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

Greetings ARIDians …Welcome to the December 2020 Winter Edition

See all the news and updates from our Board of Directors, committees, community updates from UA Little Rock, SLK, ABDC, AAD, NWAD, proposed Bylaws changes, photos arrays from Tips4Terps, BPC, and Dec. 12, 2020 virtual GMM.

Tips for Terps and #GivingTuesday were a huge success. ARID continues to conduct business virtually - nothing will stop ARID from functioning during the pandemic!

In this issue under Licensure Information are the Licensure qualification levels, and the meeting dates for the 2021 Licensure Advisory Board for Interpreters.

COVID-19 - Be safe, don’t panic, social distance, wash your hands frequently!

Since 1987, Volume 36, Issue 2 is the 143rd issue!

DON’T FORGET!

Got interpreting credentials?
Submit your Licensure Renewal or Initial Application NOW

2021 Interpreter License is required to work in Arkansas

Pay your ARID Dues
New Fiscal Year Began
July 1, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ARID Workshop & GM Meeting -
March 6, 2021 - Topic TBA
Presenter - TBA

Tips for Terps - Zoom Meetings
Look for announcements on the ARID listserv

2021 Biennial Conference Registration opens Jan. 1, 2021

See Licensure Information page for dates of the quarterly meetings of the 2021 Licensure Advisory Board for Interpreters

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Happy Holidays, Everyone!

Can you believe that 2020 is about to come to an end? I know that it has been a challenging one for sure, but as I reflect back on our year, we have had some great moments. As we end this year and go into the new year, let us focus on the positives that are to come.

I want to challenge each of you to find three positives that came from this year, whether personally, professionally, or in the world. I'll go first:

- Ashley and I officially adopted our son, Lex!
- This year has allowed me to spend more quality time at home, which has carried over to intentional quality time with my family.
- We have finally checked-off some of our house projects this year. Woo!

Now, your turn!

Here is a little word search I put together for fun. Can you find it all? What else marks 2020 for you?

Peace out 2020!

See you all next year!

Meagan Beaty, NIC | ARID President | president@arkansasrid.org
Hello, Fellow ARIDians,

I hope you are all enjoying this holiday season! It has been a tough year, but 2021 is already looking better. Why? Because the BPC has been working diligently on our upcoming 2021 Virtual Biennial Conference:

**Mind, Body, Heart: Integrating Interpreting and Wellness.**

What better time to begin taking care of ourselves than in the new year! You can look forward to learning much more about taking care of yourselves and making sure consumers are getting their needs met by attending our biennial conference.

By clicking on the following link, you will be able to access all information pertinent to the conference: registration, presenter information, schedule of workshops and events, and much more. Thanks to Allyson Caruthers for putting this conference website together for us! [https://www.arkansasrid.org/2021conference/](https://www.arkansasrid.org/2021conference/)

You can be sure that this conference will be just as informative, relevant, and worth your time as any other conference has been. Your biennial committee is working diligently to be sure of that. Save the date - **June 10-12** - and you will not be disappointed.

Below you will see the link for the new budget for the virtual conference. We are learning all that virtual can do for us, including lower conference costs during this year of difficulty. [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T_s.ot0DtcPsMmI_3Zy2YE6i5EZYHMitrJDWEiYN9c/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T_s.ot0DtcPsMmI_3Zy2YE6i5EZYHMitrJDWEiYN9c/edit?usp=sharing)

**Registration opens January 1.** Early bird registration is only **$95 for 1.8 CEUs**! This is a pandemic rate good for this conference only, so please take advantage of this rate. **Thanks to the Board** for approving a lower conference fee and to our fundraising committee for their continued hard work in raising support for our conference.

If you are interested in joining the BPC, it is never too late! Please contact me at [vicepresident@arkansasrid.org](mailto:vicepresident@arkansasrid.org) or co-chair Clint Brockway at [ARIDBPCASST@gmail.com](mailto:ARIDBPCASST@gmail.com). We would be thrilled to have you join us!

**Don’t forget to register early!**

Member Money drawings will be held for those who register early!!

See the Biennial Committee Responsibilities below.

Join any committee and you will be welcomed and appreciated!

Bobbie Ann Walker, QAST 2/2 | ARID Vice President, Biennial Chair | vicepresident@arkansasrid.org
Hello ARIDIANs!

The BPC knows that this has been a difficult year for all ARIDians and we want every ARIDian to be able to participate in the conference without facing any undue financial burdens during this time. So we have worked to provide the full 1.8 CEUs expected from our conferences at the absolute lowest price we can. We hope that this one-time conference pricing will allow us all to reconnect and grow together at the conference.

- Your ARID Biennial Planning Committee
Biennial Committee Responsibilities

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 appropriately qualified individuals to provide the necessary services.

**Branding**: ensure consistency in distribution of all of our publications, our letterhead, flyers, internal and external correspondence by committee chairs for the Biennial Conference; work with all relevant committees for standardization of printed and digital formats.

**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.

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

**Professional Development/CEUs**: 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.

**Support Staff**: develop an application process and the responsibilities of support staff/student reps; assign/schedule Support Staff to the Hospitality Committee; assign/schedule Support Staff to the Program Committee to assist with CEU forms, distribution of handouts, etc. in each workshop session; assign/schedule Support Staff to the Registration Committee to assist with registration; assign/schedule Support Staff to the hotel front desk to assist with guests; assign Support Staff to the Technology Committee to assist with A/V equipment for each workshop session.

ARID is looking forward to your participation in hosting a wonderful conference.
Secretary Report – Ashley Beaty

BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MOTIONS

Board Motions:

December 12, 2020

BD20.14: I move that when our GM meetings are held virtually, we suspend use of ASL unless we are in the presence of an individual needing the language modality to be ASL (Visual). (Walker, Whitehead). PASSED

BD20.15: Move that the 2021 Biennial Support Staff each get $25 in member money to be used at ARID workshops. This will exclude member fees and conferences. The individual must be at least a student member of ARID to use the money. (Walker, A. Beaty). PASSED

GMM Motions:

December 12, 2020

GM20.21: Minutes approved as presented. PASSED

GM20.22 I move that the ARID Board upgrade the ARID website by hiring a web developer to install and set up the software for the membership portal and automatic payments. (Taff-Watson, Westcott). PASSED

GM20.23 I move to suspend the Bylaws on state residency and accept Bea Hogan’s offer to continue serving through the end of the current board term. (Brockway, Stauffer). PASSED

GM20.24: I move to dissolve the Ad Hoc Mentoring Committee with thanks. (Brockway, Taff-Watson). PASSED, with 1 abstention.

GM20.25: Move that ARID set up an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate recommendations we can make to the Licensure Board to see how we can help to improve licensure, and to report back to the membership during the March GMM. (Gorum, J. Smith). PASSED

Amendment no. 1 : Add “and to report back to the membership during the March GMM.” (Stauffer, Taff-Watson). PASSED

GM20.26: Adjournment @ 11:27 am (M. Beaty). PASSED
Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well. We are halfway through our FY and almost done with 2020! As I'm sure everyone can agree this year has been anything but normal. This also relates to our finances.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our December workshop for reasons out of our control. We hope to welcome back our presenter who we had scheduled for a future workshop. I just want to thank Daisy Dippel for all her hard work planning our workshops this year. Due to the workshop being postponed, we refunded all of our members registration fees. This means we have not raised any money this FY for workshops, but it also means we have not spent any money to host any workshops either.

Continuing on the discussion of income, we have raised some money this quarter from various sources. Our Biennial Planning Committee (BPC) has been working hard to raise the funds required to make our 2021 Conference as successful as possible. The BPC has made some exciting changes to our upcoming conference to make it the most accessible for our members during this time of Covid-19. They have lowered their expected budget since we will no longer be hosting an in-person conference. Due to these savings, they plan on bringing these savings on to our members! Expect more information from our Vice President and our members volunteering their time on the BPC!

Also, at the last GMM the membership voted to make the DEIC a Standing Committee and also to establish the Ella Irby Scholarship. Money has been raised for the Scholarship and also allows the DEIC to put on some community events in the future and to provide outreach.

We also had some individuals renew their membership. Our membership numbers are low in comparison to previous years. We are planning on making some changes to help benefit our members and hopefully give more people reason to be excited to be a member of our great organization!

For expenses, we were required to pay our deposit for the hotel for the 2021 Biennial Conference (which was reflected in last quarter’s report). However, in our contract with the hotel we were supposed to pay a fee for cancelling our conference. Fortunately, the individual we were working with at the hotel waived the fee which saved us thousands of dollars! We are very thankful to the hotel and can't wait to work with them again in the future.

We also are continuing to pay for our own Zoom account which has been very helpful in allowing us to continue to meet during a time we can't meet in person. The board, as well as all of our committees, have been using the account to make sure we can continue to do the work that is necessary to help out members and continue making this organization thrive.

There were also our normal costs of the Square processing fees and website maintenance.

In summination, we had a net positive second quarter for our 20-21 FY. We raised a total of $589.64 and we have spent $178.69 for a net positive total of $410.95. At the time of composing this letter, we had a total of $42,862.45 in the bank. However, this amount does not accurately reflect the amount we have in the bank due to refunding our members from postponing the December workshop.

We had a good quarter and I cannot wait to see what the next quarter has in store for all of us in ARID!

Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell, QAST 4/2 | ARID 2019-2021 Treasurer |
Balance Sheet as of December 9, 2020

ASSETS
Current Assets
Checking/Savings
Bank of America 42,776.88
Total Checking/Savings 42,776.88
Total Current Assets 42,776.88
TOTAL ASSETS 42,776.88

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Liabilities
Long Term Liabilities
Ella Irby Scholarship 930.00
Myra Taff-Watson Scholarship 465.00
Robert and Betty Steed Memorial 3,218.21
Shirley T. Herald Memorial Fund 750.00
Total Long Term Liabilities 5,363.21
Total Liabilities 5,363.21

Equity
Opening Balance Equity 15,282.12
Unrestricted Net Assets 21,075.56
Net Income 1,055.99
Total Equity 37,413.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 42,776.88

Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell, QAST 4/2 | ARID 2019-2021 Treasurer | treasurer@arkansas.org
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Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell, QAST 4/2 | ARID 2019-2021 Treasurer |
treasurer@arkansas.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**  
NeCol Whitehead, 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**  
Rhonda Read, 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**  
Bea 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.
MALs are diligently working to improve how we connect to all our members. We are committed to being a liaison between the membership and the Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We encourage everyone to update their contact information to ensure we have the correct email, phone numbers, and addresses in our records.

We are delighted to announce that Bea Hogan, MAL D3, will begin a new chapter in her life. Please find below a copy of the letter we received about the upcoming journey. If anyone is willing or wants to nominate another member to fulfill the position of MAL D3, please contact the Board.

September 1, 2020

Attn:
ARID President, Board of Directors, and Members
P.O. Box 48511
Little Rock, AR 72214

Greetings from District 3!

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from my position on the ARID board of directors as Member at Large (MAL) for district 3, effective December 12, 2020.

In August, I was accepted into the Randleman Program within the Department of Access Services at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. The two-year preceptorship program focuses on professional development for Interpreters of Color. I am excited about my new journey and the growth that I am confident I will experience. Because of this incredible opportunity, my family and I will be relocating to the Rochester area, where we will brave the cold!

I will continue my membership with ARID so that I can continue the incredible work with the new ARID Diversity, Equity, and inclusion Committee (DEIC). The committee is taking action that leverage the success of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) interpreters in our field. I will also continue working with my family, the Interpreters of Color group.

Thank you all for your role in my interpreting journey throughout the years. Arkansas is home and ARID is family.

Best Regards.

Bea Hogan
Bea Hogan, QA 2/2
# 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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Bylaws Committee Report … Linda K. Stauffer

The following two motions for bylaws changes were presented during the December 12, 2020 ARID General Membership Meeting.

**Proposed Bylaws Motion #1**

**Move:**
ARID dissolve the Fundraising standing committee with thanks, removing it from ARID’s standing committees.

**Rationale:**
This committee chair position has been vacant for the majority of the last eight years while our organization has been fortunate to experience the largest financial growth in its history. Over that period, we have seen that the bulk of the fundraising work that happens within ARID is performed by the Biennial Planning Committee’s Fundraising Chairs or Co-Chairs. This committee-level chair position will remain and is unaffected by this motion.

**Bylaws Committee Chair:**
There is no conflict with the ARID bylaws and this can proceed to publication to the membership and to a vote at the Spring 2021 ARID general membership meeting.

**Proposed Bylaws Motion #2**

**Move:**
ARID change the bylaws regarding mail referendum from sixty (60) days to fourteen calendars (14) days.

**Rationale:**
The original bylaws had sixty days due to the demands of postal mail timelines, when the bylaws were updated to allow for email referendum, the timeline was not appropriately adjusted.

**Bylaws Committee Chair:**
There is no conflict with the ARID bylaws and this can proceed to publication to the membership and to a vote at the Spring 2021 ARID general membership meeting.

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

Editorial Committee Report … Myra Taff-Watson

**Winter Newsletter:** The December 2020 Winter edition contains news from the community, workshops, photos, and the GM meeting and Motions - all accomplished via ZOOM meetings during the pandemic. Please note that the Membership Form and the Organizational Membership is included for fiscal year 2020-2021.

**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 2020. **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.

**March 1, 2021 Deadline** for the **2021 March Spring edition**

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

DEIC has been busy this quarter. Even with Covid-19 limitations, we have continued to meet via Zoom. The comradery and innovation makes each meeting a great experience. We are grateful that our membership approved the DEIC to become a Standing Committee. The work is just beginning, but the benefits for everyone will be long-term.

We are also excited to announce that members approved the Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship motion at the previous September GMM. More fundraising will be coming in the near future for this scholarship!

DEIC is excited to announce that we are working on implementing a Mentorship program, at no cost to participants, with 5-week sessions during each of ARID’s three quarters (not June-Sept). We also are looking forward to hosting a free, community-focused event in 2022. Watch for details on both in upcoming ARIDian News & Views editions.

Due to Covid-19, our outreach to local area High Schools has been postponed. We are working on other avenues to coordinate recruitment activities for career day displays.

Would you like to join us? Everyone is welcome! Please email ariddeic@gmail.com for more information.

See you there!

Sebrena Westcott, NIC | DEIC Chair | ariddeic@gmail.com
Nominations Committee … Katelyn Wilson

The Nominations Committee will begin accepting for all officer positions in the Spring. Please be thinking about who you would like to see serve as leaders for ARID. They can be current board members running for a second term, someone you’ve seen as a good leader, and even yourself.

Katelyn B. Wilson, M.Ed., BEI-Advanced | ARID Nominations Committee Chair | aridnominations@gmail.com

Membership Committee Report … Alecia Mullen

We currently have a total of 92 members: 37 Voting members, 14 Associate members, 4 Student members and two (2) Organizational members!!

Let’s get those numbers up! Renew your membership for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Recruit new members. It’s so easy! Remember - Voting membership requires RID membership status. 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" and pay online.

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!

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

Professional Development Committee Report … Ann Marie Lott

ARIDians, Whoooo! I think we can all agree that we’re glad that 2020 is coming to an end!

That being said, I’m considering my tenure as ARID Professional Development Committee Chair to soon be coming to an end as well. I’m searching for a Co-Chair - someone who can share some of the burden of the committee for a while (meaning an extended period of time until they have a full understanding of the duties of the job) and eventually take on the mantle of Chair.

I’ve been faithfully serving as a committee of one for the last several years and I can say that serving on the PDC committee has been one of the experiences that has helped me develop soft skills and a sense of professionalism that I wholeheartedly believe I would have missed out on had I not started serving! I have no intentions of resigning from the committee and leaving the new chair in the lurch, so I can assure that any team member will have constant guidance during the learning process. I promise, this committee is an amazing committee that does amazingly rewarding work for our organization!

Please contact me directly at aridpdc@gmail.com if you’d like to have more information or if you’re interested in working on the committee. The 2021 Biennial conference is coming up and that event affords a great opportunity for practice! I hope to see some inquiries soon!

Since the last report, the committee has processed 2 activities:

- One (1) workshop
- One (1) academic coursework activity

All of these activities originated in Arkansas. We are currently preparing to process one (1) workshop and working with the 2021 Biennial Planning Committee to plan an amazing biennial conference for our eager interpreters!

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

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

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

The Robert and Betty Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

has funding available for you to take your interpreting credentials tests!

Must be an ARID member last year and this year.

Don’t be shy - Just apply! You can apply MULTIPLE times for funding!

Scholarship Fund Application Form in this issue and on the ARID website.

We are thrilled to announce that ARID voted to establish a new scholarship fund on September 5, 2020 at the GM meeting. The scholarship is added to the Scholarship Committee from a motion by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEIC).

The Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship Fund

Funding for any two ARID members as a pair to attend a national or regional BIPOC conference and share the information with ARID via a 6-hour workshop (or split 3 hours and 3 hours).

See all the details in the

Scholarship Fund Application Form in this issue and on the ARID website.

Myra Taff-Watson, CSC, MA | ARID Scholarship Committee Chair | aridscholarship@gmail.com
Sunshine Committee Report … Chrystal Honorable & Taylor Johnson

Greetings ARIDians!

Winter has come and the end of the year is upon us. No doubt that 2020 has been one like no other. We started off this year with high hopes and expectations not knowing for what we were in store. Though it has been a difficult and trying year, we are thankful to have a community that provides support for each other, no matter how close (at least 6 feet apart) or far away we may be.

Since the last quarter we sent out a total of 13 birthday cards, 1 sympathy card, 2 get well cards, and 1 congratulatory card. We are happy to announce that Katie Becker has been appointed to serve on the Arkansas Licensure Advisory Board for Interpreters. We also want to give spread a special ray of sunshine on NeCol Whitehead for her hard work, dedication, and accomplishments in her educational career. She completed all the requirements for her dissertation and was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy. Congratulations to Dr. Deidre NeCol Whitehead!

We are optimistic at what 2021 has to offer. One bright light we look forward to is our Biennial Conference taking place in June 2021. We know that the Biennial Planning Committee has been working hard to make this a great conference, especially doing it on a new virtual platform. As always, we are thankful for our ARID family and all the hard work you do to serve the Deaf community. Continue to take care of yourself, stay warm, stay safe, and don’t forget to enjoy a little sunshine. Happy New Year 2021!

Please continue to send us your news - announcements of births, deaths, weddings, or any other newsworthy information! Email to aridsunshine@gmail.com, or contact Taylor Johnson or Chrystal Honorable.

Thank you all! -Taylor M. Johnson

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

Technology Committee Report … Allyson Caruthers

Happy Winter!

The Technology Committee has been working with our wonderful Program Chair to get the information out about our December workshop. I have also been working with the BPC very closely to get our website ready for registration online starting January 1, 2021 for the June 2021 workshop. I post on the ARID Facebook page regularly.

If you have not liked our Facebook page yet, please do so. As always if there is ever anything on the website that is not working properly or you have any questions about technology, please email me at aridtechnology@gmail.com.

Stay warm and safe. Keep an eye out on the ARID Facebook page for some fun information coming out soon.

Allyson Caruthers, QAST 2/2 & Leah Lishman, QAST 4/4 | ARID Technology Committee | aridtechnology@gmail.com

Happy Holidays
Committee Reports

**Ad Hoc Branding Committee Report … Myra Taff-Watson**

Happy Holidays, ARIDians …

Members are needed to work on this committee. Please email me if you are interested in this important task.

- **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 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.

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

**Ad Hoc Awards Editorial Committee Report … Will Gorum**

Greetings ARIDians! The Ad Hoc Awards Editorial Committee does not have an update this quarter. The two (2) Awards and two (2) Scholarships are on the website under the Documents tab.

Will Gorum, CI, CT | ARID Ad Hoc Awards Editorial Committee Chair | will.gorum@cplusinterpreting.com

**Ad Hoc Licensure Committee Report … Will Gorum**

Hi Everyone,

At the last general membership meeting, the membership voted to establish an ad hoc committee to review the Arkansas licensure law and to recommend possible changes and improvements to the law. The law was enacted in 2013 and after seven years of seeing how the law has impacted the state, it needs to be reviewed.

I am the Chair of the Ad Hoc Licensure Committee. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please email me off-list at will.gorum@cplusinterpreting.com.

The next meeting of this ARID committee is Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6 pm. Please join us!

See the Licensure Information page for the 2021 Licensure quarterly meetings of the Advisory Board for Interpreters. These are public meetings and all are welcome!

Will Gorum, CI, CT | ARID Ad Hoc Awards Editorial Committee Chair | will.gorum@cplusinterpreting.com

**Ad Hoc Policies & Procedures Manual Committee Report … Myra Taff-Watson**

Holiday Greetings …

The PPM committee has updated and revised the PPM and ensuring that it is aligned with the newly revised Bylaws. We completed the duties and responsibilities for the Board, the Officers, and the Standing Committees. It is a “user-friendly” document with links to information that any member may be seeking.

We are done!

Myra Taff-Watson, MA, CSC | ARID Ad Hoc PPM Committee Chair | mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu
To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families who had weddings in October, November, December

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families with babies born in October, November, December

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families with birthdays and anniversaries in October, November, December

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families in October, November, December

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families whose loved ones passed on in October, November, December
Congratulations to QAST Interpreters

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services is open and getting back into the swing of things. We are not doing any Live Panel QAST testing due to COVID-19 and social distancing.

Video QAST Testing is available! Give us a call!

501.686.9683

Happy New Year 2121

QAST 2021 Testing Schedule … Cheryl Seymore

Congratulations to QAST Interpreters

Ashley Chatfield 1/1
Tiffani Richardson 2/2
Clayton Williams 4/4

Leah Lishman 5/5
Roman Ross 4/4
Mollie Yadon 1/1

Deputy Dwight Southerland swears in Kathleen Becker to the Advisory Board for Interpreters on December 17, 2020

Kathleen Becker - Oath of Office

NeCol Whitehead - Ph.D.

Conferred degree - Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy on December 19, 2020

NeCol Whitehead
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

BUD WALTON ARENA
ARID GMM Dec. 12, 2020 and Board Members Reports to the Membership

BPC Meeting Nov. 14, 2020

BPC Meeting Oct. 10, 2020

BPC Meeting Sept. 26, 2020
Hello All,

What can we say about 2020? There have been so many things that we have seen, talked about, and experienced as a collective that we will still be talking about this particular year for years to come. We have all had to find ways to navigate difficult conversations, be empathetic to needs of others, provide various types of support, and most importantly understand our value as BIPOC interpreters.

Although it has been a tough year, we are so happy to have had this group where we can provide support for each other and grow together. It is also exciting to see how our group has grown. We recently welcomed some students from the ASL Interpreter Training program at Austin Community College. The group is happy to have them and the added energy they bring to our conversations.

Erika Trammell-Conerly welcomed her son, Legend Trammell Cottrel, a bit earlier than expected. He made his arrival on September 17th and has been making great strides ever since. Merissa Murphy had an exhilarating and serene all-natural home birth and welcomed Luke Michael on October 21st. Both babies are doing great have been a wonderful and beautiful blessing to their families.

As a group, we have been soaring, setting, and accomplishing goals along the way. We would also like to extend congratulations to Tiffani Richardson and NeCol Whitehead for their endeavors. Tiffani recently passed the QAST and obtained a Level II. After many years of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice, NeCol was able to ascend to higher heights in her educational career. We are elated that she was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy. Congratulations Dr. Deidre NeCol Whitehead!!

This year has had a multitude of ups and downs, and depending on the perspective, more downs than anything, but, we kept our heads high and collectively reached milestones that we had set for ourselves. We are looking forward to the new year, new goals, and conquering all challenges that may present themselves. Collectively, we will be better than we were the year before. We will erase obstacles, set higher goals, AND achieve them. We look forward to a more productive and successful 2021!
Hello everyone! Well we have survived a full fall semester teaching and learning in a COVID-19 world!! Hope each of you is safe and healthy!

Fall Activities
The faculty and students have mastered ZOOM classrooms, masks in class, and desk sanitizing! Classes have navigated quarantines of students and faculty, online testing and presentations, and guest speakers on screen!

Because of the pandemic, the Deaf-blind Camp and See-A-Song were cancelled this year. Students in the Interpreting for Persons who are Deaf-Blind learned Braille 2 and corresponded with Deaf-blind consumers! This was a great way to practice their braille skills and also provide communication with ADBC members who also had their activities cancelled due to COVID.

Because of the shut-down from COVID, the SLPI and QAST evaluations were postponed to September. Both tests were conducted virtually. While we are waiting for a few SLPI results, we are pleased with the outcome:

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Graduates
Congratulations to the graduating AS and BA degree students! Hayden Smith completed her AS degree in ASL Studies and is continuing in the BA program. The graduates with the BA in Interpretation: ASL/English are Abby Baldwin, Ashleigh Chatfield, Hunter Delaney, Holley Mott, Scarlett Quick, Bethani Treadwell, Clayton Williams, and, from our Tulsa cohort, Roman Ross! Commencement will take place on December 18th in a virtual format! Congratulations to all of these students who have worked hard to accomplish these goals!

Katelyn Wilson Presents at MSERA
Congratulations to Katelyn Wilson who presented to the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) during their annual meeting! This year the meeting, held in October, was virtual! Katelyn presented on her research “Early Instruction Process-Based Self Analysis.” This presentation was peer-reviewed and selected for presentation!

Glenn Anderson Retires December 2020
In December Dr. Glenn Anderson will retire from full time teaching in the Interpreter Education Program. However, he will continue teaching part-time, teaching Comparative Linguistics in the spring, and Deaf Culture in the fall! We have been very fortunate to have him with us since 2008! The loss of his daily presence among the faculty and students will be keenly felt. Of course, Dr. Anderson will still be busy as Chair of the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, editor for national journals, writer, and presenter. Best wishes as you transition from your full-time position. We wish you the very best! Words cannot express all that you have contributed to the students whom you have taught and the prestige of the Interpreter Program on the campus and across the nations! May the next phase be healthy, fulfilling, and joyful!
Community News and Updates

UA Little Rock IEP Update … continued

Looking Ahead to 2021

Classes
Spring 2021 will follow the same procedures and protocols as Fall 2020. Class size will be limited for all classes, so register early. Courses and Instructors for the spring will be:

- ASL 1: Beaty, Ketchum
- ASL 2: Beaty, Stauffer, Hollingsworth
- ASL 3: Hollingsworth
- ASL 4: Beaty
- Comparative Linguistics: Anderson
- Fingerspelling: Wilson, Hollingsworth
- Service Learning: Hollingsworth
- Intro Interpreting Research: Stauffer
- Sign to Voice I/T: Wilson
- Voice to Sign I/T: Beaty
- Interp. Hard of Hearing: Stauffer
- Adv Transliteration: Beaty
- Adv Interpretation: James
- Interp. Academic Subjects: James
- Internship: James

Spring Events and Activities
The IEP Stakeholders Meeting will take place in 2021 and will be held virtually. More information on that in the next ARIDian News & Views.

ASL 4 students will take the SLPI virtually and the Juniors and Seniors will QAST on video at the Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Offices.

The Self Study Review (SSR) will be submitted by June 1, 2021 to the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education (CCIE) as part of the re-accreditation process!

We wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a much better 2021!
Stay safe and healthy and see you in the New Year!
Community News and Updates

**ADBC … Elizabeth Cole-Pope**

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**Exciting News! Natasha Aymami is our new HKNC Regional Representative for South Central Region 6.**

Greetings from Natasha Aymami, HKNC

I would like to introduce myself as the new Regional Representative for South Central - Region 6, which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. I am currently based in Baton Rouge, LA. My role as Regional Representative is to provide information on local and national Deaf-Blind resources, as well as support local programs in enhancing their accessibility and quality of service through professional development and consultation.

My academic background includes a bachelor’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and a Master’s degree in Orientation and Mobility (O&M). I also am a Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist (COMS). Additionally, I have a National Interpreter Certification (NIC). My previous employment comprises of more than fifteen years of experience as a sign language interpreter; interpreter coordinator at Affiliated Blind of Louisiana; Louisiana State University Assistant Director of Disability Services; Louisiana School for the Deaf interpreter and academic counselor and O&M specialist for East Baton Rouge public schools.

I look forward to networking with the Deaf-Blind community in your area and learning about the various resources and services available; as well as opportunities for partnership with the community.

Please feel free to reach out to me with specific questions or I have some sample questions below:

1. Are you familiar with the programs and services offered by the Helen Keller National Center? You can view our website here: [https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc)
2. Did you know that we offer summer programs for youth, trainings for persons over the age of 65, as well as specialized programing to fit your needs?
3. Do you feel you could benefit from vocational training/support to develop your employment skills and/or learn about work accommodations for hearing or vision loss?
4. Have you visited our YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/user/HKNCpics](https://www.youtube.com/user/HKNCpics), Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/HKNCnews](https://www.facebook.com/HKNCnews) or Twitter account [https://twitter.com/hknc_news](https://twitter.com/hknc_news)?
5. Do you know about HKNC’s quarterly newsletter CONNECT!? If not, I can add you to the mailing list to keep up to date with HKNC.
6. Are you currently in the HKNC National Registry? This helps us better understand how to serve the national Deaf-Blind community. If not, here is website link where you can self-enroll. Of course, contact me if you have any questions. [https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/national-registry](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/national-registry)

Please feel free to contact me: Natasha Aymami
Email: Natasha.Aymami@hknc.org
Phone (voice): 516-320-0265
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You may also contact: Brenda Baroncelli
Email: Brenda.Baroncelli@hknc.org
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(TEXT only): 516-320-0274

I look forward to working with you on efforts to improve access and quality of deaf-blind services in your community.

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Need more information about ADBC? Please contact President Beth Cole-Pope at 505.261.0507 (text) or email zabethcole@gmail.com and / or Carel Dunaway at 479.567.9629 (text).
Due to COVOD-19, NWAAD did not host any events this past quarter.

Due to COVOD-19, SLK did not host any events this past quarter.

Due to COVOD-19, no events were hosted this past quarter.
Licensure Information

ADVISORY BOARD FOR INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/advisory-board-for-interpreters-for-the-deaf

Ark. Code Ann. § 20-14-804 creates the Advisory Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf, which consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Health.

The Board's purpose is to ensure that individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf and those they communicate with may depend upon competent, reliable interpreting services.

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Resources and Forms

- Rules for Interpreters Between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf
- Act 1314
- Arkansas Interpreter Licensure Application
- Arkansas Provisional Licensure Application
- Complaint Form
- Licensed Qualified and Provisional Interpreters
- Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ARID)
- Online Renewal System

Upon request of any consumer or hiring entity, an interpreter shall show proof of his or her Arkansas license that will indicate qualifications.
Licensure Information

The following list of settings for qualifications is not all-inclusive.

CURRENT QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEVELS

(1). QAST I; BEI I
Registration, Classroom Extracurricular Activities
Social Services – Independent Living, Basic Living Skills, Bus Card Civic Club Meetings, Recreation, Socialization

(2). QAST II; BEI II; BEI Basic
Driver’s License Testing
Eligibility for services - Follow-up Interview
Support Services – Non-Academic Advisors
Support Services - Orientation, Life/Job Skills
Basic Job Readiness Training (semi-skilled technical or unskilled labor) Interview Application for Services
On-the-job Training
Sheltered Workshop
All settings listed in Subsection XV(A)

(3). QAST III; BEI III; BEI Advanced
Social Services - Food Stamps, Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, TEA/SNAP benefits
Continuing Education Workshops
Job Related: staff meetings, employee/employer meetings, safety workshops, job training, vocational counseling, vocational assessment
Tax preparation, credit counseling, mortgage/loan counseling Diagnostics and Evaluations
Routine Physical Exams, in Patient/Out-Patient Hospital Care Hospital Admissions
Nursing homes, home health services, community health education, self-help programs, 12 Step programs
Basic tutoring (out of school)
Postsecondary Education - Academic Courses, Academic Advisors
Vocational-Technology Trainings Employment Related/Union Meetings, Child Birth Classes - Planned Parenthood
All settings listed in Subsections XV (A) & XV (B) 13

(4). QAST IV-V; BEI IV-V; BEI Master
Social Services Disputes
Polygraph Testing
Post Bond
Discrimination Proceedings - Prior to court Mental Health
Meetings with Parole/Probation Officers
Medical - Emergency Room, General Rounds & Surgery, Health Care Providers and Hospice, Medical Documents
Graduate and Post-Graduate Education
Restraining Order Application
Speaker or Lectures
Civil Weddings Performed in or out of a Courtroom
Employment Related - Job Interview/Application, Firing, Disciplining, Performance Appraisals Tax Assessment/Appeal Proceedings
All settings listed in Subsections XV (A), XV (B), & XV (C)
(5) RID Credentials
Legal Proceedings in/out of the courts
Domestic/Family Violence Calls and Investigations
Abuse Calls and Investigations
Legislation
Governmental Proceedings
Pre-Trial Release
Peace Bonds/Restraining Orders, Copyrights/Patents
Campus Police or other law enforcement investigations,
Civil Investigations
Child Custody or Child Welfare
Jury Duty
All settings listed in Subsections XV (A), XV (B), XV (C), XV (D), & XV (E).

**All in-court cases must adhere to Act 237: An Act to Amend the Process for Appointment, Certification, and Regulation of Court Interpreters; and for other purposes.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

All are welcome and encouraged to join the meetings.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be held virtually.
The link will be sent to the ARID Membership via the ARID listserv.

The 1-2 pm slot is for subcommittee meetings, as needed.
The 2-4 pm slot is for public meetings.

Friday, February 5, 2021 from 2-4pm
Friday, May 7, 2021 from 2-4pm
Friday, August 6, 2021 from 2-4pm
Friday, November 5, 2021 from 2-4pm

Put these dates on your calendar!

Be involved and show support for our appointed Advisory Board members.
Reminders

Each Fiscal Year is July 1 - June 30
The New Fiscal Year is NOW 2020-2021

✓ RENEW your ARID dues
✓ Recruit a new ARID member!
✓ JOIN ARID as a new 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 and join our awesome team!

Remember -
The 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 www.arkansasrid.org
Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf  
ARID Scholarship Committee  

The Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship  

History of the Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship Funds  
The ARID Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee (DEIC) was formed by the June 6, 2020 GMM Motion which states that the committee is established in order to: “determine what actions ARID can take to leverage the inclusion of and support the success of interpreters of color in our field. The committee is empowered to determine its own title, description, and recommendations of actions for ARID which will be presented to the ARID membership.”

At the July 21, 2020 DEIC meeting, the committee initiated the Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship in honor of our cherished Ella Irby who has worked for decades with UA Little Rock interpreting students, the interpreting community and the Deaf community. A motion to establish the Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship was presented and passed at the September 5, 2020 GM meeting.

Purpose of the Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship Funds  
The Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship was established for individual ARID members (organizational members are not eligible). These funds are used to send any two (2) ARID members to a national or regional conference hosted by NBDA, NAOBI, or a similar BIPOC national or regional organization.

The Scholarship Award Package  
Member pairs will receive: two (2) conference registrations, two (2) travel arrangements, one (1) hotel room for the conference dates, CEU processing for an independent study of up to 2.0 PS CEUs for both for the development of a workshop to be presented to ARID, CEU processing for first-time presentation of the that workshop, and the standard ARID honorarium for the presentation of the workshop.

Eligibility Criteria  
The scholarship requires that pairs apply together. ARID will not assign members into pairs or accept applications from single members.

- One (1) recipient must be a current voting member of ARID who is in at least their 4th year of membership in ARID. For years 1-3 the type of membership may have been supporting or student.
- The second recipient must be in at least their second year of ARID membership and may be a voting, supporting, or student member.
- Both recipients must hold a current Arkansas Interpreter License or Arkansas Provisional License.

Conditions for Recipients of the Scholarship  
- In exchange for sponsoring their attendance, the two selected recipients will contract with ARID to develop and provide a minimum of 0.6 PS CEUs in coordination with the ARID Program Committee and ARID Professional Development Committee Chairs. This may take the form of a single quarterly workshop, of multiple, shorter installments to be recorded and released online, or of another format agreed upon by both of the recipients, the Program Committee Chair, and the Professional Development Committee Chair.
- The selected recipients must deliver content equating to 0.6 PS CEUs within 6-9 months of the attended conference’s end date.
- In the event that one or both of the recipients do not meet the contractual obligations, the allocated funds will be reimbursed back to ARID.

Electronic Application Process  
As part of its efforts to reduce negative environmental impacts, ARID only accepts electronic submissions. All submissions must be complete and submitted as a Word.doc (scanned items in pdf or jpg formats) to the Scholarship Committee at aridscholarship@gmail.com.

- Application Form
- Verification of ARID membership status
- Arkansas Licensure (scanned copies)

Previous Recipients  
2022- Name & Name
Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
ARID Scholarship Committee

The Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship Fund

Application Form 1 of 3

Member Pair Information

Name of First Applicant (4+ years of membership)
__________________________________________

Phone Number
Phone Type
Text ___ VP ___ Voice ___

Email Address
__________________________________________

Mailing Address
__________________________________________

__________________________________________

Name of Second Applicant (2+ years of membership)
__________________________________________

Phone Number
Phone Type
Text ___ VP ___ Voice ___

Email Address
__________________________________________

Mailing Address
__________________________________________

Conference Information

Conference Title
__________________________________________

Host Organization(s)
__________________________________________

Location
__________________________________________

Date(s)
__________________________________________
Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
ARID Scholarship Committee

The Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship Fund

Application Form 2 of 3

Personal Statement
Please tell us why your partnership should be selected as the recipients of this scholarship. What unique offerings do you bring as a pair that will benefit interpreters in our state when you return to provide a workshop for ARID?

Workshop Goals
Please tell us about the workshop your partnership plans to produce for ARID at the completion of your scholarship project. We understand that this content is subject to change based on your experience at the conference. Please use this as an opportunity to share your thoughts without feeling like you are obligating yourself to a specific topic or approach.
Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
ARID Scholarship Committee

The Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship Fund

Application Form 3 of 3

Check all that apply (please include scanned copies of membership and licensure as attachments)

Applicant #1

ARID Membership Status
Current _____
Voting _____ Number of years _____ Verify with Membership Chair _____

Arkansas Licensure Status
Current _____
Arkansas Interpreter License _____
Arkansas Provisional License _____

Applicant #2

ARID Membership Status
Current _____
Voting _____ Supporting _____ Student _____ Number of years _____ Verify with Membership Chair

Arkansas Licensure Status
Current _____
Arkansas Interpreter License _____
Arkansas Provisional License _____
Robert and Betty Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

ARID Scholarship Committee: Robert and Betty Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

History: Purpose of Scholarship Funds for National and State Certification Testing:

In 1991, ARID established the Scholarship Fund to assist individual ARID members defray the costs of RID certification testing. In 2010, the Scholarship Committee updated the scholarship criteria and procedures to reflect current tests, terminology and the ability to submit materials electronically. Approved by the ARID membership at the 12/4/10 GM Meeting, and 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. Approved by the ARID membership at the 12/3/11 GM Meeting, and 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 printed starting with the ARIDian News & Views, 33(3) March 2020 Spring 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.

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Application Form
Robert and Betty Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

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 ☐ ______
BEI ☐ ______
QAST ☐ Level ______
Other ☐ ______ (name and level)

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

RID ► NIC ☐ CDI ☐
BEI ☐
EIPA ☐
QAST ☐ Level 1-3 ☐ Level 4-5
Other ☐ __________ (name and level)

Check all that apply (please include scanned copies as attachments)

ARID Membership Card Current ☐ Last year ☐ Verify with Membership Chair ☐
RID Membership Card Current ☐ Not Applicable ☐
QAST Card Current ☐ Not Applicable ☐
Other ______ (name and level) Current ☐ Not Applicable ☐
Robert and Betty Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Verification of Testing Form

Robert and Betty Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

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**Signature of the Test Administrator**

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

Location - site, city, state

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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)
Place your advertisement here!
Email a .doc or .pdf to the
Editor at mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu

ARID Rates for 2021

$100 - full page
$75 - 1/2 page
$50 - 1/4 page
Annual Membership Application for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Membership Application

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

Membership Types & Annual Dues Information:

**Voting Membership - Annual dues $35.00**
A voting member of ARID shall be a member in good standing with RID, and carries the privilege of voting for officers and issues of concern at ARID business meetings.
Verification of RID membership is required. *(Enclose a copy of your RID member card.)*

**Associate Membership - Annual dues $25.00**
An associate member in ARID shall be one who supports ARID and may or may not be a member in good standing with RID. Associate members do not have voting privileges.

**Student Membership: Annual dues $15.00**
A student member in ARID shall be one who supports ARID, who does not yet hold a bachelor’s degree (or higher), and one who is currently registered in an accredited institution of higher education. Student members do not have voting rights.

**Organizational Membership: Annual dues $100.00**
An organizational member is any organization, agency, and/or individual who support the purpose and interests of ARID and the Deaf Community. Organizational members do not have voting rights. 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.

Name:  
Home Phone (V/VP):

Address:  
Work Phone:

City:  
State:

Zip Code:  
Cell Phone/Pager:

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:

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  or  ☐ Money Order

Payment Information
Voting ($35)/Associate ($25)/Student ($15)/Organizational ($100) ___
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:            ________________
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Website Upload: Allyson Caruthers
ARID Technology Chair

Please submit all materials to
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Newsletter Deadlines

Don’t forget!

Mar. 1  for the March Spring Edition
Jun. 1  June Summer Edition
Sept. 1  September Fall Edition
Dec. 1  December Winter Edition

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.

Happy New Year