jaimefisharrell@gmail.com)

**Biennial Planning Committee:**

**Conference Co-Chairs - Cheri Courtright & Jaime Harrell**

- **Entertainment:**
- **Finance:**
- **Fundraising:**
- **Hospitality:** Co-Chairs - Clint Broadway & Taylor (Hardcastle) Johnson
- **Interpreter Coordination:**
- **Professional Development:**
- **Program:**
- **Program Book:** Chair - Myra Taff-Watson
- **Registration:**
- **Silent Auction:**
- **Student Rep:** Chair - Meagan Beaty
- **Technology:** Chair - Allyson Caruthers

See the Responsibilities of Each Biennial Committee to help you decide which committee you would like to join.

Cheri Courtright | Vice-President | [vicepresident@arkansasrid.org](mailto:vicepresident@arkansasrid.org)
Responsibilities of Each Biennial Committee

An ARID Board member will serve as a liaison to each Standing Committee for communication purposes with the Vice-President/Chair. The committees work as a cohesive team with overlapping duties to seamlessly complete tasks. Identified below are brief descriptions of the responsibilities for each committee.

**Program:** work with VP/Chair and the Program Committee in the selection of and contracting with presenters addressing the 2015 Biennial theme; and work with the Professional Development Committee for paperwork related to CEUs.

**Program Book:** develop and organize the content and format of the Program Book; work with VP/Chair and the Program Committee to include the presenters and workshops offered; work with any other Committee to ensure all information related to the Biennial Conference is included; work with the President for letters from national/state/city officials and letters from national and state organization.

**Registration:** keep records of registration fees and number of participants; manage the flow of conference registrants; work the registration booth; and work with the Hospitality Committee regarding ditty bags.

**Interpreter Coordination:** work with the Program/Entertainment Committee to determine interpreting services and obtain the appropriate and qualified individuals to provide the necessary services.

**Hospitality:** work with the Registration Committee regarding ditty bags; develop welcome baskets for presenters; and develop a welcome and introduction for each breakout session.

**Entertainment:** plan activities for luncheons, banquets and/or general sessions.

**Finance:** work with all committees to appropriate the necessary funding for each committee; maintain and manage the Biennial Conference budget.

**Fundraising/Sponsorship/Program Book Ads:** solicit sponsors for ARID and the conference training and in-kind donations; and work with the Hospitality Committee regarding ditty bag donations. Funding support is a number one priority.

**Professional Development/CEUs/CMP:** work with the Program Committee to obtain presenters’ instructional forms for content and measurable goals for RID CMP/ACET CEUs; obtain presenter vitae and bio-sketches for the Program Book; develop RID Sponsor Form; and submit documentation to RID.

**Technology Committee:** work with the Program Committee and with the VP/Chair regarding equipment needs for each session; develop a schedule for set-up and breakdown of equipment within each session; and work with the Student Volunteer Committee on procedures for the delivery/retaining of equipment in each session.

**Silent Auction:** solicit donations for the Silent Auction; solicit possible Live Auction items for the sole purpose of fundraising; and work with the Fundraising and Hospitality Committees for ditty bag donations should a company not have the appropriate items for a Silent Auction.

**Student Volunteers/Reps:** develop an application process for student representatives and their responsibilities; assign student reps to the Hospitality Committee; assign student reps to the Program Committee to assist with CEU forms, distribution of handouts, etc. in each workshop session; assign student reps to the Registration Committee to assist with registration; assign student reps to the hotel front desk to assist with guests; assign student reps to the Technology Committee to assist with A/V equipment for each workshop session.
Secretary Report – Gwenyth Sutphin

Jan. 16, 2018

**Board Meeting Motions 2018**

**BD 18.01** Motion to allocate funds intended for Board Expenses: Region IV Conference to cover 2 hotel rooms. Once all board members who are attending have registered and spend funds they may ask for equal reimbursement until funds are depleted. (A. Beaty)

**BD18.02** Motion to amend Ashley’s motion adding the words “for registration, travel, and food.” Amended motion to allocate funds intended for Board Expenses: Region IV Conference to cover 2 hotel rooms. Once all board members who are attending have registered and spend funds they may ask for equal reimbursement for registration, travel, and food until funds are depleted (A. Beaty, Courtright). Passed; Amended motion Passed

**BD18.03** Motion to adjourn Meeting. (Sutphin) Passed

Mar. 9, 2018

**BD18.01** Motion to approve Minutes with Katelyn’s correction of RIV conference instead of RID. (McMahon, Winchell) Passed

**BD18.05** Motion to approve Budget as presented. (Sutphin, Courtright) Passed

**BD18.06** Motion to table the discussion until more research is done. (Winchell, McMahon) Passed

**BD18.07** Motion to accept Organizational Membership definition as presented by the ARID Task Force on Organizational Membership Benefits. (McMahon, Winchell) Passed

**BD18.08** Motion to accept Organizational Membership benefits as presented by the ARID Task Force on Organizational Membership Benefits. (Sutphin, McMahon) Passed

**BD18.10** Motion to donate $501.21 to the UA Little Rock Barbara Northup Scholarship Fund. (McMahon, Sutphin) Passed

**BD18.11** Motion to refer to membership to discuss making this donation a line item in the budget. (McMahon, Sutphin) Passed

Mar. 10, 2018

**GM Meeting Motions 2018**

**GM18.01** Motion to accept definition as proposed. (Westcott, Binko) Passed

**GM18.02** Motion to accept organizational benefits as proposed. (Watson, Gorum) Passed

**GM18.03** Motion to set up an ad hoc committee to support branding. (Brockway, Taff-Watson) Passed

**GM18.04** Motion to we accept the one-time donation of 501.21. (Westcott, Johnson) Passed

**GM18.05** Motion to put a line item in the annual budget for the Barbara E. Northup Scholarship fund with the amount determined by membership. (Westcott, Gorum) Passed

**GM18.05a** Add words “with the amount determined by membership.” (Watson, Shirley) Passed

**GM18.06** Motion to adjourn the meeting (Honorable) Passed

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

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See the bottom Line!

Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell | ARID 2017-2019 Treasurer | treasurer@arkansasrid.org
### Balance Sheet as of March 7, 2018

**ASSETS**

Current Assets
- Checking/Savings
  - Bank of America: $34,994.10
- Total Checking/Savings: $34,994.10
- Total Current Assets: $34,994.10

**TOTAL ASSETS**: $34,994.10

**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: $2,958.37
- Total Equity: $31,063.64

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**: $34,994.10
Member-at-Large Reports

Members-at-Large ... Kari Houtchens, Michael McMahon, Ashley Beaty

Member-at-Large positions for Districts 1 and 2 are coming up for reelection during the June 2018 GM meeting. If you would like to run or know of someone who would do a great job send your nominations to aridnominations@gmail.com.

A wonderful learning experience! Most of the ARID board, including MALs 2 and 3, attended a parliamentary training provided by Ray James and J.R. Courtright.

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 January 1, 2018, we’ve reported 12 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 view upcoming events also while you are there!

According to the 3 MALs, the respective districts show that:
District 1 has 21 members
District 2 has 20 members
District 3 has 61 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  
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**  
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, Mal Rep  
mal3@arkansas.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.
## 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, CSC | ARID Bylaws Committee Chair | lkstauffer@ualr.edu

Editorial Committee ... Myra Taff-Watson

Newsletter: The March 2018 Spring edition is filled with news from the community, workshops, announcements, call for Nominations, 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.

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 2018.

Special thanks to Allyson Caruthers for her assistance for proofreading this edition.

Deadlines for newsletter submissions: First day of the month of each quarter - March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

The Next Deadline:

June 1, 2018 Deadline for the 2018 June Summer edition

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

Fundraising Committee ... Keri McPherson

Greetings, ARID ...

I will be working with Nicholas Winchell, our Treasurer, on fundraising strategies.

Keri McPheron | ARID Fundraising Committee Chair | aridfundraising@gmail.com
Hello friends, current members, and past members …

As you all know, we had a wonderful workshop on March 10, 2018! The presenter was Sonja W. Smith on “Pondering Perspectives: A Collaborate Approach to Ethical Decision Making.”

Currently, we have a total of 126 members: 60 voting members, 24 associate members (previously named supporting members), and 22 student memberships. 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 feel free to contact me at aridmembership@gmail.com. It’s not too late to renew your membership to get a discounted rate on your workshop cost! You can do so at http://arkansasrid.org/online-membership-form.htm, or www.arkansasrid.org and click on the “Membership” under the menu, choose membership application to fill it out, and pay online. You can also mail in your membership renewal form to ARID:

Arkansas RID  ATTN: Treasurer  P.O. Box 46511  Little Rock, AR 72214-6511

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. 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!

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

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Nominations Committee … Rebecca Davis

Hello ARID!

We are currently looking for nominations for Members-at-Large for District 1 and District 2 to be voted on at the June 9, 2018 General Membership Meeting:

**District 1 - 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 - Counties:** Randolph, Clay, Sharp, Lawrence, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Craighead, Mississippi, Poinsett, Cross, Crittenden, Woodruff, White, Faulkner, Lee, St. Francis, Monroe, Prairie, Lonoke, Arkansas, Phillips

You may send your nominations directly to aridnominations@gmail.com

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

Since the last report, the committee has processed two (2) activities:

- One (1) Sponsored Activities (workshop) and one (1) Independent Study

Both of these activities originated in Arkansas. We are currently processing 3 additional activities:

- one (1) Academic Coursework Activity, one (1) Sponsored Activity, and one (1) PINRA.

Requests to sponsor have been fairly quiet recently. The assumption is that the decline in requests is due to cycles ending and members having satisfied their professional development requirements. This is common, as we generally see a downward trend at the start of the year, with requests increasing as the year progresses.

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

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

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**Program Committee Report ... Jonathan Smith**

Spring is here!

On March 10, 2018 we had our quarterly workshop. Our Region IV representative, Sonja Smith, presented her ethics workshop titled “Pondering Perspectives.” The workshop was held at ASD’s Leopard Lair in the Nutt Athletic Complex. Honestly, it was a fantastic workshop! If you were not one of the 44 interpreters in attendance, then you missed out!

Shout out to Debbie Pearce and Alecia Mullen helped to prepare a wonderful lunch of chicken, ham, salad, rolls, and potato salad. I am truly grateful to work with such amazing colleagues.

We have three more workshops left this year - mark your calendars! So far:

- June 9, 2018 - presenter and location TBD (information coming soon)
- September 8, 2018 - Corey Axelrod in NW Arkansas
- December 8, 2018 - Will Gorum in Little Rock

I hope to see you at the next workshop!

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

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

There were no new applications 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.

Coming soon on the ARID website – A link to the Scholarship Application Form.

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

Jami De La Cruz | ARID Sunshine Committee Chair | aridsunshine@gmail.com

Technology Committee Report ... Allyson Caruthers

I am continuing to update the ARID website with new information. If you have any issues with the ARID website, please send an email to the Technology Committee. We have worked with our Program Committee to get the workshop information out to everyone via social media and our website. As always if you have any problems with our website please let me know and I will assist you.

Our Facebook page gained another Like this past month. 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, please 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

Want to know what is going on in the community? ARID added a new calendar of events to the website. Check it out!

http://www.arkansasrid.org/events-calendar/
Congratulations to QAST Interpreters
(Transliterating listed 1st, Interpreting listed 2nd)
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Allyson Caruthers 1/1
Catherine Elliott 2/2
Kayla Evans 2/2
Donna Gibson 4/3
Amelia Loken 1/1
Nick Winchell 4/2

2018 QAST Dates!
January 12
February 23
March 23
April 13 (UALR students)
April 17 (UALR students)
April 20 (UALR students)
April 24 (UALR students)
April 27 (UALR students)
May 25
June 15
July 20
August 3
September 7
October 5
November 9
December 7

Don’t forget to submit the ARID Scholarship Application to receive funding for the RID, BEI, EIPA, QAST, or other Interpreter Tests!

If you have any questions, please contact Myra Taff-Watson, Scholarship Committee Chair for more information.
Sunshine News

Circle of Service Awards … ARSILC

The Arkansas State Independent Living Council’s (ARSILC) Second Annual “Circle of Service” event was held to honor those individuals and or businesses that have impacted the lives of Arkansas individuals with disabilities - individuals and/or families, businesses or organizations that have stood as “Change Agents” in service for individuals with disabilities in the state of Arkansas. The event was held in conjunction with the Arkansas SILC’s 23rd year of service to the State of Arkansas. Honorees were recognized during a luncheon held at the Arkansas Governor’s Mansion in the Grand Hall on Friday, January 26, 2017 @ 11:00 am.

The guest speaker - Governor Asa Hutchinson
Master of Ceremonies - Officer Tommy Norman, Police Department

The Honorees:

Communication Plus+ Interpreter Services, Inc.
Myra Taff-Watson & Doug Watson – Founders/Owners, Little Rock
AND
Justin Gauze - Phil Stinebuck Courage award honoree, Self-Advocate, Harrison
Willie & Lori Johnson & Children, adopting over 30 children over the years with disabilities, Russellville
Derek Mack- Phil Stinebuck Courage award honoree, Self-Advocate, Jacksonville
Alan Plumlee & April Plumle- Husband & Wife Self Advocates, Harrison
Tracy Steele, City of North Little Rock
Ivan Whitfield - Chief of Police for the City of Pine Bluff

The Arkansas State Independent Living Council (ARSILC) is a non-profit 501 © 3 whose mission is to promote the independent living philosophy through education and awareness in the state of Arkansas so individuals with disabilities can live productive lives.

In Memoriam … A Great Loss to the DeafBlind Community

The Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) is deeply saddened by the passing of Sr. Bernadette Wynne – better known as Bernie – on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. She died peacefully with friends and family by her side at the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Whitestone, New York. With her passing, HKNC has lost a dear friend, a truly dedicated educator and an example for all of us of how to live the good life filled with love and laughter.

Bernie was of Polish background and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. She was hired in 1975 by HKNC as a certified teacher of the visually impaired when the Center was still in the old building in New Hyde Park. Moving over to the Sands Point location, Bernie soon became the supervisor of the Basic Education Department (now known as the Communications Learning Center). She became legendary at HKNC as one of the first members of the National Training Team (NTT), which began in 1981.

The NTT traveled extensively throughout the United States and, for several years, Bernie represented the team when conducting training sessions in several Nordic countries. She continued her work as a member of the NTT until her retirement in 2013 after 38 years with HKNC. Bernie has HKNC’s love and eternal gratitude for all she contributed to making the Center what it is today. We are thankful for the special memories of her warmth and joy and friendship and for the example of a life well lived.

May she rest in peace.

Her funeral mass was on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 9:30 am EST with Visitation on Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 2-6 pm EST at Sisters of Mercy Convent, 22-04 Parsons Blvd., Whitestone, NY 11357

Anyone wishing to make a donation in lieu of flowers in Sister Bernie’s memory may do so to the Sisters of Mercy Convent, 22-04 Parsons Blvd., Whitestone, NY 11357.

… brought to you by the ARID Grapevine!
March 2018 Workshop Photo Array

44 Participants!

BEFORE WE GET STARTED...

Guidelines for today:
• Foster brave space, not safe space (Arora & Cle
• Safe = protected from or not exposed to danger
• Brave = show courage; growth and change
• Controversy with civility
• Follow the four agreements (Ruiz, 1997):

Presenting
Our RIV IV Rep Sonja Smith

POUNDERING PERSPECTIVES:
A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

Sponsor: ARID, Inc. Board of Directors, RIV IV Board, and RIV IV
Planning Committee. The RIV IV Planning Committee is a national, community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to providing leadership, education, and resources to individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. The workshop is designed to promote ethical decision making in the context of educational and residential settings.

WORKSHOP:

Ethical decision making is a complex and dynamic process that involves valuing, weighing, and prioritizing competing values and principles. During the workshop, attendees will be encouraged to explore their values and the ethical implications of daily decisions.

DATE:

MARCH 12TH, 2018
8:00 AM - 1:15 PM
ARDI Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR

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March 2018 Workshop Photo Array

Brave Space
We pondered values, morals and ethics
A great learning experience!
Hello to all! It’s been a very exciting spring semester so far in the Interpreter Education Program! As I write this, we have finished our sixth week and will soon be heading to spring break!

On the 11th day official university student count, we had **289 seats filled across 22 sections of classes**! These numbers are down a bit from last spring, mostly in the ASL 1-4 classes. Our number of majors remains strong.

**Distinguished Deaf Presenters Series**

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, **Hermine Henecker of Austria** presented to the 3rd year and 4th year interpreting majors. Thirty-one individuals in Little Rock and five students in Tulsa attended the presentation. Hermine spoke of her growing-up experience in a school for hard of hearing children, her background in Social Work and her work with Deaf-plus individuals. She is now completing her VisCom education working with deaf-blind individuals. She participated in the first Deaf-Blind camp in Austria with Dr. Sherry Shaw and Carolyn Jolley last year! **David Marcua, Deaf interpreter, and Beth Smith, Hearing interpreter**, provided interpretation from Austrian Sign Language to signed English to spoken English. We are so thrilled to have presenters and interpreters visit our program and share their experiences with our students!

On Thursday, March 8, **Shamsudenn Salaiman of Nigeria** presented to the students. He is a current student at ASD as an exchange student with Youth Exchange Services (YES).

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**Annual Stakeholders Meeting**

The annual IEP Stakeholders Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 3:30-5:30 pm** in the ASD Tornado Shelter. These invited members represent agencies, schools, organizations, employers, alumni, current students, and community members. This group meets annually to review the program accomplishments and provide suggestions for future improvements. Results of this meeting will be shared in the next **ARIDian News & Views**.
Community News and Updates

UA Little Rock IEP Update … continued

Fundraiser for Barbara E. Northup Memorial Scholarship for Interpreter Education

For the third year, the IEP will host a fun night of the “not so” Newlywed Game to gather as a community, have a lot of fun, and raise money to support this future scholarship for IEP majors. The event happen on Friday, April 6th from 6-8 pm at ASD Parnell Hall. Tickets cost $10 and will be available in advance and at the door.

The three participating (and competing!) couples for this year are: Nancy and Jim Quinn, KaAnn and Tommy Varner, and Melissa and Eddie Schmeckenbecher. Ernest Northup, husband of Barbara, will again MC the evening. We will have three new couples who will see how well they can predict their respective spouse’s answers! Please add the date to your calendar and plan to come! All proceeds go directly to building up this scholarship!

Dr. Glenn Anderson Recognized

Our very own Dr. Glenn Anderson has been recognized for his contributions to the field and his long commitment to the Deaf Community.

Arkansas House of Representatives Citation

On December 15th, the Arkansas House of Representatives including Charlene Fite, Fredrick Love, James Sorvillo, Clarke Tucker, and John Walker presented Dr. Glenn Anderson with a citation for his contributions as “an outstanding individual who has devoted his energy, skills and talents in an effort to create positive changes within his community and the world.”
Community News and Updates

UA Little Rock IEP Update … continued

College of Education and Health Professions, Faculty Excellence Award in Service

On Friday February 16, 2018, Dr. Anderson was surprised by the College of Education and Health Professions Awards Committee with flowers and the announcement that he had been selected as the recipient of this year’s Faculty Excellence Award in Service. Students, Faculty, and colleagues gathered to congratulate Dr. Anderson.

“This award is to recognize, encourage, and reward those individuals who have brought credit to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock through their successful efforts in applying the content or skills of their academic disciplines in service to the community, state, or nation in areas of public interest.”

http://ualr.edu/facultyexcellence/home/about-faculty-excellence/

Just Communities of Arkansas Humanitarian Award

The Just Communities of Arkansas board selection committee has selected Dr. Anderson as one of three 2018 Humanitarian Award recipients! There will be a celebration and award ceremony on May 8, 2018 at the Jack Stephens Center on the UALR Campus.

“Since 1964, the Humanitarian Awards Celebration has honored one or more individuals who have demonstrated a significant commitment to building inclusive communities. These honorees have had a meaningful impact in improving social justice and human rights efforts through their work and community service. In addition to celebrating outstanding social justice champions, the Humanitarian Awards Celebration also serves as a platform to highlight JCA's mission and services - especially our youth programs - as well as an opportunity to strengthen the relationship with the community at large.”

http://www.arkansasjustcommunities.org/events/humanitarian-awards/
Community News and Updates

UA Little Rock IEP Update … continued

Elise Redding shows off her corsage at Night at the Prom.

(L-R) Mary Kate Riscoe, Katie Kornreich, and Elise Redding striking a pose at Night at the Prom.

Summer and Fall Class Registration

Summer and Fall 2018 classes are now posted and advising begins soon.

General registration for summer and fall begins on April 1, 2018.

Summer classes include ASL 1, Internship, and three classes to be taught to our fourth cohort in Tulsa!

We will offer our full array of fall courses that begin in August 2018.

The faculty and staff of the Interpreter Education Program wish everyone a happy and health spring!
Community News and Updates

Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community ... Art Babin

Congratulations to the New ADBC Officers for 2018-2019:

President - Arthur Babin
Vice President - Elizabeth Cole
Secretary-Treasurer - Carel Dunaway
Board Members - Dwayne Pope & Charlie Pope
Parliamentarians - Carolyn Jolley & Jami Hollingsworth

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: Saturday April 21, 2018 from 12-3 pm. All are welcome to attend!

The Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community Invites you to a . . .

Spaghetti Fundraiser

Menu:
Spaghetti
(beef, chicken or marinara sauce)
Salad
Garlic Bread
Iced Tea
Dessert

Arkansas School for the Deaf
Breeding Cafeteria
2400 West Markham Street
Little Rock, AR

Proceeds support ADBC Retreat

Saturday April 21st
Lunch
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices:
$10.00 Adult
$6.00 Child (5 – 12)
Free for ages 4 and under

Lucky Star Drawing Cash Prizes

For ticket reservation or more information, call:
Art Babin (501) 246-8102 VP adhabin@sbcglobal.net
Or Jami (501) 569 – 3169 voice jjhollingswo@ualr.edu
Hello ARID!

SLK is pleased to announce that on March 5, 2018 we elected our new officers for the 2018-2019 academic year! These students will be shadowing the current officers for the rest of the semester so they will have a better idea of what is expected of them throughout their time in their positions.

**President:** Elise Redding  
**Vice President:** Katie Kornreich  
**Secretary:** Casey Campbell  
**Treasurer:** Rhonda Read  
**Editor:** Mary Kate Riscoe  
**Members-at-Large:** Micah McClung and Gunner Retford

We'd love to see you all at our **Silent Dinners this month** so you can get to know the new officers! Silent dinner dates are as follows:

- **March 14th** - Big Orange (Midtown location) at 6:30 pm  
- **March 27th** - Senor Tequila (University location) at 6:30 pm  
- **March 31st** - Panda Garden at 12 pm noon

We hope to see some of you there! Congratulations again to our new officers!

Rebecca Davis | SLK President | slkualr@gmail.com

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**AAD ... Edwin Mitchell**

No report for this issue.
Community News and Updates

LRBDA ... Mar. 3 Black History Month Photo Array

UA Little Rock IEP Student Volunteers

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February: A Salute to Black History Month

Feb. 1, 1865 - The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which abolished slavery, was adopted by the 38th Congress.
Feb. 1, 1902 - Langston Hughes, a famous poet, was born this day in Joplin, MO.
Feb. 1, 1926 - What is now known as Black History Month was first celebrated on this date as Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson. It became a month-long celebration in 1976.

Feb. 2, 1862 - District of Columbia abolishes slavery.
Feb. 2, 1914 - Ernest Just, genetic biologist, wins the Spingarn Medal. He received this same medal on this day in 1915 for his pioneering in cell division and fertilization.
Feb. 2, 1948 - President Truman sent Congress a special message urging the adoption of a Civil Rights program, including the creation of a fair employment practices commission.

Feb. 3, 1920 - The Negro Baseball League is founded.
Feb. 3, 1965 - Geraldine McCullough, sculptor, wins the Widener Gold Medal Award.

Feb. 4, 1913 - Rosa Parks (born Rosa Louise McCauley) was born on this day.
Feb. 4, 1971 - National Guard mobilized to quell rioting in Wilmington, N.C. Two persons killed.
Feb. 4, 1996 - J. C. Watts becomes the first Black selected to respond to a State of the Union Address.

Feb. 5, 1866 - Congressman Thaddeus Stevens offered an amendment to Freedmen's Bureau Bill authorizing the distribution of public land and confiscated and to freedmen and loyal refugees in 40-acre lots.
Feb. 5, 1958 - Clifton R. Wharton Sr. confirmed as minister to Rumania. This career diplomat was the first Black to head a U.S. embassy in Europe.
Feb. 5, 1962 - Suit seeking to bar Englewood, N.J., from maintaining "racial segregated" elementary schools filed in U.S. District Court.

Feb. 6, 1820 - "Mayflower of Liberia" sailed from New York City with eighty-six Blacks. Black population: 1,771,656 (18.4%)
Feb. 6, 1993 - Arthur Ashe dies. He is the first African-American tennis player to win at Wimbledon.
Feb. 6, 1867 - Robert Tanner Jackson becomes first African American to receive a degree in dentistry.

Feb. 7, 1926 - Negro History Week originated by Carter G. Woodson is observed for the first time.

Feb. 8, 1944 - Harry S. McAlpin, first African-American to be accredited to attend the White House press conference.
Feb. 8, 1986 - Oprah Winfrey becomes the first African-American woman to host a nationally syndicated talk show.

Feb. 9, 1944 - Novelist Alice Walker was born in Eatonton, Ga.
Feb. 9, 1952 - Author Ralph Ellison's novel "Invisible Man" wins the National Book Award.
Feb. 9, 1971 - Leroy "Satchel" Paige is inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.
Feb. 9, 1995 - Bernard Harris, African-American astronaut, takes space walk.
February: A Salute to Black History Month

Feb. 10, 1927 - Leontyne Price, born in Laurel, MS, became an internationally acclaimed opera singer.
Feb. 10, 1964 - After 12 days of debate and voting on 125 amendments, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by a vote of 290-130.
Feb. 10, 1966 - Economist Andrew Brimer is appointed to the Federal Reserve Board.

Feb. 11, 1961 - Robert Weaver sworn in as administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, highest federal post to date by a black American.
Feb. 11, 1976 - Clifford Alexander Jr. confirmed as the first black secretary of the United States Army.
Feb. 11, 1990 - Nelson Mandela is released from a South-African prison after being detained for 27 years as political prisoner.

Feb. 12, 1865 - Henry Highland Garnet, first black to speak in the Capitol, delivered memorial sermon on the abolition of slavery at services in the House of Representatives.
Feb. 12, 1909 - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded. The call for the organizational meeting was issued on 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth by 47 whites and six blacks.
Feb. 12, 1948 - First Lt. Nancy C. Leftneant became the first black accepted in the regular Army Nursing Corps.

Feb. 13, 1923 - The first black professional basketball team, "The Renaissance," was organized.
Feb. 13, 1957 - Southern Christian Leadership Conference organized at New Orleans meeting with Martin Luther King Jr. as president.
Feb 13, 1970 - The New York Stock Exchange admits its first black member, Joseph Searles.

Feb. 14, 1867 - Morehouse College organized in Augusta, GA. The institution was later moved to Atlanta. New registration law in Tennessee abolished racial distinctions in voting.
Feb. 14, 1936 - National Negro Congress organized at Chicago meeting attended by 817 delegates representing more than 500 organizations.

Feb. 15, 1848 - Sarah Roberts barred from white school in Boston. Her father, Benjamin Roberts, filed the first school integration suit on her behalf.
Feb. 15, 1851 - Black abolitionists invaded a Boston courtroom and rescued a fugitive slave.
Feb. 15, 1968 - Henry Lewis becomes the first black to lead a symphony orchestra in the United States.

Feb. 16, 1857 - Frederick Douglass elected President of Freeman Bank and Trust.
Feb. 16, 1923 - Bessie Smith makes her first recording, "Down Hearted Blues," which sells 800,000 copies for Columbia Records.
Feb. 16, 1951 - New York City Council passes a bill prohibiting racial discrimination in city-assisted housing developments.

Feb. 17, 1870 - Congress passed a resolution readmitting Mississippi on condition that it would never change its constitution to disenfranchise blacks.
February: A Salute to Black History Month

Feb. 18, 1688 - First formal protest against slavery by organized white body in English America made by Germantown Quakers at monthly meeting.

Feb. 18, 1865 - Rebels abandoned Charleston. First Union troops to enter the city included twenty-first U.S.C.T., followed by two companies of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers.

Feb. 18, 1931 - Toni Morrison (born Chloe Anthony Wofford), who will win the Pulitzer Prize for her novel “Beloved,” was born on this day in Lorain, Ohio.

Feb. 19, 1919 - Pan-African Congress, organized by W.E.B. DuBois, met at the Grand Hotel, Paris. There were 57 delegates-16 from the United States and 14 from Africa as well as others from 16 countries and colonies.

Feb. 20, 1895 - Death of Frederick Douglass. Douglass was the leading black spokesman for almost 50 years. He was a major abolitionist, lecturer, and editor.

Feb. 21, 1895 - North Carolina Legislature, dominated by black Republicans and white Populists, adjourned for the day to mark the death of Frederick Douglass.

Feb 22, 1979 - Frank E. Peterson Jr. named the first black general in the Marine Corps.

Feb. 23, 1965 - Constance Baker Motley elected Manhattan Borough president, the highest elective office held by a black woman in a major American city.

Feb. 24, 1864 - Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an M.D. degree.

Feb. 25, 1870 - Hirman R. Revels of Mississippi was sworn in as first black U.S. Senator and first black Representative in Congress.

Feb. 25, 1948 - Martin Luther King was ordained as a Baptist minister.

Feb. 25, 1971 - President Nixon met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus and appointed a White House panel to study a list of recommendations made by the group.

Feb. 26, 1869 - Fifteenth Amendment guaranteeing the right to vote sent to the states for ratification.

Feb. 26, 1926 - Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week. This week would later become Black History Month.

Feb. 27, 1869 - John W. Menard spoke in Congress in defense of his claim to a contested seat in Louisiana's Second Congressional District. Congress decided against both claimants. Congressman James A. Garfield of the examining committee said "it was too early to admit a Negro to the U.S. Congress." Menard was the first black to make a speech in Congress.

Feb. 27, 1988 - Figure skater Debi Thomas becomes the first African American to win a Bronze Medal at the winter Olympic Games.

Feb. 28, 1859 - Arkansas legislature required free blacks to choose between exile and enslavement.

Feb. 28, 1932 - Richard Spikes invented and patented the automatic gear shift.
Deaf Action Center Archived Webinars

ABC’s Sign Vocabulary: Mental Health & Substance Use
Cost: $75

What you will learn
Steven Hunter, MSW, mental health counselor and substance use professional, presents concepts and vocabulary in the areas of mental health and substance use. Using his native language, American Sign Language, Steven guides the participant in understanding the concepts, definitions, and appropriate vocabulary in these two settings. Participants will identify appropriate sign vocabulary for interpreting in two of the most challenging areas of our field. A total of .6 CEUs can be earned in this webcast produced by the professionals at AMPChannel.tv.

1. Participant will be able to define at least 30 mental health and substance use terms.
2. Participant will be able to correctly match at least 15 ASL-English word pairs used in the mental health and substance use settings.

Continuing Education Credits: The Betty & Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for continuing education activities. This Professional Studies program is offered for 0.6 CEUs at the 'Some' Content Knowledge Level.

Target audience: Working sign language interpreters

Computer requirements: High speed internet and Sound. Most recent version of Adobe Flash Player

Steven Hunter is working as Outreach Coordinator/Consultant in North Central Region (TRIAD region) with RHA Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services in High Point. He currently obtains North Carolina Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist and Certified Peer Support Specialist. He has been working professionally with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing populations over two decades in several states. He holds a Master of Social Work from University of Houston, Houston, TX and is a currently doctorate (Organizational Leadership with an emphasis of Behavioral Health) student at Grand Canyon University. Steven has given numerous presentations related to Mental Health and Substance Abuse all over the country. Since Steven is a trauma survivor, he is strongly interested in doing research on vicarious trauma. During his leisure time, he loves playing with his chocolate lab, Hope, traveling, reading, and outdoor activities.

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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 Editor of the ARIDian News & Views for publication.

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

APRIL 13, 14, & 21, 2018
JUSTICE BUILDING, LITTLE ROCK
Reminders

SAVE THE DATE
Celebrating the Diversity, Education, Accomplishments, and Future of the Deaf Community
The Celebration of Deaf History Month
State Capitol Rotunda
March 13, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: Arkansas Rehabilitation Services; Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, in association with Arkansas School for the Deaf, UA-Little Rock, Arkansas Department of Education-Special Education Unit, SCODH, Spa Area Independent Living Services, and Goodwill Industries.

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ARCareerEd.org

Get Your Taxes Filed for Free!

Central Arkansas Development Council
Tax Preparation for Low to Moderate Income Families

You May Qualify for more than $6,000 in tax credits!
The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable credit for low to moderate income working people. Depending upon the number of children you have, you may receive up to $6,318 in addition to your refund!

Earned & Adjusted Gross Income must be less than:
• $48,340 ($53,930 married filing jointly) with 3 or more qualifying children
• $45,007 ($50,977 married filing jointly) with 2 qualifying children
• $39,617 ($45,907 married filing jointly) with 1 qualifying child
• $15,510 ($20,430 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

The maximum EITC for 2017:
• $6,318 with 3 or more qualifying children
• $5,656 with 2 qualifying children
• $3,400 with 1 qualifying child
• $510 with no qualifying children

Investment income must be $3,450 or less

What to Bring
• Picture ID for yourself and your spouse
• Social Security Card for yourself and all family members you are claiming
• W-2s for all jobs held in the previous year
• Last year’s return & any other tax-related documents
• Form 1099-G if you received unemployment
• Form 1099-INT if you received interest from a bank account
• Documentation of child care expenses (Child Care Agency ID or Social Security Number of provider)
• If you are filing with your spouse, please bring your spouse
• A voided check for direct deposit
• Forms 1040-A, 8 or C (Affordable Health Care Statement)

DEAF COMMUNITY FREE TAX DAY
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF AR
7400 Scott Hamilton Rd
Little Rock, AR 72209
Friday March 30, 2018, 9:00 am—2 pm
Interpreters will be available
Appointments Only Call 501-326-6203

Taxes prepared by 258 certified VITA TAS volunteers.
Federal & State Returns are filed at NO COST.
Split Refunds, Debit Cards, U.S. Savings Bond & Asset Building also offered.
Reminders

#1 Nancy & Jim
#2 KaAnn & Tommy
#3 Melissa & Eddie

3rd Annual

LOVE

MC
Ernest Northup

Tickets
$10

NEWLYWED GAME

Friday,
April 6th
6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Arkansas School for the Deaf
Parnell Hall
Little Rock, AR

In ASL & English

Refreshments provided

This is a fundraiser for the Barbara E Northup Interpreter Scholarship. This scholarship honors one of our beloved interpreters and provides funds for interpreting students.

Sponsored by UA Little Rock – Interpreter Education Program
Reminders

Arkansas Association of the Deaf

125th Anniversary Opening Ceremony

featuring Linsey Darnell, Jr.

Arkansas School for the Deaf ~ Parnell Hall
2400 W. Markham St. ~ Little Rock, AR 72205

April 21, 2018

Catered Dinner at 5:30 P.M. Presentation at 7 P.M.
At the ‘Old Gym’ Parnell Hall Auditorium

$10.00 before April 21 / $15.00 at door
(Early Bird or At Door prices remain the same regardless dine or no dine.)

Please make check payable to AAD / mail to P.O. Box 55063, LR 72215
For use of your credit/debit card, please call/email:
Ernest Northup, AAD Treasurer
VP 501-246-8097 or EMAIL aadtreasurer@sbcglobal.net

Refreshments will be provided after the presentation for a
“Meet and Greet” social at the ‘Old Gym’.

Share your story about AAD’s rich history during the
125th Anniversary celebration!

Have any questions or concerns, please contact Holly Ketchum:
VP 501-246-8259 ... EMAIL hdketchum@gmail.com
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

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 Square

Come on and join today!

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

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

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

Eligibility Criteria:
Regardless of which test or assessment a candidate wishes to take, all candidates must first satisfy the following and be:
1. A current resident of the state of Arkansas.
2. A member in good standing of ARID for a minimum of two years.
3. A member in good standing of RID, Inc.

The RID NIC Performance Test:
- Pass the RID Written Exam.
- Possess a minimum of a QAST Level 2 or another RID or national certificate.

The EIPA:
- Pass the EIPA Written Test.
- Possess a minimum of a QAST Level 2

The Arkansas QAST:
- Pass the Arkansas QAST Written Exam.

Application Materials:
I. Application Form
1. Complete the form indicating your contact information, current membership status, credentials, degrees and the category for which you are requesting funds.
2. Submit a scanned copy of the current ARID membership card and a copy of last year’s membership card. (If you don’t have a copy of last year’s membership card, check the box on the Application requesting verification with the ARID Membership Committee Chair).

II. Application for National RID Testing:
- Submit a scanned copy of your current Arkansas QAST card (verifying QAST Level 2/2 minimum).
- Submit a scanned copy of your current RID membership status (verifying RID membership status).

III. Application for EIPA Testing:
- Verification of passing the EIPA documentation that verifies you passed the EIPA Written Test.

IV. Application for Arkansas QAST:
- Verification of passing the Arkansas QAST Written Exam.

Electronic Application Process / Procedures for Reimbursement of Performance Test Fees:
ARID will only accept electronic submissions as part of its efforts to “go green” and all submissions must be complete and submitted as a Word.doc (scanned items can be in pdf or jpg formats).
1. Twenty (20) days before the test date, please submit Application Materials via email to the Scholarship Committee at mgtafwatson@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 mgtafwatson@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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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  ❑ Level (name and level)

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

RID ➤ NIC ❑ OTC ❑ SC:L ❑ CDI ❑

EIPA ❑

QAST  ❑ Level 1-3  ❑ Level 4-5

Other  ❑ Level (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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Verification of Testing Form
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Name

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

Signature of Test Administrator

Date

Name of Test Administrator (please print)

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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Member Update Form

Personal Information:

Title __________________________ First Name __________________________ Initial __________ Middle __________ Last Name __________________________

Street __________________________ City __________ ST __________ Zip __________________________

Home Phone __________________________ Cell Phone __________________________ Fax __________________________

Primary Email __________________________ Alternate Email __________________________

Videophone __________________________

Employment Information:

Employer Name __________________________ Position Title __________________________

Street __________________________ City __________ ST __________ Zip __________________________

Work Phone __________________________ Ext. __________________________ Fax __________________________

Educational Information:

Degree __________________________ Credentials (e.g., Teaching License) __________________________

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
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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.)*

**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.

**Student Membership: $15 annually**
Student membership carries all the privileges and benefits of supporting membership. Student members must be a registered student of an A.A or B.A. Interpreter Education Program (IEP), and must submit a letter of verification from their IEP with their application.

Name: ____________________________ Home Phone (V/VP): ___________
Address: __________________________ Work Phone: ___________
City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________
Zip Code: __________________________ Fax Number: ____________________________
Email address for ARID listserv and member communication: ____________________________
Type of Membership: ____________________________
RID Membership Number: ____________________________ Year first joined ARID: ____________________________

NEW!! Remind Me text: YES: NO: ____________________________

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.

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.

Payment Method: ☐ Check or ☐ Money Order

Payment Information
Voting ($35) OR Supporting ($25) OR Student ($15) ____________________________
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/transliterator;
- 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/transliterator;
- develop liaisons with other disciplines and organizations that interact and interface with the interpreting field.

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