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

Greetings ARIDians …Welcome to the September 2019 Fall edition!

Happy Fall edition! We welcome our new 2019-2021 Board of Directors! See all the news and updates from our President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, the MALs, ARID committees, and community updates from UA Little Rock, SLK, ABDC, AAD, and NWAD. Be sure to delight in the photo arrays from our September 7, 2019 workshop and GM meeting, as well as the events at the RID Conference!

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For more information, please visit the ARID website at [www.ARID.org](http://www.ARID.org).
Happy Fall ARIDians,

The Board has officially turned over. Thank you Katelyn and the rest of the 2017-2019 ARID Board for your service and leadership. I am **excited to serve ARID as President** for the next two years. Since July, the Board has been busy getting ourselves acclimated in our new positions.

Before we had a General Membership Meeting, the Board decided that we wanted to have proper **Parliamentary Training**. Ray James and J.R. Courtright willingly presented a 4-hour workshop to the Board. Thank you Ray and J.R.!

RID has an **Affiliate Chapter Liaison, Carolyn Ball**, to work on bringing the affiliate chapters together. I discussed with Carolyn, at length, about having RID more accessible to the affiliate chapters, more of an online presence, and being transparent with communication. Overall, the discussion was fruitful and Carolyn stated that she would be in consistent contact with ARID.

**ARID and Louisiana RID** have a long running **reciprocal agreement** to provide interpreters for each other’s conferences. Unfortunately, this year ARID was not able to find an interpreter to go to the LRID conference in September. Per our agreement, we will pay for the expenses of the interpreter that LRID finds. Hopefully, next year ARID will be able to send an interpreter to represent our great organization.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Fall and I look forward to seeing you in December!

Meagan Beaty, M.S., NIC | ARID President | president@arkansasrid.org

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**Hello fellow ARIDians,**

I am excited to be serving as Vice-President of ARID for the next two years, and look forward to learning all that I can from each of you. As Vice-President, my main focus is planning the biennial for 2021 to be held in Northwest Arkansas. One thing that I have learned already is that the biennial committee puts in many long hours of hard work. **Thanks to Cheri Courtright and Jaime Harrell** for setting a great example for me to follow.

Many of you have reached out to offer your help and support as we begin making plans for 2021, and for this, I am truly grateful. **Clint Brockway** has stepped up to be my **assistant**, and we have already been hard at work forming committees and planning the budget. If you would like to be part of the biennial committee, please let me know. It takes a village not only to raise a child, but also to plan a biennial conference. **Will you come be a part of that village?**

Bobbie Ann Walker, QAST 2/2 | ARID Vice-President, Biennial Co-Chair [vicepresident@arkansasrid.org](mailto:vicepresident@arkansasrid.org)
Motions from Board Meetings and GM Meetings
July, August, September 2019

Board Meeting Motions July, August, September 2019

July 19, 2019

**BD19.10** Motion to repurpose the old treasurer’s laptop for the secretary. (Winchell, Walker) Passed
**BD 19.11** Motion for ARID to become organization members with the Deaf Community organizations. (Hogan, Walker) Passed
**BD19.12** Motions to accept giving a gift card for the services received for the board’s parliamentary training. (Read, Hogan) Passed
**BD19.13** Motioned to provide a $100.00 gift card for the presenters providing the training. (Whitehead, Hogan) Passed
**BD 19.14** Motion to close the meeting. (Winchell, Walker) Passed

August 29, 2019

**BD19.15** Motion that we (ARID) agree to reimburse the other (LRID) for travel and other fees billed by the replacement interpreter for their conference. (Read) Passed

September 4, 2019

**BD19.16** Motion to accept the previous minutes as sent out. (Walker, Hogan)
**BD19.17** Motion for ARID Board of Directors to appoint a secretary. (Hogan, Walker)
**BD19.18** Motion to accept Holly Beth Smith as the new secretary for ARID. (Whitehead, Hogan)
**BD19.19** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. (Hogan, Walker)

GM Meeting Motions September 2019

September 7, 2019

**GM 19.09** Motion to approve the minutes as presented. (Gorum, Read)
**GM 19.10** Motion to add a line item to the Program budget for venue. (Taff-Watson, Gorum) Passed
**GM 19.11** Motion to add $2,000 to the Program budget for FY 2019-2020. (Gorum, Westcott) Passed
**GM 19.12** Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Taff-Watson, Stauffer) Passed

Beth Smith, CT | ARID Secretary | secretary@arkansasrid.org

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The 2019 Biennial Conference went well financially. We were in the black by over $3,000. Although we did not reach our initial Fundraising/Sponsorship goals, we had a lot of individuals donate their time and resources to keep us in the black.

The Silent Auction raised $2,631, of which 25% ($657.75) is designated to the Robert Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund and 75% ($1,973.25) designated to the Biennial Fundraising.

To date, fiscal year 2019-2020, we raised money thanks to membership dues, workshop registration, and donations and sponsorships. We spent money on Square processing fees and on honoraria for the presenters who offered Parliamentary Procedure Training for the ARID board.

Balance Sheet as of August 25, 2019

Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell, QAST 4/2 | ARID 2019-2021 Treasurer |
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Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell, QAST 4/2 | ARID 2019-2021 Treasurer |
Hello Arkansas Interpreters, specifically the amazing ARID members!

Your newly elected MALs have hit the ground running since our election at the 2019 ARID Biennial Conference in June!!!! One of the exciting things we as a group have been up to is contacting some of the suggested committee chairs for the upcoming term and determining their willingness to serve this awesome organization. We have also been determining the best ways that we can best serve our respective districts and obtaining current membership lists so that we can reach out to them.

Some individual MAL comments and things that are happening are as follows:

**MAL District 1:** My name is NeCol Whitehead and I am ARID member-at-large for District 1. We have some exciting events happening in our area in September.

- **September 7th** - ARID Workshop and General Membership Meeting
- **September 21st** - NWA 5th Annual Deaf Expo

**MAL District 2:** For those of you that may not be aware my name is Rhonda Read. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to serve district 2 and ARID during the 2019-2021 term. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new committee chairs.

**MAL District 3:** Brittny Hogan - One of the goals for my term as Member-at-Large, District 3 is to have more student involvement. By doing so, I will collaborate with officers and the student body of the student organization, SLK of the University of Arkansas Little Rock. Their first meeting will be held on September 2nd at 3 pm and I will attend to give information about our organization and how we are supportive to students of this field. I look forward in working with the students and am planning an event to give those students, working interpreters, and members of the Deaf community an opportunity to meet and interact. Dates have not been set but the event will be included on the calendar as soon as plans are finalized. Also, I would like to welcome Allyson Caruthers and Leah Lishman to the Technology Committee and Chrystal Honorable and Taylor Johnson to the Sunshine Committee. I look forward to working with these committees, student organization, and YOU, the amazing Interpreters of ARID!

We are excited to be working together to provide events, share knowledge, and support YOU! The ARID Members-at-Large are busy coordinating the communications of our organization. We have many inquiries for obtaining interpreters, and are helping to inform these individuals of the options they have, such as to contact an agency or contact with an independent contract interpreter. If you would like to make sure that you are on our ever-growing list, please email your MAL and let her know to make sure your information is up to date!

We would like to remind you that we have the Arkansas Community Calendar of Events on our website at www.arkansasrid.org/events-calendar/. If you know of any events going on across the state (or even nearby), let us know. You can shoot anyone of us an email, or you can submit a form on the calendar page. You will see the submission button under the calendar.

Check out events coming up! And … if you would like to host an event, reach out to a MAL and we can talk about sponsoring the event!

As always, if we can do anything for you do not hesitate to reach out! We are here for the members to pitch ideas to! We want to know what you are thinking about!

NeCol Whitehead, MAL D1 - NWA - mall@arkansasrid.org
Rhonda Read, MAL D2 - NEA - mal2@arkansasrid.org
Brittny Hogan, MAL D3 - Central/South AR- mal3@arkansasrid.org

Congratulations!
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**  
NeCol Whitehead, MAL1 Rep  
mal1@arkansasrid.org  

**District 2**  
Rhonda Read, MAL2 Rep  
mal2@arkansasrid.org  

**District 3**  
Brittny Hogan, 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.
Committees and Board Liaisons

Each ARID Committee is assigned a Board Liaison who is responsible for the liaison’s respective committee.

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

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New Committee Chairs!  
Continuing Committee Chairs!  
We appreciate your service!
Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee Report ... Linda Stauffer

No activity this quarter. Linda Stauffer, CSC | ARID Bylaws Committee Chair | lkstauffer@ualr.edu

Editorial Committee ... Myra Taff-Watson

Fall Newsletter: The September 2019 Fall edition is filled with hot news from the community, workshops, announcements, photos from the GM meeting, workshop photos, RID Award recipients and photos, and so much more. Please note that the Membership Form and the Organizational Membership is included for the new fiscal year 2019-2020. We need all of YOU to be a part of the team.

Other Editorial: The Editor continues to review and/or edit printed materials from ARID members or any information that serves the ARID membership, such as flyers, workshop announcements, and/or any other electronic and printed distributions in 2019. Special thanks to Doug Watson for proofreading and to Allyson Caruthers for uploading this edition.

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

December 1, 2019 Deadline for the 2019 December Winter edition

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

Membership Development Committee ...

Hey ARID!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I don’t know about you, but I’m ready for some cooler weather, bonfires, s’mores, and hot cocoa!! Ahhh ... I cannot wait! As you all know, we recently entered a new fiscal year. I think we started well with membership, but have slowed down! We are a team. Encourage others to join!! We currently have a total of 67 members: 16 Associate members, 6 student members and FORTY-FIVE (45) voting members!!

Just as a reminder regarding ARID Bylaws - to be a voting member of RID you must also be a member of an affiliate chapter, in Arkansas it is ARID. Please remember that if you enjoy voting privileges for either organization, you must join both to make sure that you are able to vote and have your voice heard.

Let’s get those numbers up! Don’t forget to renew your membership for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. It’s so easy! You can pay online at https://www.arkansasrid.org/membership/ or www.arkansasrid.org. - Go to and click "Membership" from the top menu, then choose "Membership Application." You also can mail in your membership renewal form or your first-time membership to:

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 #ARID

Alecia Mullen, QAST 4/2 | ARID Membership Development Committee | aridmembership@gmail.com
Committee Reports

Nominations Committee …
VACANT.
Vacant | ARID Nominations Committee Chair | aridnominations@gmail.com

Professional Development Committee Report … Ann Marie Lott
Hey there, ARIDians,

Thank you so much for your patience as I navigated awarding CEUs and sending certificates for the Biennial Conference. All the conference CEUs are processed. Please check your transcripts, and hesitate to contact me if there are any errors that need to be addressed.

Since the last report, the committee has processed fifteen (15) activities. All activities were sponsor-initiated workshops. All of these activities originated in Arkansas, 13 of which were Biennial Conference workshops.

We are currently processing two (2 workshops).

As always, if you have any questions about the PDC’s work, don’t hesitate to contact us at aridpdc@gmail.com!

Ann Marie Lott, NIC, BA | Professional Development Committee Chair | aridpdc@gmail.com
Alecia Mullen, 4/3 | Specialist, Professional Development Committee

Program Committee Report … Daisy Dipple
Hi fellow colleagues! I have been appointed as the new chairperson for the Program Committee. I can’t wait to hear your ideas as we team up to become better interpreters for tomorrow.

A little info about me? Okay! I am a nationally certified interpreter who has been licensed in Arkansas since 2011. I was born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I am a DPI (Deaf Parented Interpreter) CODA. I have worked as a full time interpreter since 1999. I received my first national certification with NAD in 2000. I then went on to acquire the NIC-Advanced with RID and have been a member since 2003. I am also a current member of NAD and ARID.

I received my Associate of Arts and Science from Arkansas State University in 2014. I freelance and work with Sorenson Video Relay Service part-time.

My volunteer experience includes being recently appointed to the Arkansas Licensure board as of January 2019. I was active on the Northeast Indiana Deaf Awareness Council (NIDAC) from 2008-2011. I am involved in ministry at my church, First Assembly of God in North Little Rock, where I interpret and lead Griefshare.

My motto, "other's first, me last," is hopefully evident in my personal life as I am newly married and a mother to four amazing children.

Three of these children are currently in college and one is in high school.

In my spare time I love to travel and attend theater performances.
Program Committee Report - continued

I am excited for the opportunity to meet new people and to learn and grow from their knowledge and experience. ARID was extremely supportive to me when I was involved in a terrible car accident shortly after I had moved to Arkansas. I look forward to giving back to an organization that has meant so much to me.

Save the date, December 7, 2019, in Little Rock for our workshop on Team Interpreting. I am looking forward to learning from our presenter, Ms. Lanette Pinkard. She has 39+ years in the field! Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Daisy Dipple, NIC-A | ARID Program Committee Chair | aridprogram@gmail.com

Scholarship Committee Report ... Myra Taff-Watson

Greetings ARIDians …

We have funding that is available to you for taking your interpreting credentials tests! All we need is the Verification Form to prove that you took any one of the interpreter tests.

Don’t be shy - Just apply!

You can apply multiple times for funding!

To date, sixteen (16) interpreters received funding for RID, BEI, QAST and other interpreter tests.

The REVISED Scholarship Fund Application Form is included in this issue and on the ARID website. Go to the ARID website arkansasrid.org for the link to the Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Myra Taff-Watson, CSC, MA | ARID Scholarship Committee Chair | aridscholarship@gmail.com

Sunshine Committee Report ... Chrystal Honorable & Taylor Johnson

Greetings! … As the new Co-Chairs, we are planning to start a spreadsheet/database of important events in the lives of our membership. Please email us with any news! We want to be able to send cards for - Special events? Graduations? Marriages? Anniversaries? New babies? Encouragements? Get Well? Other?

Chrystal Honorable, QAST 5/5 & Taylor Johnson, NIC | ARID Sunshine Committee | aridsunshine@gmail.com

Technology Committee Report ... Allyson Caruthers & Leah Lishman

Happy Fall everyone!

It’s been quiet this quarter. I have updated some basic information on the website and assisted Debbie Pearce, Interim Program Chair, with the September 7th workshop information.

We are up to 735 likes on Facebook! Please continue “liking” our page. If you have not liked our page, please do so now.

If you have any problems with the FB page or have any problems with our website please email me via the Technology email (aridtechnology@gmail.com).

Allyson Caruthers, QAST 2/2 & Leah Lishman, QAST 3/3 | ARID Technology Committee | aridtechnology@gmail.com
Greetings ARIDians!

The Ad Hoc Awards Editorial Committee invites you to join our committee for our next task of developing the standards and criteria for the Myra Taff-Watson Scholarship Fund for Interpreters. Thank you!

Will Gorum, CI, CT | ARID Ad Hoc Awards Editorial Committee Chair | will.gorum@cplusinterpreting.com
Myra Taff-Watson, CSC | ARID Ad Hoc Awards Editorial Committee Member | mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu

Greetings ARIDians …

As the new Chair of the Branding Committee, I would like others to join me in reviewing ARID branding for consistency and standardization.

What does branding mean? It’s a name, term, design, symbol, or any other feature that identifies us as distinct from other organizations and associations. Our goal is to make sure that ARID is quickly and easily identifiable.

Where does branding appear? Branding consistency includes of all of our publications, our letterhead, flyers, internal and external correspondence by committee chairs, special events such as the Biennial Conference, workshops, and any other distributed information.

Please email me if you are interested in this important task.

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

Greetings …

It’s that time again. Every few years an organization needs to review their policies and procedures to ensure that they are up to date. The Policies and Procedures Manual Committee (PPM) is dedicated to making sure that ARID leaders and membership have the most recent information on how the organization operates.

If you have recently served on the board, on a committee, and/or you have been involved in other aspects of the organization, we welcome your input.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please reach out to me at my email below.

Katelyn B. Wilson, BEI-A, QAST 5/5 | ARID Ad Hoc PPM Committee Chair | kbwilson@ualr.edu
Sunshine News

To Jami De La Cruz and Joshua on the birth of their son Jeremiah Ray on July 21, 2019 @ 7 am at 7 lbs & 20”

To Amber Jo (Watson) Adams and Austin (granddaughter of Doug and Myra) on the birth of their son Austin, Jr (AJ) on Aug 2, 2019 8:33 am at 8 lbs, 6 oz & 20 ¾”

To Anna Litchfield and Kevin on the birth of their son Theo Randall on Sept. 3, 2019 @11:29 pm at 7 lbs, 10 oz

To Bob J. Slagley from Antioch Baptist Church. You will be missed! Beautiful quilt presented to Bob and Jan at his retirement party!

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families who had babies born in July, August, September

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families who had birthdays and anniversaries in July, August, September
Congratulations to all of our 2019 RID Award and Scholarship Recipients! These individuals have displayed exemplary work in the field of Interpreting and involvement within the communities we serve. Join us in congratulating this year's recipients:

**Daniel H. Pokorny Scholarship**  
Ashley Deimel

**Gerald "Bummy" Burstein Scholarship**  
Carrie Peters

**The Evelyn Zola Scholarship**  
Karen O'Hicks

**Elizabeth Benson Scholarship**  
Emily Aquino

**Judie Husted Leadership Award**  
Jenese Portee

**The Mary Stotler Award**  
Eileen Forestal

**Outstanding Web Design**  
Oregon RID

**Distinguished Service Award**  
LaVona Andrew

**WASLI Sponsorship**
RID delighted at the opportunity to sponsor WASLI. A part of the RID sponsorship went towards supporting the live streaming of the WASLI conference plenary sessions. You can view those sessions here on the rid.org website: [https://rid.org/wasli-live-stream-2019-paris-conference/](https://rid.org/wasli-live-stream-2019-paris-conference/)

**President's Awards**

**Richard Laurion**  
1C/TC, CI and CT, NIC-A  
Professional Development Committee Chair

**Daniel Maffia**  
NIC  
Certification Committee Chair

**Sandra Maloney**  
CI and CT, SC:L
Sunshine News

In Memoriam

Harlan Lawson Lane - August 19, 1936 - July 13, 2019

Harlan Lane is touted as one of the “best contributors to Deaf history.” Dr. Lane was an American psychologist, was the Matthews Distinguished University Professor of Psychology at Northeastern University in Boston, MA and founder of the Center for Research in Hearing, Speech, and Language. His research was focused on speech, Deaf culture, and sign language.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Remaining in New York City for college, he obtained both a B.S. and an M.S. in Psychology from Colombia University in 1958. He subsequently received his PhD. in Psychology from Harvard in 1960 and then in 1973, the Doc. des Lettres from the Sorbonne. In addition, in 1991, Dr. Lane received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

Dr. Lane was a hearing man, who often became a controversial spokesman for the Deaf community and critic of cochlear implants. He wrote extensively on the social construction of disability and had stated that "Unless Deaf people challenge the culturally determined meanings of deaf and disability with at least as much vigor as the technologies of normalization seek to institutionalize those meanings, the day will continue to recede in which Deaf children and adults live the fullest lives and make the fullest contribution to our diverse society." He gained respect within the Deaf community for his fight to define and recognize Deaf culture in mainstream society. In recognition of his research and advocacy regarding these issues, Dr. Lane received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of the Deaf, the International Social Merit Award from the World Federation of the Deaf, and numerous other awards. He was Commandeur de l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques, the highest level of the academic honor given out by the French government.

Mary Beth Miller - 1964 - August 5, 2019

Facebook posting from Mary Ann Leon (courtesy Bonnie Kraft)

It is with deep sadness I inform you that one of the Deaf community’s brightest stars and artistic treasures, Mary Beth Miller, who passed away peacefully today, Monday, August 5th, 2019 in New York.

I along with her family, partner and loved ones will always cherish our memories with Mary Beth, with warmth and gratitude. She was such a positive presence in our lives, bringing so much laughter and joy to our homes. She was truly a role model we all aspired to follow.

Mary Beth graduated from Kentucky School for the Deaf and proceeded to graduate from Gallaudet University. She was one of the first National Theater of the Deaf performers. Many of you may remember her starring in countless sign language books and videos that were published, as well as her hilarious one-woman comedy shows. We will never forget her for her personal and professional contribution to the Deaf community she loved so much.

May her star shine brightly forever and rest in peace. We love you.

Comedienne, Actress, Playwright, Author

With Sympathy and Condolences
to other Interpreting Community and the Deaf Community friends and families whose loved ones have passed away this quarter
Congratulations to Katelyn Wilson on her Certification!
BEI Advanced

Congratulations to QAST Interpreters
Transliterate listed 1st, Interpreting listed 2nd
Printed only with permission of the interpreter

Christy Bacon 1/0  Allyson Caruthers 2/2  Rebecca Davis 2/2  Michael Jimenez 1/1
Rick Kaiser 4/4  Macy Newell 2/1  Donna Peppers 3/2  Kevin Tietz 5/5
Clayton Williams 4/4  Nicholas Winchell 4/2

QAST Testing Schedule for 2019

Future Dates ✔
November 8
December 6

Previous Dates Completed
January 11  May 24
February 22  June 14
March 22  Aug 2
April 11 (UALR students)  Sept 13
April 12 (UALR students)
April 18 (UALR students)

What are you waiting for??
Don’t be shy - apply!

You can apply multiple times!

Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund Application
In this issue and on the ARID website!

Don’t forget to submit your application to receive funding for RID, BEI, EIPA, QAST, or any other Interpreter Tests!

If you have any questions, please contact Myra Taff-Watson aridscholarship@gmail.com
Scholarship Committee Chair for more information.
ARID Board Members presenting to the membership

President Meagan Beaty
Vice-President Bobbie Ann Walker
Secretary Beth Smith

Program Chair Daisy Dipple

Member Money Winner!

MAL 1 NeCol Whitehead

MAL 2 Rhonda Read
Upon Completion, 6 QAS CEU’s and/or 0.6 RID CEU’s will be awarded.

During this workshop we will discuss what we bring ourselves to every interpreting job. E.L.K. is our knowledge toolbox. This workshop will be a safe environment to unpack our toolboxes and add to them. Let’s explore this tool by application in a variety of environments. Explore your specialty and discover what your needs are. Leave with a plan of exploration for the future. Bring’em if you got’em…your laptop, phone or tablet…so we can use another tool.

If you would like to stay overnight at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Rogers, Please use the following link for a Special ARID hotel room rate.
[https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1562089911810&key=GRP&app=resvlink]
*The group rate ends August 23, 2019

Peggy Gray, MA, CI, CT Ed:K-12, SCPI-Superior, Licensed: MO, AR, LA

Peggy’s philosophy is to “Be the Middle of the Ladder.” She is currently the Coordinator of Interpreter Services for Mercy Health System, Springfield Communities. She holds three national Sign Language Interpreter Certifications. Peggy holds an Associate degree in Interpreter Preparation, a Bachelors in General Studies with a focus in Education and History, and a Masters in Pastoral Ministries with a focus on ethics and access.

Peggy has a myriad of interpreter experience in environments such as Medical, Political, Educational-both K-12 and Post-secondary, Legal and Governmental. She has served on State Boards, committees, and State Interpreter Organizations. She has worked as an ADA access coordinator for non-profits and state committees.

Peggy maintains a company, Gray Interpreting Services, that provides mentoring, training and education to up-and-coming interpreters. She has also been an instructor for Bossier Parish Community College and Wiley College for Sign Language Interpreting/Language Training and Ethics.

ELK Expansion: What Does That Look Like?

Level of Participant’s Prior Knowledge of Topic:
□ Little/None
□ Some
□ Extensive
□ Teaching

When: Saturday, September 7, 2019
Where: 4611 W Rozzell St. Rogers, AR 72756
Time: 8:00am-4:00pm
(Lunch GMM 11:00am-1:00pm)

For Accommodations, email aridprogram@gmail.com
Interpreter’s will be provided upon request by August 23

SPECIAL THANK YOU! WITH MUCH APPRECIATION!
TO

A special sign made by the Deaf Community of NWA in appreciation of ARID

NeCol Whitehead, MAL1 with Priscilla Scanlon, President NWAAD

Volunteer Interpreters Dawn Malley & David Campbell

Deaf Community of NWA for providing breakfast, snacks, and goodie bags for all! WOW!

Purple Communications and Sign Language Interpreting Network (SLIN) for providing lunch for all!

WOW!
Comments from Participants

“I have learned so much this week, not only about interpreting in the Mental Health Setting, but wherever I go to work. I left with physical tools and mental tools I can use immediately. My passion for the field has returned ten fold. Fabulous trainers, fabulous presenters, fabulous interpreters, fabulous support !!!”

“I ADORE MHIT and everyone who is involved in its creation and implementation. Thank you for being such an inspirational part of my work!”

“This is hands-down the absolute BEST training for Interpreters available anywhere. And I qualify my remarks by pointing out that I work with an organization that trains Interpreters. MHIT is the best there is. Period. I recommend EVERY Interpreter - Deaf and hearing - attend MHIT.”

“The best training ever! – Organization! Expertise! Presentation! Content! Application to my work! Worth it!!”

“Great workshop! Principles I learned in this workshop are part of my mental rehearsal on MH assignments.”

“Love it!!!!! So sad to see the week come to an end. I'll definitely be back next year!”
Hello to all!  Hope everyone has had a restful summer!  The Interpreter Education Program faculty members were busy through the summer.

IEP CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!  1979-2019

Let’s Celebrate!!!!! The Interpreter Education Program began 40 years ago offering a two-year degree in Interpreting. The first graduates walked across the stage and received their diplomas in 1982. Since that year we have graduated students every year. To date we have awarded over 500 AA, AS, and BA degrees, having a strong impact on the quality and quantity of interpreters in Arkansas! We plan to celebrate this event in conjunction with our fall SEE-A-SONG! We want to make this a very special event, inviting back all current and former instructors and program directors. We want to recognize the incredible community of people who have supported our program over the years. The date has not yet been set, but look for more information as the fall semester progresses!

FALL 2019 CLASSES

The Fall 2019 semester is off to a great start!  We have 290 seats filled in 25 sections of the following classes:
- ASL 1 (5 sections)
- ASL 2 (3 sections)
- ASL 3 (2 sections)
- ASL 5
- Deaf Culture
- Manually Coded English
- Interpreting Theory and Process
- Artistic Interpreting
- Introduction to Interpreting
- Interpreting Specialized Terminology
- Ethical Standards and Practices (Little Rock & Tulsa – 2 sections)
- Principles of Educational Interpreting
- Interpreting for Persons who are Deafblind (Little Rock ( Tulsa - 2 sections)
- Interpreting I
- Internship

We welcome back Ms. Ella Irby in our Sign Language Lab and our Adjunct Instructors:  Meagan Beaty, Holly Ketchum, and Katelyn Wilson.

We continue to teach to the Tulsa cohort of seven students.  All students are taking Interpreting for Persons who are Deafblind and Ethics.  These classes are taught using a combination of distance teaching and trips to Tulsa.  Five of the seven students will be ready for Internship in spring 2020.
FACULTY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Jami Hollingsworth wins ARID’s Barbara E. Northup Excellence in Community Award

On June 21, 2019, Jami Hollingsworth was surprised with this prestigious award. This award recognizes an interpreter who demonstrates outstanding community involvement in the Deaf and/or Deafblind Communities of Arkansas. This award is named in memory of Barbara E. Northup, a longtime instructor at UA Little Rock’s Interpreter Education program.

Congratulations Jami!

L-R: ARID President Katelyn Wilson, Jami Hollingsworth, Ernest Northup (husband of Barbara E. Northup)

Summer 2019 Classes

From May 28-July 1, 2019 Ray James and Linda Stauffer taught 3 courses (Adv. Transliteration, Adv. Interpretation, and Interpreting 2) to the seven Tulsa students. Monday through Wednesday were taught via distance technology while Thursday classes were taught in person in Tulsa. Students had class from 8 am-4:30 pm Monday through Thursday for five consecutive weeks. We celebrated on the last date with dinner at the Cheesecake Factory in Tulsa!

Additionally Jami Hollingsworth taught ASL 1 and ASL 2 on campus during a nine-week semester. Linda Stauffer supervised the 3 Interpreting Interns who were located in Wichita Falls, TX, Little Rock, and Kansas City, KS/Wisconsin.

One of our Interns, Mary Kate Risco, completed part of her Internship with WISC Corp. She worked with a group of young deaf adults building bridges and forging trails in rural Wisconsin. In her own words, in this picture she is “shingling a roof while interpreting and it’s over 100 degrees outside!” She worked together with a nationally certified interpreter from New York!

Summer Graduates

We congratulate three BA seniors who completed their Internship and graduated this summer - Rhonda Read, Macie Copeland, and Mary Kate Riscoe! While there is no summer commencement ceremony, these three were recognized during the Spring 2019 commencement! Way to go graduates!

RID Conference in Providence, RI

Ray James and Linda Stauffer attended the national RID Conference in Rhode Island, July 7-11, 2019. There were many great workshops as well as time for a city tour! Our own Evon Black was a keynote presenter! Nyle DiMarco was also a presenter, sharing information on his background, behind the scenes of America’s Next Top Model, Dancing with the Stars, and Switched at Birth.

For information on the Region IV Caucus meetings, see Linda Stauffer’s article in the summer issue of the VIEWS, Issue 36, Volume 3, p. 13.
ADE Workshop for Educational Interpreters

On July 18-19, 2019, Ray James presented a workshop for educational interpreters. Several years ago the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) began to offer continuing education and skills development opportunities to address the needs and concerns of interpreters in educational settings.

This year’s theme for the two days was The Use of Sign Space and Mind Mapping; and Classifiers - What are they and how do you use them? The two-day training took place at UA Little Rock. Participants present came from all parts of the state: Central Arkansas, Northwest Arkansas, Southwest Arkansas and Northeast Arkansas.

National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA) Conference. Oakland, CA

During the week of July 31-August 3, 2019 Glenn Anderson attended the National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA) conference in Oakland, CA. Over 350 people from across the U.S. attended. The conference theme was, “Building Together: A Community of Strength, Knowledge, and Power.” An impressive array of workshops reflecting the conference theme were offered. A sampling of the workshops include:

- Black Non-profit Leadership and Management in the Age of Social Media
- #representationmatters: A Black Interpreter Educator’s Experience
- Perceptions and Attitudes about Language in the Age of Social Media: ASL Signs for Black
- What Happens to My Benefits When I Go to Work?
- The Lived Experience of Black Deaf People in the Criminal Justice System: A Call for Policy Change; Could the Aftermath of Slavery Directly or Indirectly Influence One’s Search for Happiness
- From Yesterday Until Today: Where are the Black Teachers in Deaf Education?

The conference keynote presenters were Claudia Gordon of Sprint Accessibility and Dr. Lauren Simms, Professor at Gallaudet University. Claudia moderated a panel that included Howard Rosenblum, CEO of NAD, Jonathan Webb, President of RID, Duane Halliburton, Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, and Sheri Farraha, CEO of NorCal (Sacramento, CA). Dr. Simms topic was “Unpacking Privilege: A Stage for Discussion.”

For video highlights of the 2019 NBDA conference, see the Daily Moth, August 13, 2019.

Interpreter Education Program Summer Projects

In addition to summer teaching, Jami Hollingsworth spearheaded a project to produce professional quality videos for the vocabulary in the “Interpreting Specialized Technology” class. Thanks to Cheri Courtright who assisted with this project!

Jami also is working to convert all DVDs and VCR tapes to .mp4 and creating a video library for faculty in Google Drive. This means that ALL of our video media over the years is being converted and catalogued for our current use!
Community News and Updates

UA Little Rock IEP Update ... continued

AHEAD THIS FALL

Program Assessment Progress Reports

The Interpreter Program will turn in its first report to the university on assessment activities conducted during fall 2019 and spring 2019 for both the AS degree program and the BA degree program. The reports are due September 15th and reflect the Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) that were put forth in the Assessment Plan approved last year. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

CCIE Re-Accreditation Begun

In 2011, the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education (CCIE) originally accredited the Interpreter Education Program. The process, which can take up to two years, is rigorous and evaluates all aspects of the program. The IEP submitted an application to begin the process for re-accreditation and we are now have candidate status. We are beginning our Self-Study Review, which will be due to the CCIE by June 1,

Alumni Surveys

Katelyn Wilson and Linda Stauffer worked on updating the 1-, 3- and 5-year alumni surveys in content and format. These will be going out to all students graduating in 2017-18, 2015-16, and 2013-14. If you graduated during these years, look for the only alumni survey shortly after Labor Day! We hope all will participate!

2019-2020 SLK Officers

We welcome and congratulate the new officers of SLK, Sigma Lamda Kappa, otherwise known as the Sign Language Club! Elections were held last spring with the new slate of officers beginning their tenure this semester. Congratulations to:

- President: Scarlett Quick (pictured)
- Vice-President: Ashley Chatfield
- Secretary: Alex Martin
- Treasurer: Aaron Johnson
- Editor: Brandon Cross
- Member at Large: Maggie Huey

Lunch and Learn is BACK!

Once again this year, we will offer 1-hour Lunch & Learn opportunities on selected Fridays during the Fall semester! Our first L&L is scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2019 from 12:00-1:00 pm in Dickinson Hall, 5th floor, Room 501.

All are welcome! We will be discussing what is going on in the program and the community this semester! Food will be provided for the first L&L, but after that, bring your own lunch and enjoy! Each L&L will have a different presenter who will share their perspectives, lead discussion and answer questions!

We look forward to a busy, productive, and exciting semester!

Thanks to everyone for their support through the last 40 years!!!
Arkansas Deaf-Blind Community … Arthur Babin

First, let’s say CONGRATULATIONS to Jami Hollingsworth and Arthur Babin. Jami received the Barbara E. Northup Excellence in Community Involvement Award at Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ARID) Biennial Conference June 21, 2019 for her many years of involvement in Deaf and Deaf-Blind community. Arthur received the Special Recognition Award for his many years of advocacy and education for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community at Arkansas Association of the Deaf (AAD) Convention June 29, 2019. Congratulations to both of them on awards that are much deserved!

August 17, 2019 PTASL Training Workshop & Pizza Lunch 9 am-4 pm

Mrs. Laura Godbold led a workshop and taught the Deaf-Blind members some basics about PTASL at our August social. The Social began early at 9:00 am so that she could give us some lecture during the morning, and then in the afternoon, some wonderful hands-on training experience using PTASL. We had pizza and salad for our lunch. Sweet tea, peach-flavored sweet tea and bottled water were provided. The charge was FREE for everyone, and ADBC appreciated people bringing a dessert or any snack or another kind of soda. Thank you, Bobbie Ann Walker, who volunteered to pick up the pizzas for us.

September 2-7, 2019 Arthur Babin and Carel Dunaway attended the 15th Deaf Seniors of America Biennial Conference in Seattle, WA

September 21, 2019 Meet UALR DB Class Students Social & Potluck Lunch 11 am-4 pm

ASD Tornado Shelter

A get together to meet this year’s students who are taking Deaf-Blind Interpreting Class under Jami Hollingsworth at UA-Little Rock. This will give them an opportunity to meet and get acquainted with Deaf-Blind consumers with whom they may work in the future.

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Aug. 4 – Dwayne Pope Aug. 4 – Stephanie Ott Aug. 7 – Ashley Beaty
Sept. 2 – Will Gorum

UPCOMING 2019 SOCIALS / EVENTS:

October 24-27: Louisiana DB Camp at Tall Timbers Conference Center
November 16: TBD - Thanksgiving
December 21: TBD – Christmas
January 17, 2020: General Membership Meeting

See ANNOUNCEMENTS page for flyer about the LOUISIANA DB CAMP
Community News and Updates

UA Little Rock SLK … Scarlett Quick

We are proud to announce the new 2019-2020 SLK Officers!

President: Scarlett Quick
I will be a senior next year who has been heavily involved in SLK since freshman year, including serving as an officer in previous years. I also have been involved in the Deaf community for the past three years. With this experience, I look forward to the opportunity to serve as an officer again for the upcoming school year!

Vice President: Ashley Chatfield
I am a transfer student from Mississippi and am currently a second semester junior. I am excited about being Vice President because I am passionate about ASL, being involved in the Deaf community, and helping others to do so.

Secretary: Alex Martin
I'm currently a junior in the interpreting program. I'm a very work oriented person who loves the fiddly little details of record keeping and paperwork. I've been going to SLK's events for several years, and I'm excited for the opportunity to repay SLK for the great experiences I've had over the years by stepping up to help lead the organization next year.

Treasurer: Aaron Johnson
I am currently a sophomore and already I have a passion for my interpreting major. And … I am ready to go hard or go home when it comes to being treasurer for SLK!

Editor: Brandon Cross
I am new to the interpreting program, but I feel like there are some things in this world we are drawn to more than others, and for me I’ve discovered a passion for the Deaf community, ASL, and cultures as a whole. Because of my life experiences, I am an advocate, strong, compassionate, and full of ambition, drive and endless curiosity.

Member-at-Large: Maggie Huey
I am Deaf, from Ireland, and ASL is my first language, but I love Arkansas and UA Little Rock too. My major is Physical Education and my minor is ASL Studies. It is an honor to be elected as an officer, and I will do my best to include everyone and add more events and Silent Dinners.

Arkansas Association of the Deaf

Congratulations to the six (6) new Trustees!
The Arkansas Association of the Deaf Officers is looking forward to work with new trustees to help the Deaf Community to become a strength through unity by preserving our culture and community in Arkansas!

Sarah Britton
Esteban Castanon
Cheri Courtright
Rebecca Gerlis
Kitsonia Hancock
LaHollis Hill

AAD officers for 2019-2021:
President: Nathan Burleson
1st Vice President: Jeff Prail
2nd Vice President: Tommy Varner, Jr.
Secretary: KaAnn Varner
Treasurer: Ernest Northup

Congratulations!
Twenty-five (25) people came to NWAAD’s Annual Picnic, which was held last July 13th at Gulley Park in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Everyone had a great time of fellowship, fun, and water games. The Fayetteville Fire Department came and displayed their Fire Truck and equipment to the kids.

Last August 3rd NWAAD had a turnout of 27 people to hear Mark Foster of Credit Counseling of Arkansas who spoke about budgeting, saving money, and setting goals for a brighter financial future.
Announcements

Tentative — Subject to Change

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

5TH Annual DEAF EXPO

Saturday, September 21, 2019
DOOR OPEN AT 9 AM TO 5 PM
Meet at CENTER FOR NONPROFIT @ ST. MARY’S
1200 W. WALNUT ST., ROGERS, AR 72758

FREE ADMISSION!
All Public Welcome!

Meet Old and New People

Workshops
Speakers:
JR & Cheri Courtright
Dr. Glenn Anderson
“Power, Privilege and Oppression”
(If interpreter need CEUs, charge $30)

Exhibit Vendors
15 or more Booths

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50/50 Cash Prize
Raffle Ticket Prizes
Door Prizes
Foods and Drinks
And Many More!

For Booth Registration: Please ask for Request Form
Contact Email: nwaad2003ar@yahoo.com or Call: 479-439-8314 (VP/Voice)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: VISIT AT WWW.NWAAD.COM OR FACEBOOK
# Announcements

## Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf presents

**Golden Opportunities**

### Conference Schedule

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*This workshop is free and open to the public! Registration is required and available on the [LRID website](https://irid.org).*

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*Preferred language of this conference is ASL.*

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**September 26-28, 2019**

**Holiday Inn – South**

**9940 Airline Highway**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70816**

**225.924.7621**

CEUs applied for. 1.45 CEUs possible.

- LRID is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for continuing education activities.

The LRID shall not discriminate in matters of membership or conference attendance on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, ethnicity, hearing status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

- Meals are not guaranteed with on-site registration.

- Dietary requests must be received by September 12, 2019.

- Accommodations requests must be received by August 26, 2019.
LOUISIANA DEAF-BLIND RETREAT

The Louisiana Deaf-Blind Retreat Committee is happy to announce its 13th Fall Retreat for the Deaf-Blind

WHEN: Thursday, October 24 to Sunday, October 27, 2019

WHERE: Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center
10218 Highway 165 South
Forest Hill, LA 71430

COST: $225.00 - DB Campers
       $225.00 - Observers
       $50.00 - Volunteer SSPs

TRANSPORTATION: To be announced later

ACTIVITIES: Fun Games/Activities
            One (1) Workshop
            Hiking
            Plenty of Social Time
            Door Prizes

We STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to bring your own SSP

If you need more information about the retreat, please email Jackie Broussard at LaDBRetreat@gmail.com

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30 CAMPERS.

DEADLINE: Thursday, August 1, 2019 for all (DB campers, SSPs, & Observers)

A confirmation letter with more information will be sent at a later date.
Reminders

Our new Fiscal Year 2019-2020
JOIN ARID as a new member
RENEW your ARID dues
Recruit a new ARID member!
Each Fiscal Year is July 1 - June 30

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 and join our awesome team!

Remember - Fiscal year began July 1!
Join ARID
Renew Your ARID Dues

There’s never been a better time!
We need YOU!
Let’s celebrate the teamwork!
Payments can be made online at
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 renamed 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 it was printed starting with the ARIDian News & Views, 27(2) December 2011 Winter Holiday issue. In 2018, the ARID membership approved submission revisions at the 9/15/18 GM Meeting and it was printed starting with the ARIDian News & Views, 34(1) September 2018 Fall 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, CDI], 2) the EIPA Performance Assessment, 3) the Arkansas QAST Screening Tests [Levels 1-3 and Levels 4-5], and 4) the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters Certification Program (BEI), 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.

The BEI:

- Pass the BEI Test of English Proficiency (TEP).

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.

V. Application for BEI:

- Verification of passing the BEI Test of English Proficiency (TEP)

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. As soon as you know your testing date, please submit the Application Materials, which include the Verification Form, via email to the Scholarship Committee at aridscholarship@gmail.com.
2. Present the Verification of Testing Form at the testing site to the Test Administrator for his or her signature.
3. Upon completion of a Performance Test, the applicant has seven (7) business days to submit the signed Verification of Testing Form via email to the Scholarship Committee at aridscholarship@gmail.com.
4. Upon receipt of signed Verification of Testing Form, the Scholarship Committee will inform the Treasurer to draft a check to the candidate for a reimbursement check.
**Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Application Form**

Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

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Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Verification of Testing Form
Robert H. Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

Name of Test Administrator (please print)

Please check the Candidate’s Test Category:

RID ▶ NIC ❏ CDI ❏

BEI ❏

EIPA ❏

QAST ❏ Level 1-3  ❏ Level 4-5

Other ❏ ___________ (name and level)
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Please contact:

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Title ___________ First Name ___________ Middle Initial ___________ Last Name ___________

Street ___________ City ___________ State ___________ 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 Certificate, Member #: _________________

☐ BEI Certificate: _________________________

☐ EIPA Score: _________________________

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

**Annual Membership Application for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year**  
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

### Membership Types & Annual Dues Information:

**Voting Membership - 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.)*

**Associate Membership - Annual dues $25.00**  
Associate membership carries all the privileges and benefits of voting membership except for voting rights. Associate members are encouraged to join RID, but are not required to do so in this category.

**Student Membership: Annual dues $15.00**  
Student membership carries all the privileges and benefits of associate 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.

**Organizational Membership: Annual dues $100.00**  
Organizational membership is available to any organization/agency/business that supports the purpose and interests of ARID and the Deaf Community. Benefits include member rates for 2 workshop registrants, 2 biennial conference registrants, logo & listing on ARID website, 10% ad discounts in the quarterly ARIDian News & Views, and Organizational Member Badge for organization/agency/business website. No voting rights.

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**Ethics Statement:** By joining ARID I agree to adhere to the RID Code of Professional Conduct Interpreting credentials/certifications (RID CSC, NAD, NIC, QAST etc.)

**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  
- [ ] Money Order

**Payment Information**  
Voting ($35)/Associate ($25)/Student ($15)/Organizational ($100)  
Tax Deductible Donation  
Total Enclosed $

**For Office Use Only**
- Date payment received:  
- Date Dues deposited:  
- Database updated:  
- Membership card sent:
About Our Organization … Incorporated in 1981

ARID is a non-profit organization whose goals are to:

- provide an organizational structure for interpreters/transliterators;
- promote quality interpreting services;
- recognize the unique language and culture of Deaf people;
- promote certification;
- provide professionals development opportunities;
- uphold the standards of the profession;
- provide information sharing;
- serve in an advocacy role for the rights of persons who are deaf and for the rights of interpreters/transliterators;
- develop liaisons with other disciplines and organizations that interact and interface with the interpreting field.

Visit us at
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Don’t forget!

2019-2021 ARID Board of Directors

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