Greetings ARIDians …Welcome to the March 2021 Spring Edition

We’ve got news from our Board of Directors and committees, as well as community updates from UA Little Rock IEP, SLK, ABDC, AAD, NWAD. Enjoy the photo arrays from Tips4Terps, and the March 13, 2021 workshop and virtual GMM.

Tips for Terps are always a huge success and serve as fundraisers for the 2021 Biennial Conference! **ARID continues to conduct business virtually** - because nothing will stop ARID from functioning during the pandemic!

In this issue - **Licensure Information**, 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 3 is the 144th issue!

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**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 Begins
July 1, 2021

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**ARID Biennial Conference & GM Meeting**
June 10-12, 2021
Workshops, GM Meeting, and Awards Banquet

**Tips for Terps** - March 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

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

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Hey there fellow ARIDians!

Can you believe that it has been an entire year since COVID-19 shook our lives? Personally, I know that this past year has been one of many challenges, but I choose to believe that because of my amazing family, friends, and colleagues, that I have been able to keep positivity at the forefront.

As we Spring forward (see what I did there?) into the year, I look forward to sharing more life with all of you. Even though we aren't pre-COVID functioning yet, we are on our way to getting there. This year is our Biennial Conference, and I for one am looking forward to learning alongside everyone. Our Biennial Planning Committee has been working incredibly hard to prepare a workshop space that we come together as a community.

I hope you all continue to be safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you June 10-12, 2021 at the conference!

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

Hello, fellow ARIDians!

Have you registered for the 2021 Biennial Conference? Don’t let the time get away from you; take advantage of the COVID rates for this year’s conference and register early to get the discount. We are just about ten weeks out from conference time, and we all know that the early bird gets … the opportunity to win some member money for future workshops!

Registration is Open!

Use this link for Registration: https://www.arkansasrid.org/2021conference/

Your BPC has been working hard to make sure that our VIRTUAL CONFERENCE is a great success, and one way for that to happen is by having exceptional presenters. Going virtual has given us the opportunity to bring to you a variety of presenters from around the country. You will want to take advantage of the opportunity to be involved in this conference and these awesome workshops.

Although we won’t be able to fellowship with one another in person this year, we have created “flex” times throughout the conference for fun, games, trivia, door prizes and much more. We will also have breakout rooms available during lunch for you and your friends to “go” to lunch together during the conference to discuss the workshops you have attended or just to catch up with one another. We will also be hosting the Silent Auction again this year. Get ready for some online Silent Auction shopping!

Our next planning meeting will be held on April 17 from 9:00 am-12 pm. You are always welcome to join us! What are you waiting for??

By the way, do you know someone who might be interested in being a Sponsor for our conference? If so, have them contact Jaime Harrell or Katie Becker.

See the list below for the more information about the presenters and the workshop titles listed by each day of the conference.

BobbieAnn Walker, QAST 2/2 | ARID Vice President, Biennial Chair | vicepresident@arkansasrid.org
Mind, Body, Heart: Integrating Interpreting and Wellness  June 10-12, 2021

**Thursday, June 10, 2021**

Presenters: Deb Guthman and Marcia Kolvitz  
Workshop Title: The ASL-STAR: An Online Suite of Screening Tools in ASL Related Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Career Interest & Ethical Considerations for Interpreters in the Age of Social Media and Technology Use (0.3 CEUs PS Edu/Ethics)  
Presenter: Jasmine Marin  
Workshop Title: Do Nothing or Do No Harm?: Competing Values in Healthcare Interpreting (0.4 CEUs PS PPO/Ethics)  

**Friday, June 11, 2021**

Presenters: Jessica Bentley-Sassaman and Heather Scherman  
Workshop Title: Working with Deaf Interpreters Who Are New to Legal Settings (0.3 CEUs PS Legal)  
Presenter: Breana Cross-Caldwell  
Workshop Title: Healthy Boundaries for Interpreters (0.3 CEUs GS)  
Presenter: Patrick Fischer  
Workshop Title: Colloquialisms, Slang, or Can Be Local (0.3 CEUs PS)  
Presenter: Roger Williams  
Workshop Title: Interpreting Competency to Stand Trial Assessment (0.4 CEUs PS Legal)  
Presenter: Breana Cross-Caldwell  
Workshop Title: Self-Care for Stressful Times (0.2 CEUs GS)  
Presenter: Stephanie Winslow  
Workshop Title: ASL/English Interpreters who Work in Virtual Environments (0.2 CEUs PS Ethics)  
Presenter: Stephanie Winslow  
Workshop Title: Vicarious Trauma and Self Care in a Stressed-Out World (0.2 CEUs PS PPO)  
Presenter: Jessica Bentley-Sassaman and Heather Scherman  
Workshop Title: Deaf/Hearing Teams Working Through a Virtual Platform (0.2 CEUs PS)  

**Saturday, June 12, 2021**

Presenter: Brent Tracy  
Workshop Title: How to Grow Practical Strategies to Fight Unconscious Bias (0.4 CEUs PS PPO)  
Presenter: Patrick Fischer  
Workshop Title: English Idioms: How the Hell Do I Interpret That? (0.2 CEUs PS)  
Presenter: Stephanie Winslow  
Workshop Title: What is Cognitive Load and How Does my Brain Wellness Make Me a Better Interpreter (0.2 CEUs PS Edu)  
Presenter: Melanie Thornton  
Workshop Title: Cultivating Community Capacity to Understand and Heal from Trauma (0.2 CEUs PS PPO)  
Presenter: Charlotte Toothman  
Workshop Title: Cultivating Resilience for ASL Interpreters (0.2 CEUs PS)
2021 BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MOTIONS

Board Motions

March 10, 2021

**BD21.01** Move to accept the minutes as presented. Whitehead, Hogan

**BD.21.02** Cutter Morningstar School audit - Move that we respond to express appreciation for the contact but our books have been reconciled and due to lack of records on our part, we see no need to move forward with exchange of funds. (Winchell/Whitehead) PASS

**BD.21.03** It has come to the board's attention that BobbieAnn Walker is in conflict with the bylaws to hold her position, the board is requesting the membership’s approval to suspend the bylaws and allow BobbieAnn to continue her term. The personal situation that is not criminal and not harmful to the organization. (Beaty, Read) PASS

**BD.21.04** Adjourn - Walker

GMM Motions

March 13, 2021

**GM21.01** Move that ARID dissolve the Fundraising standing committee with thanks, removing it from ARID’s standing committees. (Taff-Watson, Read) PASS

**GM21.02** Move that ARID change the Bylaws regarding mail referendum from sixty (60) days to fourteen calendars (14) days. (N. Winchell, M. Taff-Watson) PASS

**GM21.03** Approve BD.21.03 PASS
(From **BD.21.03** It has come to the board's attention that BobbieAnn Walker is in conflict with the bylaws to hold her position, the board is requesting the membership’s approval to suspend the bylaws and allow BobbieAnn to continue her term. The personal situation that is not criminal and not harmful to the organization. (Beaty, Read) PASS

**GM21.04** Adjourn - MTW, 12:53 pm

Ashley Beaty, NIC | ARID Secretary | secretary@arkansasrid.org
Hello ARID!

Hope everyone had a great start to 2021! ARID had a pretty great third quarter.

We were very fortunate to welcome back our presenter who was scheduled to present in December 2020. This is ARID’s first workshop hosted in 2021. This means we finally have raised some money in terms of registration fees for this workshop. We only spent for an honorarium for our presenter this quarter because we were virtual, and we did not have to pay for accommodations and travel like we normally do.

Continuing on the discussion of income we have raised more 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. We are starting to receive registration fees. We are also receiving more sponsorships and donations, as well as fundraising thanks to Tips for Terps. The BPC has already raised more than half of their budgeted goal!

We also had individuals renewing their memberships, as well as getting new members in the form of student memberships. Hopefully, we will see even more people renewing their memberships to take advantage of the great prices of our upcoming Biennial Conference. We are also starting to get members already renewing their memberships for our upcoming 2021- 2022 FY starting July 1, 2021.

For expenses, 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. We also allocated more money to the Sunshine Committee for them to purchase more cards and postage to continue sending cards out to our members and also members of the community.

We are expecting to spend the second half of the cost to our web developer to revamp our website within the next few weeks. They are expecting to finish up on the project by the end of March 2021. Once the board is trained on the new changes, we hope to make the member portal available to our membership as soon as possible.

In summation, we had a net positive third quarter for our 20 - 21 FY. We raised a total of $4,753.02 and we have spent $913.47 for a net positive total of $3,839.55. At the time of composing this report, we had a total of $44,649.73 in the bank. Our bank account and income usually increase as we get closer to the Biennial Conference to cover our costs. We have to start paying for our expenses that made our conference possible once the conference is over.

ARID had a great quarter and I can’t wait to see what our final quarter of this FY looks like!

Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell, QAST 4/2 | ARID 2019-2021 Treasurer |
## Balance Sheet as of March 14, 2021

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## Treasurer Report - Nicholas Winchell

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| Net Ordinary Income                   | 5,067.76        | -500.00   | 5,567.76     |

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| **Net Income**                        | **5,067.76**    | **-500.00** | **5,567.76** |

Respectfully submitted by:
Nicholas Winchell, QAST 4/2 | ARID 2019-2021 Treasurer |
treasurer@arkansas.org

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2021 Biennial Conference

June 10-12, 2021

Register now!

Don’t delay!
We are Streamlining our roles and responsibilities to ensure that all tasks are completed. We are also engaged in Event Planning that will be posted at the Arkansas Community Calendar of Events on our website at www.arkansasrid.org/events-calendar/

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.
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Arkansas RID 2021 Biennial Conference
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

No new updates.

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

Editorial Committee Report ... Myra Taff-Watson

Spring Newsletter: The March 2021 Spring edition contains Biennial Conference news, and news from the community. Reports and photos from the workshop and the GM meeting are all accomplished via ZOOM meetings during the pandemic. Please note that the Membership Form and the Organizational Membership is included for fiscal year 2021-2022.

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 2021. 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.

June 1, 2021 Deadline for the 2021 June Summer edition

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

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Report ... Sebrena Westcott

Hello Everyone!

The D.E.I. Committee experienced a busy quarter!

We partnered with LRBDA (Little Rock Black Deaf Advocates) in captioning and dispersing a video project sponsored in part by Sorenson VRS. The content is a panel discussion on race, and it is highly informative. Please follow the Facebook link that was shared.

We are excited to announce the development of a mentoring program for ARID. It is moving into the final phases, so watch upcoming ARIDian News & Views for more information.

With the Covid-19 vaccines and reduction in numbers of new cases, it is looking more promising that our community event will be in-person! More information will follow in the coming months.

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

Next Meetings in 2021: March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26.

See you there!

Sebrena Westcott, NIC | DEIC Chair | ariddeic@gmail.com
Happy Spring ARIDians!

As you know the 2021 Biennial Conference is quickly approaching and with that comes a Call for Nominations. If you recall, the membership passed a motion to vote on all MAL positions on the same election cycle. This means that this year we need nominations for all Board positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large 1
- Member-at-Large 2
- Member-at-Large 3

If you or someone you know are a voting member who holds a credential AND you/they are interested in serving on the ARID Board, consider nominating yourself or them. Yes, you can nominate yourself.

Send your nominations to me at kbwilson@ualr.edu. If you are nervous about accepting a nomination, consider recruiting people to run for a position with you. Serving on the board is a rewarding experience. I look forward to hearing from you with your nominations!

In addition, we are accepting nominations for the Barbara E. Northup Excellence in Community Service Award. The deadline for accepting nominations for this award is May 31, 2021. If you would like to submit a nomination for this award, please check out the form either by going to arkansasrid.org > Documents > Barbara E. Northup Excellence in Community Service Award or https://www.arkansasrid.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ARID-Barbara-E.-Northup-Excellence-in-Community-Involvement-Award-6-23-19.pdf and follow the instructions on the form.

Katelyn B. Wilson, M.Ed., BEI-Advanced | ARID Nominations Committee Chair | aridnominations@gmail.com
**Professional Development Committee Report ... Ann Marie Lott**

Hey there ARIDians,

The Professional Development Committee has some exciting news! We’re training some potential new members of the committee! I want to send a big thanks to Taylor Johnson and NeCol Whitehead for stepping up and volunteering to learn the ins and outs of the work involved in the PDC. I’m so incredibly excited to be spending the time with them to teach them how to serve our interpreting community in this most rewarding capacity!

Since the last report, the committee has processed one (1) activity originating in Arkansas:
- 1 workshop

We are currently processing 1 workshop and 2 potential PINRAs.

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

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

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**Program Committee Report ... Daisy Dippel**

Happy Spring ARID!

I am loving the warmer weather but hoping it doesn't bring the heat too fast!

Our March workshop was enlightening for me! Our presenter, Rebecca, did a fantastic job sharing the Myers-Briggs Type Indicators (MBTI) for us. The test attempts to assign four categories: Introversion or Extraversion, Sensing or Intuition, Thinking or Feeling, Judging or Perceiving. One letter from each category is taken to produce a four-letter test result, like "INFJ" or "ENFP."

I not only learned about how and why what we do affects our interpretation, but I was able to grab a few tools to help me mentor moving forward. It was fascinating to learn why we work with others so well, and maybe others not so much. Remembering the Platinum Rule instead of the golden rule is something that will stay with me in my work and personal life. I am going to treat you how you want to be treated, not how I want to be treated. Good stuff!!

I am excited about the fabulous opportunities coming our way soon with the Biennial Conference. So many presenters from all over the country. Hopefully by the September 2021 workshop we can all meet in person again. * fingers crossed*

See the section on March 13, 2021 Workshop Photo Array.

Until then, stay safe and take care.
Virtual hugs, Daisy aka INFJ

Daisy Dippel, CODA, NIC-A, NAD IV | Program Chair | aridprogram@gmail.com

Graphic available on Wikipedia
Sunshine Committee Report … Chrystal Honorable & Taylor Johnson

Rise and Shine ARIDians!

Spring is finally here, and you know what that means … we can finally say goodbye to Old Man Winter and his frosty weather. It’s time to get ready to enjoy longer days, warmer temperatures, watch the flowers and trees come to life, and of course, see more sunshine. This is my favorite time of the year and it’s already off to a great start.

Since the last quarter, the Sunshine Committee has sent out a total of 8 birthday cards and 3 sympathy cards.

Congratulations to Dr. Glenn Anderson on his retirement from his full-time position at the UA Little Rock Interpreter Education Program. We are so fortunate to have had him with us and appreciate the hard work and the remarkable impact he has made on novice and seasoned interpreters alike.

We extend our condolences to the Deaf community on the passing of Jacalyn “Jackie” Lou Stover (5/30/40-1/5/21). Jackie was a volunteer and advocate in the community, she will be greatly missed. We also send our thoughts and prayers to Donna Gibson on the passing of her cousin and to Clint Brockway on the passing of his close friends.

The past year has been met with challenges we would have never imagined. We want to take the time to recognize the interpreters and their family members who have suffered from COVID-19 and recovered. We hope that your health continues to improve and pray for a speedy recovery. We wish you all health and wellness and thank you for your dedication to the field of interpreting. Please continue to send us your news - announcements of births, deaths, weddings, or any other newsworthy information! Email aridsunshine@gmail.com or contact Taylor Johnson or Chrystal Honorable. Thank you all!

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

Technology Committee Report … Allyson Caruthers

I post on the ARID Facebook page regularly, but over the past month our traffic on our Facebook page has dropped dramatically. I’ve looked at the page information that Facebook give us and tried to figure out why we have lost a lot of traffic this month. If you have not seen our posts lately, please make sure you have liked our page and you can make it as a ‘see first’ page on your account. If you have questions on how to find us or change your settings to see our page first, please email me. I’ve worked very closely with the BPC to get our website ready with registration and presenters for the June 10-12, 2021 workshops. I also worked with our wonderful Program Chair to get the information out about our March workshop, as well as Tips4Terps announcements.

As always if there is ever anything on the ARID website that is not working properly or you have any questions, please email me at Technology.

Allyson Caruthers, QAST 2/2 | ARID Technology Chair | aridtechnology@gmail.com
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!

**Don’t Forget:** Nominations are open for The Shirley T. Herald Lifetime Achievement Award with a deadline of April 10, 2021, and The Barbara E. Northup Excellence in Community Involvement Award with a deadline of May 31, 2021.

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,

The Licensure Ad Hoc committee met on December 28, 2020 as our introductory meeting. Our second meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2021, but we were asked to reschedule that meeting and we did so. Schedules have not allowed for future meeting dates to be set yet.

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!

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

Spring Greetings …

As of March 13, 2021, based on two Bylaws changes approved by the membership during the GMM, the PPM is competed and current with the duties and responsibilities for the Board, the Officers, and the Standing Committees. The PPM is updated and aligned with the newly revised Bylaws.

**On the ARID Website!**

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 were wed in January, February, March

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families with babies born in January, February, March

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries in January, February, March

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families in January, February, March

To all Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families whose loved ones passed on in January, February, March
In Memoriam

May 30, 1940 - January 5, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Deaf Community Advocate, Jacalyn "Jackie" Lou (Sloan) Stover, age 80, of Star City, passed away Tuesday evening, January 5, 2021, at Wadley Regional Medical Center due to complications after being diagnosed with Covid 19. Jackie was a former teacher, volunteer, and advocate with the Deaf Community in Maryland and Arkansas. She lived in Maryland for 36 years before moving to Arkansas where she had resided for the past 21 years.

Jackie was born May 30, 1940 in Wichita Kansas, a daughter of the late Leroy and Nena Sloan. She became deaf after becoming very sick when she was only one and a half years old. During her early life her family moved to Chicago, Illinois where Jackie's mother was determined to make sure that her daughter was not treated any differently. Prior to attending college she went to hearing schools where she learned how to speak and read lips very well. Her hobbies as a young girl included ice skating and cheerleading. She graduated from Alexander Graham Bell School in 1955 followed by Lake View High School in 1959.

She went on to Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. and graduated in 1964. It was during her time there that she learned the depth of American Sign Language and birthed her passion for wanting to help all deaf people succeed as well as making sure deaf people were given the same rights as hearing people.

She went on to marry James W. Stover the same day they both graduated from Gallaudet. They went on to have two hearing sons. As a family they enjoyed camping outings, hiking, fishing and traveling. Jackie also enjoyed arts & crafts, knitting and baking. She enjoyed being creative in the kitchen and putting together odd concoctions and then getting her grandkids to taste test them. During her later years in life she really enjoyed playing scrabble and words with friends online to keep her brain sharp. Everyone that knew Jackie described her as being honest and caring, always seeing the best in situations, being the most optimistic and having a strong faith in the Lord.

She held many different jobs over the years, always putting her heart and soul into her work. She started working at the D.C. public library, now known as the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, she then moved on to teach at the Carver School for the deaf near Baltimore, Maryland, she was a liaison worker for the deaf at Western High School for Girls in Baltimore, Maryland as well as several public schools in Baltimore. She worked at the Maryland Rehabilitation Center, which was a group home for deaf adults with mental illness.

Jackie enjoyed teaching so much that she decided to go back to school at Western Maryland College, now known as McDaniel College in 1980 to obtain her Masters in Deaf Education. She then went on to teach Junior High deaf students in Baltimore, adult basic education evening classes to deaf adults and taught American Sign Language classes to hearing adults. She finished her career working at Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, Maryland.

In her free time Jackie volunteered with Friends of Libraries deaf section at various libraries throughout Maryland. She was an officer as Vice President of Maryland Association of the Deaf. She established a cooperative extension service for the Homemakers Club for the Deaf. She was a representative for the Maryland Association of the Deaf on the Maryland state advisory board to help identify hearing impaired infants at birth. She volunteered at the Methodist Magothy Church for the deaf in Pasadena, Maryland participating in many different activities. After retiring to Star City, Arkansas in 1999 she still enjoyed her volunteer work teaching anyone that wanted to learn American Sign Language. She belonged to the National Association of the Deaf, Deaf Seniors of America, Arkansas Association of the Deaf, Deaf Senior Citizens social.

Jackie is survived by her spouse, James Stover; two sons, Raymond Winston Stover and David Roy Stover; daughter-in-law, Greta Stover; grandchildren, Krista Russ, Samantha Keene, Bobby Stover; many great-grandchildren; one sister, Becky Schuberth; two brothers, Mike Sloan and Ron Sloan; and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves many other family members and friends who will sadly miss her.

In lieu of flowers it was Jackie's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to the Arkansas School for the Deaf Foundation. You can visit their website at asd-foundation.com/donate

Arrangements by Griffin Funeral Service in Star City, AR. Visitations - Friday, January 8, 2021 at 5-7 pm and Saturday January 9, 2021 at 12:30-1:30 pm at Griffin Funeral Service in Star City, AR. www.griffinfuneralservice.net.
QAST 2021 Testing Schedule … Cheryl Seymore

QAST Video testing is moving right along! Over the years, results and feedback were typically received within 60 days. Within the last year we’ve had a much faster turnaround! Our testing schedule is very flexible.

If you need to test, email me at Cheryl.seymore@arkansas.gov or give me a call. 501.686.9683.

Happy Spring!

Carel Dunaway
2nd term Oath of Office on the Advisory Board for Interpreters
administrated by Deputy Dwight Sutherland
Feb. 4, 2021

on award of the RID NIC

Katelyn Wilson, NIC

Congratulations to QAST Interpreters
Transliterating listed 1st, Interpreting listed 2nd
With permission, interpreters are listed below

Demetra Brown 2/4
Catherine Elliot 1/1
NeCol Whitehead 1/1

Congratulations!

Sunshine News
I sponsored a **resolution** in the House of Representatives honoring **Eddie Schmeckenbecher**, who has served as the Governor’s interpreter for news conferences all through the COVID-19 pandemic. With his expressive use of American Sign Language, his winning smile, and his colorful ties, Eddie has become an icon and has brought great interest in learning ASL. I taught House members the sign for “I love you,” and we all signed it to Eddie.

*Charlene Fite – House of Representatives*
ARID GMM Mar. 13, 2021 and Board Members Reports to the Membership

President’s Report
I. ARID 40th Anniversary
II. Motion passed in the Board Meeting:
A. BD21.02 Cutter Morning Star School audit, Move that we respond to express appreciation for the contact but our books have been reconciled and due to lack of records on our part, we see no need to move forward with exchange of funds. (Winchell/Whitehead) PASS

Vice President’s Report
1. Biennial Conference Update

Secretary Report
I. Google Drive Clean-up
A. Streamlining folders for efficient digital storage
B. Connecting Committee Drives with a shared Board drive
II. Integrate Google Drive documents into the ARID Website

Treasurer’s Report
2020 - 2021 Year to Date
- Bank: $44,649.73
- Income: $7,868.02
- Expense: $2,350.26
- Net Income: $5,517.76

- Biennial Conference raised $6,932.18 of their $10,060 budgeted goal
- Kroger and Amazon smile: Re-register or sign up for the first time to help support our Biennial

Members-at-Large
I. Streamlining roles and responsibilities
II. Event Planning
III. Arkansas Community Calendar of Events on our website at www.arkansasrid.org/events-calendar/

D. NeCol Whitehead, MAL D1 - NWA - mall@arkansasrid.org
Rhonda Read, MAL D2 - NEA - mall2@arkansasrid.org
Bea Hogan, MAL D3 - Central/South AR - mall3@arkansasrid.org

President Meagan Beaty
Vice President Bobbie Ann Walker
Secretary Ashley Beaty
Treasurer Nicholas Winchell
MAL 1 NeCol Whitehead & MAL 2 Rhonda Read
Interpreting Personality: Why Who We Are Affects What We Do

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is an introspective self-report questionnaire indicating differing psychological preferences in how people perceive the world and make decisions. The test attempts to assign four categories: Introversion or Extraversion, Sensing or Intuition, Thinking or Feeling, Judging or Perceiving.

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Learning about ourselves and into which category we fit.
What a great workshop!

We learned so much about ourselves and had a lot of fun at the same time.

Morning Session

Afternoon Session
A big THANK YOU to all who participated and donated “tips” as a part of the fundraising efforts for the 2021 Biennial Conference!
Greetings All,

What an incredible start to a new year! Although this year still looks a little different than expected, we continue to make great use of our virtual platform. The group decided to resume weekly meetings which provides amazing possibilities for us to demonstrate our skills in a positive and supportive environment.

Through our virtual platform we had the wonderful opportunity to welcome two incredible guest speakers to our group, Candas Ifama Barnes and Erin Sanders-Sigmon. Candas Barnes is a native Washingtonian from Washington, D.C. and is the supervisor for Interpreting Services at Gallaudet University. She is the Founder and CEO of the Institute for Cross Cultural Communication (The IC3). At IC3, she teaches a course in ASL-English (voice) interpreting where the focus is on practicing the essential skills necessary to deliver excellence in our interpretations. She is also laser-focused on exponentially increasing the number of highly qualified interpreters of color.

Erin Sanders-Sigmon is a Black Deaf interpreter who has extensive experience working in theatre and the performing arts. She is an ASL coach for theater and film projects, and also a Writer/Associate Consultant with Deaf Talent Media & Entertainment Consulting, founded by Deaf Filmmaker, Jade Bryan. She resides in Vermont where she works as a freelance interpreter and is not only a member of, but a strong advocate for the Deaf and DeafBlind communities. She was one of the many talented interpreters who worked with the Biden-Harris Administration who provided ASL interpretation for the 2021 Inauguration and celebration concert.

These ladies shared valuable information with us about their journeys as interpreters and some of the challenges they have faced. We appreciate the encouraging words they gave and the reminder that we are not standing alone, but that we are walking in the footsteps of those who have gone before us and creating pathways of those who are yet to come. Representation matters and we are grateful that they spent some time with us and reaffirmed our group’s goals as interpreters of color.

We would also like to take the time to spotlight two of our graduating seniors, Aaron Johnson and Maria Huntley who serve as President and Vice President of the Sign Language Klub (SLK) at UA Little Rock. This is the first time that the positions have been held by two black female students at the same time. We applaud and support them in the work they are doing for the organization. We are thrilled to see what great opportunities lie ahead and believe that they will be an extremely great asset to the interpreting community.

If you are interested in more information, please feel free to contact Chrystal Honorable, QAST 5/5, at cjhonorable@gmail.com.
Hello everyone!

Hope everyone is well. enjoyed the snow, and is looking forward to the COVID vaccinations!

Focus on Alumni

Congratulations to an IEP alumnus, Michael McMahon (2018), who interpreted live for President Elect Joe Biden in December, 2020. It’s nice to have CDIs and our graduates achieve such excellence!

Spring 2021

Classes and COVID

For this semester, the COVID restrictions remain in place. Class numbers are limited by the classroom size (10-12 students), all must wear masks and observe social distancing. Students and faculty wipe down their desk and work station upon entry to each room. Ms. Ella remains available online. We are offering a full array of spring classes under these requirements.

Stakeholders Meeting

“Save the Date” notices have been sent to over 40 persons for the IEP Stakeholders Meeting to be held virtually April 7, 2021. The invitees include employers, agency personnel, school representatives, alumni, faculty, current students, consumers, and leaders in the deaf community. The agenda is in progress, but some information to be covered includes: student demographics, credentials attained, alumni survey results, CCIE re-accreditation process update, IEP Solidarity Statement, Assessment results, faculty search, changes at UALR and discussion with collection of feedback from all.

Annual Barbara E Northup Scholarship Fundraiser “Newlywed Game”

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be having this event this year. We hope to have a great program in 2022.

Spring 2021 Graduates

Congratulations to our Spring 2021 graduates! Completing their BA degrees are Scarlett Quick and Colleen Shorrock (OK).

Our pending AS graduates are: Jeffrey Andrews, Jessica Berry, Tammy Bolieau, RaShunda Bowers, Victoria Corley, Brandon Cross, Anna Darr, Jayden Gray, Anakah Hunck, Suzanne Kane, Sara Matus, Veena Sivakumar, and Brook Wejkszner! We look forward to many of the AS graduates continuing with the BA Interpreting program!

The commencement ceremony date has not be determined along with whether it will be held on-site, virtual, or hybrid.

Spring 2021 Student Lab Workers

Thanks to the OSEP grant, the IEP is able to provide two student Lab workers this spring. Both keep the lab open, keep it clean, assist students with equipment and assignments, and provide a safe environment for students to study!

Oksana Durkee returns to us having worked in the Lab in the Fall. She is a senior and will complete her coursework this spring 2021. She will graduate with her BA degree after completion of Internship in Summer or Fall of 2021.
Community News and Updates

UA Little Rock IEP Update … continued

Maria Harley joins us new as a student Lab worker. She completed her ASL courses in ASL Studies in 2019, and will complete her BA coursework this spring 2021. After Internship, summer or fall 2021, Maria will graduate with her BA in Interpreting: ASL/English

Summer 2021

The IEP will offer ASL 1 and ASL 2 this summer. Classes begin May 24 and continue through July 27, 2001. Registration begins March 20, 2021. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:20 AM in Dickinson Hall. For more information, contact Jami Hollingsworth at jjhollingswo@ualr.edu.

Fall 2021

At the present time, the university will be opening the campus for more classes and events. Regular schedules and increased class sizes are permitted. Most likely masks will still be required, but social distancing in classes will not. Of course, many things can change between now and the start of class on August 23, 2021. Stay tuned for updates! Any questions? Contact Dr. Linda Stauffer at lkstauffer@ualr.edu.

Look for more information on the faculty search to replace Dr. Anderson, the results of the Stakeholders Meeting, and much more!

The faculty and staff wish everyone a great spring!
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**Community News and Updates**

**Hello, everyone …**

**ADBC … Elizabeth Cole-Pope**

The Knights of Columbus members had their Lenten Fish Frys on Feb 26 and March 12 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. They were drive through and carry-out only at a cost of $10 a plate. These were held at the regular location of Christ the King Catholic Church Family Life Center at 4000 North Rodney Parham Rd., LR.

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).

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**NW Arkansas News … Priscilla Scanlan**

Northwest Arkansas Association of the Deaf, Inc. and ASL Club of Northwest Arkansas

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

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**UA Little Rock SLK … Aaron Johnson**

The UA Little Rock IEP faculty have decided to waive SLK dues for the Spring semester due to the pandemic!

**COME ON AND JOIN FOR FREE!**

SLK registration form – https://forms.gle/qQ6pJ9fg5Yjwwpis7

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**Arkansas Association of the Deaf …**

Due to COVOD-19, neither AAD nor LRAD hosted any events this past quarter.
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.
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 help 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.
Regular news briefings have returned to the White House under President Biden’s administration, but the faces behind the lectern aren’t the only changes coming to the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room in the West Wing.

An American Sign Language interpreter will now be a regular fixture at all White House news briefings, White House press secretary Jen Psaki announced Monday.

“The president is committed to building an America that is more inclusive, more just and more accessible for every American, including Americans with disabilities and their families,” Psaki said Monday as an interpreter named Rebecca appeared on-screen virtually signing the announcement.

The move marks the first time a presidential administration will have regularly accessible news briefings using ASL, a step that was welcomed by the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

The focus on accessibility contrasts with the Trump administration, which last year was sued by the National Association of the Deaf and other parties for not providing ASL interpreters during the White House briefings related to the coronavirus pandemic, and noted that governors in all 50 states provided ASL interpreters at their coronavirus briefings.

A federal judge later ordered the administration to make the briefings accessible.

For that reason, NAD CEO Howard A. Rosenblum told The Post via email he would give the previous administration a “failing grade” on accessibility, but was encouraged by the changes he’s seen under the new president.

“The Biden-Harris Administration’s willingness to provide ASL interpreters at all press briefings should now be the standard for accessibility going forward for all presidential administrations,” Rosenblum said.
Reminders

Each Fiscal Year is July 1 - June 30

Upcoming new fiscal year 2021-2022

✓ 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 new fiscal year begins 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
## Member Pair Information

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

**Phone Number**  
**Phone Type**  
Text ___  VP ___  Voice ___

**Email Address**  
__________________________________________

**Mailing Address**  
__________________________________________

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

**Phone Number**  
**Phone Type**  
Text ___  VP ___  Voice ___

**Email Address**  
__________________________________________

**Mailing Address**  
__________________________________________

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## Conference Information

**Conference Title**  
__________________________________________

**Host Organization(s)**  
__________________________________________

**Location**  
__________________________________________

**Date(s)**  
__________________________________________
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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.
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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 _____
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.
Robert and Betty Steed Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Cell ______________ Telephone ______________ Email ______________

Signature of the Test Administrator

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

________________________________________________________________________

Location - site, city, state

________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Test Administrator Date

Name of Test Administrator (please print) ________________________________

Please check the Candidate’s Test Category:

RID ✓ NIC □ CDI □

BEI □

EIPA □

QAST □ Level 1-3 □ Level 4-5

Other □ __________ (name and level)
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Annual Membership Application for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Membership Application

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:  
Address: 
City:  State: 
Zip Code:  
Home Phone (V/VP):  
Work Phone:  
Cell Phone/Pager:  
Fax Number:  

**Email address for ARID listserv and member communication**

Type of Membership:

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

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Date payment received:  
Date Dues deposited:  
Database updated:  
Membership card sent:  
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About Our Organization … Incorporated in 1981
ARID is a non-profit organization whose goals are to:
• provide an organizational structure for interpreters/transliteratorators;
• 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/transliteratorators;
• develop liaisons with other disciplines and organizations that interact and interface with the interpreting field.