Editor’s Welcome… Myra Taff-Watson, MA, CSC
Greetings ARIDians …Welcome to the March Spring Edition
Happy Springtime! See the news from our wonderful committees, community updates from UA Little Rock IEP, SLK, ABDC, AAD, NWAD, and news from the NAIE for interpreters in education.

Our first fundraising event for the 2023 Biennial Conference is March 26, 2022 at 10-12 pm at the Park Plaza Mall - MARCHing to the 2023 Biennial Conference.

In this issue also – Meeting dates for the BPC and the DEIC committees, updated Licensure Board Members, Licensure Information, the Licensure qualification levels, and the meeting dates for the 2022 Licensure Advisory Board for Interpreters.

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

Since 1987, Volume 37, Issue 3 is the 147th issue!

Next GMM and Workshop - TBA Live or ZOOM
June 11, 2022 ARID Workshop TBA - 8-11 am & 1-4 pm
June 11, 2022 GM Meeting - 11-1 pm

See Licensure Information page for dates of the quarterly meetings of the 2022 Licensure Advisory Board for Interpreters
Hello ARID,

As we finish up our first quarter into 2022 and begin to enter the spring months, I am reminiscent of growth and change. These past few years have been difficult for everyone, but we have persevered on an individual level, as well as on an organizational level. We have learned we can succeed and thrive in even the most impossible of situations. Now it seems that COVID is finally, and hopefully permanently, taking a turn for the better and socialization is becoming safer and more acceptable. I want to use this change and growth to propel us forward into strengthening our relationships with other local Deaf and Hard of Hearing organizations, as well as the connections within our own National, Regional, and State organizations.

This last quarter on the national level RID held their special elections to fill the vacant positions on the board. The vacant positions were Vice President, Treasurer, Region I Representative, Region III Representative, Region IV Representative, and Region V Representative. All of the positions were filled except for the Region IV Representative. All of the other positions were uncontested.

There was also a resignation from the RID board. The member who filled the position of Deaf Member-at-Large has resigned effective March 1, 2022. There will be another special election held at a later time to fill the two vacant positions of Deaf Member-at-Large and Region IV Representative.

Unfortunately, one of the vacancies affects our organization because ARID is located in Region IV and we still do not have a representative. This means I do not have a direct link to the RID board. Hopefully, this position will be filled soon so I can provide you all with more information from our National Organization.

I have also submitted the annual report to RID. Unfortunately, the ARID board was not receiving emails from the RID board to instruct us on how and when to submit this report that was due in September 2021. We finally received communication from RID and to my surprise, their requirements for the IRS forms required have changed from what we have submitted in the past. This new form was significantly more complex in comparison to the previous form. We as a board voted to hire a CPA to assist me with this form. I recorded the meeting and made a step-by-step list of how to fill out this form to assist the future Treasurer, who will need to fill out this form in the future without having to incur a yearly CPA expense. The annual report was successfully submitted in February 2022.
On the **regional level** in this last quarter, I have submitted the final **updated draft of the LRID reciprocal agreement to the LRID board**. They have received it and will be holding a board meeting within the next few weeks to discuss this agreement and will get back to us soon. I am hoping this is the final draft and we can approve this agreement and develop an MOU. I am looking forward to continuing this relationship with LRID and hopefully partnering with them again in the future for other projects.

On the **state level**, we as ARID are working on **supporting, as well as partnering with other local Deaf and Hard of Hearing organizations**. I am hoping to strengthen our relationships with these organizations by including them more in our events, as well as ARID being more involved/present in their events. This quarter we were offered to **support ASD** by purchasing an advertisement in their 2021-2022 yearbook. The ARID board voted to purchase a **half-page ad in the yearbook** to show our support for the Leopards. We are also invited to participate in a **Round Table event hosted by AAD**. Two representatives from each organization are invited to participate. We are sending **Stephanie Ott our District 1 Member-at-Large and Myself as the President**. This event will take place on **March 12, 2022 from 11:30-4 pm at ASD (canceled last minute due to snow storm)**. I am hoping this will lead to great partnerships with all of these organizations and see how we can all support each other to benefit the community as a whole.

I’m going to remain optimistic that we are on the tail end of this pandemic so we can go back to meeting in person. I hope everyone has a great spring and see you all in the summer on **June 11, 2022 for our next GMM and quarterly workshop!**

Nicholas Winchell, QAST 4/4 | ARID President | president@arkansasrid.org
Hello ARIDians!

I am super excited to be working with the Biennial Planning Committee in planning our next conference. We hit the ground running at the beginning of the year and have had three successful meetings in January, February, and March. If anyone is interested in joining our meetings or being on a committee, come join us for future meetings (see Reminders for dates). We meet every second Saturday of the month on Zoom.

I am happy to announce that we have filled almost all the committee chair positions. Here are the 2023 BPC Committee Chairs:

Program: Clint Brockway  
Program Book: Myra Taff-Watson  
Registration: NeCol Whitehead  
Entertainment: Stephanie Ott  
Hospitality: Rhonda Read  
Professional Development/CEUs: AnnMarie Lott  
Technology: Allyson Caruthers  
Silent Auction: Wes Porter  
Support Staff: Aaron Johnson  
Secretary: Linda Stauffer  
T-Shirts: Allyson Caruthers  

We appreciate these members volunteering their time and look forward to the work they will be doing on the conference. We still have two positions left to fill, Interpreter Coordination and Fundraising, and invite anyone who is interested in stepping into either of these roles to please let me know.

We have some great news. Our first fundraising event for the conference will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Park Plaza Mall in Little Rock from 10 am-12 pm. It’s called “MARCHing to the 2023 Biennial Conference.” The cost to participate is $5.00 which will give you 30 minutes of walking time. Prizes will be awarded to the individual with the most steps. We invite you to come and fellowship with your fellow interpreters, family members, friends, and Deaf community members by participating in a walking challenge while contributing to your health and to the conference fundraiser.

Check out our Facebook page for the video announcement and visit the ARID website to register for the event. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, you can do so on the website as well. We will have another walking challenge fundraising event in Northwest Arkansas in April.

You can keep track of other events we will hold throughout the year by checking the Community Events calendar on the website.

Chrystal Honorable QAST 5/5 | ARID Vice President, Biennial Chair | vicepresident@arkansasrid.org

Vice President Report – Chrystal Honorable

READY. SET. WALK!

MARCHing to the ARID 2023 Biennial Conference

Where: Park Plaza Mall  
6000 W. Markham St., Little Rock  
When: Saturday, March 26th 10AM-12PM  
What: Walking Challenge  
Cost: $5 per person per 30 minutes

Come join your fellow interpreters and community members, contribute to your health, and to the conference fundraiser.

Register online at: https://www.arkansasrid.org/marching/

To donate visit: https://www.arkansasrid.org/marchingdonation/
2023 Biennial Committee Chair Responsibilities

**Program:** work with VP/Chair and the Program Committee in the selection of and contracting with presenters addressing the 2023 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 is included; work with the President for letters from national/state/city officials and letters from national and state organization.

**Registration:** develop registration form; 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.

**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 Support Staff on procedures for the delivery/retaining of equipment in each session.

**Silent Auction:** solicit donations for the Silent Auction; solicit possible Live Auction items; 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.

Chrystal Honorable QAST 5/5 | ARID Vice President, Biennial Chair | vicepresident@arkansasrid.org
Motions at Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings

**Board Motions**

**January 14, 2022**

**BD22.01** Move to hire a tax accountant to help us submit the IRS form 990EZ to satisfy RID's Annual Report requirements not to exceed $200 (Whitehead, Ott) PASSED

**BD22.02** Move that ARID buys a half-page ad in ASD's 2021-2022 yearbook for $50 to show our support for the Leopards (Ott, Honorable) PASSED

**BD22.03** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM (Ott, Honorable) PASSED

**March 4, 2022**

**BD22.04** Move to accept the board meeting minutes for the December 11, 2021 meeting (Honorable, Whitehead) PASSED

**BD22.05** Move to approve the board meeting minutes for the January 14, 2022 meeting (Whitehead, Honorable) PASSED

**BD22.06** Move to adjourn this meeting at 9:28pm. (Honorable) PASSED

**General Membership Motions**

**March 5, 2022**

**GM22.01** Move to accept the General Membership Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2021. (Whitehead, Honorable) PASSED

**GM22.02** Move that ARID increase the Honorarium fees for presenters to $200 per hour effective July 1, 2022. (Taff-Watson, Binko) PASSED

**GM22.03** Move that we increase registration costs rates for ARID workshops to: Member (Early - $75, Late - $85, *Online self-guided recording - $100), Non-member (Early - $105, Late - $115, *Online self-guided recording - $130), Student ($25), and Deaf Community ($15) effective July 1, 2022. *Online option is only available for Workshops held virtually (Taff-Watson, Brockway) PASSED

**GM22.04** Move to adjourn the meeting at 1:01pm (Taff-Watson, Brockway) PASSED

Melina Rivera | ARID Secretary 2021-2023 | secretary@arkansasrid.org
Treasurer Report - NeCol Whitehead

Income and Expense Breakdown Year to Date as of December 31, 2021

Hello, Hello, Hello, Everyone!

Ready or not! Spring is near! As we navigate toward our new normal, it was encouraging to see interpreters come together for yet another……. Zoom workshop! We appreciate everyone who was available to attend.

Paid membership in all categories continues to decline. Workshop attendance has been minimal. Although some of the numbers can be attributed to the pandemic, our records indicate the numbers have been declining for years. I am hopeful with our upcoming membership drive that we will see a substantial increase in all categories. Remember to ask your professional friends and/or co-workers about their ARID membership status!

Balance Sheet Year to Date as of March 7, 2022

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Respectfully submitted by: Dr. NeCol Whitehead QAST 1/1 | ARID 2021-2023 Treasurer | treasurer@arkansas.org
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Respectfully submitted by:
Dr. NeCol Whitehead QAST 1/1 | ARID 2021-2023 Treasurer | treasurer@arkansas.org
MAL 1: Stephanie Ott, MAL 2 Rhonda Read, and MAL 3 Aaron Johnson

Greetings! Some of our upcoming events include a Book Club for “Signs of Survival: A Memoir of the Holocaust,” a powerful story of two young Jewish girls, one Deaf and one Hearing who survived the Holocaust, and Fundraising events in Northwest AR for the 2023 Biennial Conference.

Stephanie Ott, NIC | Member-at-Large District 1 | mal1@arkansas.org

MAL 2:

Hello Friends!!!! I would like to let everyone know that I, as Member-at-Large for District 2, would enjoy the opportunity to gather together and share knowledge and fellowship with each other. If there are any specific ideas for events that the members in District 2 would like to see happen, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! I am here to support each and every one of you in any way possible.

Also, if you are looking for a way to "get your feet wet" and become more involved with ARID, now is the time as planning for the next Biennial Conference has begun. It is fun and a great way to spend time with other members of ARID!!!

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

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

Again, if I can do anything for you do not hesitate to reach out! I am here for the members to pitch ideas to me! I want to know what you are thinking about!

Rhonda Reed, QAST | Member-at-Large District 2 | mal2@arkansas.org

MAL 3:

Hello everyone! Do you remember what it was like being a new interpreter coming into the interpreting field? Let's welcome our new/student interpreters by doing a virtual speed date. This will be a social event. Keep a lookout for it in your email! :)

Aaron Johnson | Member-at-Large District 3 | mal3@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**  
Stephanie Ott, 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**  
Aaron Johnson, MAL3 Rep  
mal3@arkansasrid.org  
**Counties:** Pulaski, Saline, Garland, Hot Spring, Grant, Jefferson, Sevier, Howard, Pike, Clark, Dallas, Cleveland, Lincoln, Desha, Little River, Hempstead, Nevada, Ouachita, Calhoun, Bradley, Drew, Chicot, Ashley, Union, Columbia, Lafayette, Miller.
Committees and Board Liaisons

The 2022 March Spring edition lists the updated Board Liaisons and Committee Chairs for 2021-2023

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 any member on the board to learn more!

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Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee Report ... Linda K. Stauffer

No new updates.

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

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Report ... Clint Brockway

Hello ARIDians!

Your Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee has been hard at work this quarter! We have a lot of promising work going on and plenty of opportunity for involvement as we take on important projects for the organization. I want to first take time here to invite each of you to come and participate in the exciting work we are taking on.

I also want to thank Sebrena Westcott for her dedicated leadership on this committee. Sebrena has led us with purpose, navigated uncertainty, fostered warmth and deeper connections among the committee, and helped us to build a very special place. Sebrena, myself, and the full committee invite you to join us in that place. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 3p-4p, I hope you’ll be able to join us!

In our last meeting we formed three working groups to focus on the distinct tasks we have set for ourselves: the administration of the Ella B. Irby Professional Development Scholarship, the operation of our new mentorship program, and hosting our community engagement event. Let me be clear: we need your participation. We have more work than people, the dedicated members of the committee will take on the work, certainly; but your participation can help us complete the work much quicker and create a better product for having your input. I invite each of you to consider how you could serve your DEIC in one of our working groups.

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

Regards,

Clint Brockway, NIC | Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee | ariddeic@gmail.com

Editorial Committee Report ... Myra Taff-Watson

Spring Newsletter: The March 2022 Spring edition contains GMM and workshop photos, as well as news from the community at large. The Mar. 5, 2022 GM meeting and workshop were virtual via ZOOM. The Membership Form and the Organizational Membership Form are included for fiscal year 2021-2022.

This is the last issue that will have the 2021 Biennial Conference Ads and Sponsors.

Other Editorial: The Editor continues to review and/or edit printed materials from the ARID Board and/or members, as well as any information that serves the ARID membership, such as flyers, workshop announcements, and/or any other electronic and printed distributions in 2022. 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.

Next Deadline is: June 1, 2022 Deadline for the 2022 June Summer edition

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

I am excited to start serving you all as your Program Committee Chair! The March workshop is the first one that I have coordinated, so I have no previous business on which to report. I want to thank Daisy DiLlpe for her previous leadership in this role and to thank our March presenter, David Evans, for sharing his expertise with us.

I’ll be sending out a survey to gather your preferences for upcoming workshops so look for that! The input received on this survey will be used to book our next several workshops, make sure your preferences are counted and fill out the survey!

Our June workshop will be held on Saturday June 11, 2022. Once the survey is completed, look for more information about content and presenter in the coming weeks. I look forward to seeing you all there! Regards,

Clint Brockway NIC | Chair, Program Committee | aridprogram@gmail.com
Scholarship Committee Report … Myra Taff-Watson

Greetings, ARIDians … Welcome Springtime!!

To date, twenty (20) awards were funded for RID, BEI, QAST and other interpreter tests, as well as several requests for information.

**Be an ARID member in any category last year and this year, and you qualify for a scholarship!**

Please take advantage of 1) **The Robert and Betty Steed Scholarship Fund** - funding for your interpreting credentials tests and 2) **The Ella Irby Professional Development Scholarship Fund** - funding for any 2 ARID members as a pair to attend a national or regional BIPOC conference.

**Don’t be shy – Just apply! You can be funded multiple times for testing!**

Both application forms are in this issue and on the ARID website.

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

Sunshine Committee Report … Taylor Johnson

No updates this quarter. Please send newsworthy Sunshine information to ARID at sunshine@gmail.com or contact Taylor Johnson (501.749.9393 v/text). Thank you all again!

Taylor Johnson, NIC | Chair, Sunshine Committee | sunshine@gmail.com

Technology Committee Report … Allyson Caruthers

**Happy Spring everyone!**

I wanted to let you all know that the ARID Technology Committee has a few new changes. Please read the following to see the new changes.

This year I want to make the ARID event calendar bigger and better, but I need your help. If you know of anything you think the interpreting community would like to know about, please fill out a calendar event request on the website, and we will try our best to get it on the calendar. [https://www.arkansasrid.org/events-calendar/](https://www.arkansasrid.org/events-calendar/)

I want to welcome Dallin Myers to the Technology Committee! Dallin is a student in the Interpreter Education Program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He has joined the committee to assist me in the everyday running of the technology world. His current priority will be running the social media page. I will still be the Technology Chair with Dallin as a member of the committee. I am excited to see where this journey goes with Dallin on the team. If you have any questions or concerns about this addition please let me know.

The ARID Technology committee has a new email address for correspondence. The @gmail account aridtechnology@gmail.com will still be read during this calendar year, but not after that. Please save technology@arkansasrid.org as the primary contact for all things ARID Technology from now on.

ARID now has a Google Voice number for you to call or text if you have any problems with the website! 501-500-3173

As always please be patient with us as we work on getting the ARID Membership Portal up to our liking. Nick and I are working as hard as we can on this huge project. If you have any questions please let me know.

Allyson Caruthers, QAST 2/2 | Chair, Technology Committee | technology@arkansasrid.org
Wedding Bells
To all
Interpreting Community and Deaf Community friends and families who were wed in January, February, March

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

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

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

Please see the Sunshine Committee Report for more details.
Congratulations to QAST Interpreters
Transliterating listed 1st, Interpreting listed 2nd
With permission, interpreters are listed below

Allyson Caruthers 2/2
Jamie Lane-Ross 5/4
Cora Majan 3/2
Tim Matzen 4/4
Rhonda Read 1/1

Congratulations to Jamie Lane-Ross and Vikki Mistic for being the first two (2) people to submit all 10 CEUs for 2022!

QAST News … Cheryl Seymore

Congratulations to all of you who’ve received a level!

The QAST committee is considering bringing back Live Panels! We hope to provide the Live Panel option along with the current Video option within the next few months! Feel free to contact us for more information (501-686-2800).

When it comes to ARS QAST testing, CEU’s and licensure I know that things can get confusing. Some people think that ARS is responsible for it all. To clear up some of your confusion, I have this nifty chart on the next page to help you through the process. Remember, ARS provides QAST testing, and to maintain your level, send us your CEU’s.

Your license comes from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) which is a completely different state agency. Please contact Beverly Wade at 501-280-4061 for any licensure questions you may have. Thanks!

If you are interested in QAST testing, please email me at Cheryl.seymore@arkansas.gov or give me a call. 501.686.9683.
Process from ARS QAST Level to ADH License

Once you receive a QAST Card

Make a Copy

Your CURRENT card and CEU Certificate that you receive from ARS proves that you have completed your QAST CEU’s.

Send to

Arkansas Department of Health

QAST TESTING and send us your CEU’s!

To receive your license

You miss a step if you send your CEU’s to the Health Department instead of ARS. They DO NOT want a copy of your CEU’s unless you ONLY have an EIPA. Make a copy of your CURRENT QAST card and CEU Certificate and send it with your application and fees. It’s THAT EASY!
Mar. 5, 2022 Board Member Reports

President: Nicholas Winchell
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Treasurer: NeCol Whitehead
MAL 1: Stephanie Ott
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Mar. 5, 2022 Committee Chair Reports

DEI Committee: Clint Brockway
Editorial Committee: Myra Taff-Watson
Membership Committee: Alecia Newport
Program Committee: Clint Brockway
Scholarship Committee: Myra Taff-Watson
Technology Committee: Allyson Caruthers

New Business

I. Clint Brockway (Program)
   ○ Workshop/Honorarium Pricing

Committee Reports

Members in attendance - 17

See the Secretary Report for Board and GMM Motions
Alcoholism is a fatal disease, killing Deaf people because they don’t have access to the way out presented in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and literature. What is the difference between “alcoholism” and “heavy drinking” (what might be called alcohol abuse)? The general public and even the treatment community confuse the two frequently. This distinction is of utmost importance when interpreting in AA.

Following a skit to introduce AA’s beginnings and key figures, we will use the book Alcoholics Anonymous (fondly known as the “Big Book”) as our guide to explore what alcoholism is and how it affects alcoholics. Along the way we will encounter concepts such as spiritual malady, physical allergy, phenomenon of craving, mental obsession, powerlessness, and a power greater than ourselves. In studying Steps 1, 2, and 3 (both enumerated form and actual directions in the Big Book), we will examine concepts such as admitting powerlessness & unmanageability, and coming to believe in a Power greater than ourselves. The “ABCs of AA” are found on page 60 (in chapter 5, “How It Works”) and summarize the chapter called “The Doctor’s Opinion,” as well as the first four chapters of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

After taking this course, participants will be able to...
- List two key figures and two important events in AA’s history
- Describe the three components of alcoholism
- Differentiate between alcoholism and alcohol abuse
- Explain the ideas of spiritual malady, physical allergy, phenomenon of craving, mental obsession, powerlessness, and a Power greater than oneself

Why is an alcoholic powerless over drinking, and how did AA come about to provide a way out? Sign up today to find out!

Date and time
Saturday, March 5, 2022
8:00-11:00 am & 1:00-4:00 pm CT
via Zoom

Continuing education
0.6 CEUs in Professional Studies

Audience
Deaf, hearing, and Deaf-parented/coda interpreters and interpreting students working in or interested in AA, as well as Deaf people curious about AA or who have a desire to stop drinking

Presentation language
ASL with no Spoken English interpretation

Presenter (clickable link)
David N. Evans photo & bio

Registration (clickable link)
arkansasaaid.org/workshop/

For more information (clickable link)
Clint Brockway,
aridprogram@gmail.com

David Evans and Participants at the Workshop
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The Interpreters of Color (IOC) have been busy showing up representing whenever we can! A 2021 annual report from the Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf reported that our industry has made little progress in diversifying. These disparities are seen in race and gender. We are happy that ARID continues to support IOC. Our group continues to work toward each member becoming nationally certified. We want to take this time to acknowledge the accomplishments of our group members.

Congratulations to the following members!

Chrystal Honorable | QAST 5/5
Interpreters of Color ... continued

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<td>Bea Hogan</td>
<td>Preceptor in the Randleman Program at Rochester Institute of Technology and is also a member of the Diversity Outreach Committee</td>
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<td>Erika Trammell</td>
<td>Passed her Special Education Certification test in February 2022. Received Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teaching Certification in 2021</td>
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<td>NeCol Whitehead, Ph.D.</td>
<td>Promoted to Deputy Director of Sources for Community Independent Living in Northwest Arkansas</td>
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<td>Tiffany McCray</td>
<td>Accepted into the ASL Linguistic Doctoral Program at Gallaudet University and will begin that journey this summer</td>
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In honor of Black History, last month, I want to take the time to honor the Black pioneers, inventors, and innovators who made contributions. They have made significant impacts in the United States and around the world. These men and women endured unimaginable hardships, relentless conditions, and discriminatory barriers that were meant to prevent them from becoming successful. Despite the innumerable challenges each one faced, they persevered and were able to accomplish great feats. Some were able to claim the rights to their inventions and patent them and others were not, nevertheless, our lives have been made better by them. We want to honor those who have made contributions in science, the arts, sports, medicine, education, politics, and military service. There are many other areas that pushed the needle forward not only for Black culture, but also American culture.

Many inventions were created to meet specific needs of marginalized communities. Henry A. Baker was the third African American to enter the United States Naval Academy. He worked in the U.S. Patent Office in 1902 and helped to compile lists to highlight a list of Black inventors. These lists were helped to create several publications, The Negro as an Inventor (1902), and The Colored Inventor: A Record of Fifty Years (1913). Here are just a few names and the inventions that showcase their contributions to society:

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Other great individuals that helped to modernize the way we live our lives include Marie V.B. Brown and Albert Brown. They invented the home security system utilizing television and surveillance and received the patent on Dec. 2, 1969. Frederick M. Jones has patented over 60 inventions, of which 40 are held in the field of refrigeration. His invention of the refrigerated unit for trucks revolutionized how food, blood, and other perishable items are transported.
We stand on the shoulders of people who have achieved great things. Those who have forged a path for us to follow so we can go further and reach higher. We thank them for their hard work, their dedication to their fields and the legacy they left behind. It has been said that “history is written by the victors.” The bottom line is history is not grounded in facts; it is merely the victors’ narrative that prevails.

We have come to learn that parts of history have been twisted into stories favoring the privileged. History books have intentionally underrepresented people of color responsible for influencing the world. It denied them the ability to be recognized for their work and seen by the world. Their blood, sweat, tears, and hard work are woven into the fabric of this country. We will continue to uncover the stories that have been hidden. We will use that knowledge to shine a light on the secrets that can help to heal the dark and complex history of this country. We stand up and demand a more equitable and inclusive historical narrative. They were and WE ARE Americans and therefore we are a part of American history.

Chrystal Honorable | QAST 5/5

You are invited to the ADBC Spaghetti Fundraiser and Cake Walk.
Proceeds support the ADBC Retreat!
Hello everyone! Hope everyone has had a safe and productive holiday season and survived the ice of February!

The Spring 2022 semester is half over! We are having a very busy semester! Recently the mask policy was changed from “required” to “recommended, but not required!” Another step towards the new normal! Everyone is grateful for this and hope it continues.

IEP Newsletter Launched

The Interpreter Education Program decided to create a program newsletter for students, stakeholders, and the community to keep people more up to date on our activities. A big THANK YOU to Meagan Beaty for taking on this task! Many of you may have already received it! Our next issue is planned for April with additional newsletters each year in July and October. Please let us know what you think!

New IEP Logos

The program has new logos! Look for them on all our future communications!

Kudos to Meagan Beaty, Jaime and Armondo Bilancione - Hamilton

Yeah! for our own faculty member, Meagan Beaty, and her interpreting partners, Jaime and Armondo Bilancione, for a fabulously interpreted performance of Hamilton during its recent production run at Robinson auditorium!

Student Benchmark Testing

The junior and senior students are preparing to take their QAST screening this April 2022. The program will hold a “mock” QAST for upper-level students prior to testing and the juniors will tour ARS in early April. Also, during April, the ASL IV students will take the Sign Language Performance Interview (SLPI). Seniors will be taking the written EIPA test prior to Internship!
2022 IEP Stakeholders Meeting

The IEP’s 2022 Stakeholders Meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Invitations will be going out shortly but please save the date! Let me know if you want to attend.

Barbara E. Northup Scholarship Fundraising Event

We are putting the FUN back in FUNdraising and resuming the Barbara E. Northup Scholarship event for 2022! The Service-Learning class is working hard on plans including this years Newlywed Game theme, couples, decorations, food (covid friendly), and prizes! The date is Friday, April 22, 2022 and will again be held at the First Pentecostal Church in North Little Rock. Look for more information to come!

Spring 2022 Graduates

We are anticipating 11 students graduating with their A.S. degree in ASL Studies in May! Look for the names of our graduates in the June ARIDian News & Views! There are no students in Internship this semester, but there will be six seniors completing their coursework and completing the Internship experience either summer or fall 2022. These students will graduate in December 2022 with their B.A. degree in Interpretation: ASL/English.

Program Changes

ASL Curriculum. As announced previously, the IEP is changing from the VISTA Signing Naturally ASL curriculum to the ASL Tru+Way curriculum for ASL 1-5. Currently, we are teaching the new curriculum in all ASL 1 and ASL 2 classes. Beginning Fall 2022, we will add ASL 3 classes as well.

Ethical Systems and Practices. This Spring we are teaching Ethical Systems & Practices class to the juniors for the first time. We have moved this course back from the fall of the senior year to the spring of the junior year. The goal is to better prepare our students with the ethical portion of the QAST, and to make sure they have a strong ethical foundation while beginning the skills classes, and prior to their obtaining a QAST level.

New IEP Faculty Search to be Conducted

Dr. Linda Stauffer will be retiring on June 30, 2022. A search for a new full-time faculty member/program coordinator is in process. Advertisements for the position will be going out shortly. Requirements include a Ph.D. (or ABD), interpreting certification (CDI preferred), and teaching experience. There will be a national search and BIPOC are enthusiastically encouraged to apply! The position will begin no later than August 15, 2022.

We hope you have a wonderful Spring break and we’ll be back in the June issue of the ARIDian News & Views.
Deaf Community Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022
performed by:
WINDELL "WINK" SMITH, JR.

(Workshop)
Depiction in Interpreting, How and When?

Date: 04/02/2022, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Workshop Fee: Free

(ASL Comedy Show)
S.E.E. Me Fail

Date: 04/02/2022, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Enter Fee: Free

**Masks will be required for these events**

Click Here to sign up and reserve your spot!

For more information or questions, contact Priscilla Scanlan:
VP: 479-439-8316, Cell: 479-802-3906 (text only)
or by e-mail at pscanlan@arsources.org

brought to you by:

NW Arkansas News … Priscilla Scanlan
Northwest Arkansas Association of the Deaf, Inc. and ASL Club of Northwest Arkansas

ARID is an approved sponsor for Continuing Education Activities under the CMP and ACET. Depiction in Interpreting, How and When? is offered for a total of .3 CEUs in Professional Studies with a Content Knowledge Level of Beginner to Advanced. Target audience is certified and pre-certified interpreters. OAST level interpreters may earn 3 hours CEU training.

Free Event!
Location: Arkansas Union, University of Arkansas 435 Garland Ave; Fayetteville, AR 72701
ADBC ... Elizabeth Cole-Pope & Carel Dunaway

- March Social - March 19th, 2022 from 11am-3pm @ Deer Creek Fire and Stone Restaurant in Cabot
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - (2022 Dates) March 11th, April 1st, April 8th from 5pm-7pm @ Christ the King Catholic Church Family Fellowship Hall
- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - April 23rd, 2022 from 12-3 pm @ ASD Breeding Cafeteria
- Greek Food Festival - October 21-22, 2022

✔ Renew Membership Dues for Jan 2022 - Dec 2023 (2 Year Membership)
Contact/send application to Carel Dunaway (583 Lake Ridge Dr., Russellville, AR 72802)  

Do you know someone with both a hearing and vision loss? Are they struggling to become independent? Have they had vision or hearing before and it has become worse? Are they having difficulties completing tasks such as cooking, cleaning, organizing or identifying things such as money, clothing or medication, reading mail, communicating or engaging in social activities?

Jeri’s House is a temporary residential facility where individuals who have both a hearing and vision loss can come live, learn, be encouraged and empowered to reach their unique potential of independence!

Please check out our website www.jerishouse.org for more information. Follow us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/jerishouse
Please contact us with any questions or concerns you might have at any of the following:
Email: info@jerishouse.org
Office: 918-619-6610
Text/voice: 918-200-6550

Spread the Word! Thank you!

Jeri Cooper, CEO/Founder
Jeri’s House, Inc.
‘Empowering DeafBlind Individuals To Reach Their Highest Potential’
www.jerishouse.org
Voice/Text: 918-200-6550

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).
Greetings from SLK!

We are finally getting the ball rolling and hitting the ground running, and all those other expressions that mean "IT'S ALL HAPPENING!" We couldn't be more excited to finally be with the students in the IEP program and the Deaf community of Central Arkansas. So far, we have had a wonderful bowling outing, as well as our first Silent Dinner in years! (See pictures below.) We're looking forward to new and exciting ways to engage everyone in learning and practicing ASL, and hope to see you all join us very soon. Keep an eye on our social media (UALR Sign Language Klub on Facebook and @ualrslk on Instagram) for the latest information.

Upcoming events:
- Fri 3/18: Silent Lunch @ UALR Cafeteria 11 am-1 pm
- Wed 3/30: General Membership Meeting @ DKSN 501 12 pm
- Fri 4/1: Deaf Community Starbucks Social @ Starbucks at Kanis & Shackleford 6 pm
- Fri 4/8: Silent Dinner @ Genghis Grill on Chenal 6:30 pm
- Thurs 4/14: "Terp N Converse" Meet Community Interpreters in a casual and fun way. Bring your questions related to the industry and we will have working professional interpreters help give you answers. Get your face out there and make connections!@ Zoom 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- Wed 4/27: General Membership Meeting @ DKSN 501 12 pm
- Fri 4/29: Silent Lunch @ UALR Cafeteria 11 am-1 pm
- Tues 5/3: Dead Day Party @ TBA

A third Silent Dinner event is in the works, check our social media for details!

SLK Officers for 2021-2022
President: Hayden Smith
Vice President: Cali Rios
Secretary: Jayden Grey
Treasurer: Suzanne Kane
Editor: Dallin Myers
AAD Officers for 2021-2023

President: Kitsonia Hancock
Vice President: LaHollis Hill
Secretary: Brenda Chappel
Treasurer: Tricia Tighe
Event & Convention Chair: Sonja Creed

LRBDA News … Pamela Baldwin

Little Rock Black Deaf Advocates c/o Arkansas Association of the Deaf
P.O. Box 55063, Little Rock, AR 72223
Contact Person/Liaison Chapter #13: Glenn Anderson
Established 1991

Results of Elections of New Officers for LRBDA 2022-2024 – March 5, 2022

President: LaHollis Hill
Vice President: Kitsonia Jones
Secretary: Glenn Anderson
Treasurer: Karen Anderson

Upcoming Event: May 28, 2022 - Madison School Reunion at ASD Tornado Shelter

Visit our Facebook page – Little Rock Black Deaf Advocates
ASD Alumni Finds Success on Football Field

Playing football as a deaf student-athlete isn’t easy, but with determination and the help of a translator at games and practices, Robinson defies the odds.

Henderson State redshirt sophomore defensive lineman Shaq’ke Robinson is deaf, but he’s making a lot of noise on the football field.

Robinson started his football career at the Arkansas School of the Deaf (ASD) but played at Jacksonville High School his senior year, as ASD didn’t have enough players his final high school season. Robinson was inspired by his brother to start football, where he fell in love with it in middle school.

The redshirt sophomore also has advice for anyone who wants to play sports, despite facing adversity. “With the negative stuff, you have to just ignore it. You’ve got a job to do. Take care of that and ignore the rest.”

Go to the link below for the full article on THV11.

https://www.thv11.com/article/sports/football/deaf-henderson-state-football-player-defying-the-odds/91-cc5139ad-a7f8-46ed-8544-a78a45876d5d

Link to the full 11-page newsletter:
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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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

NAIE – The National Association of interpreters in Education

Board Minutes

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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

2022 Public Meetings
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.

Zoom links will be sent to the ARID listserv prior to each meeting date

Friday, May 6, 2022 from 2-4pm
Friday, August 5, 2022 from 2-4pm
Friday, November 4, 2022 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

New Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is now!

 ✓ 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!

ANNOUNCEMENT

OUR MEMBER PORTAL IS NOW AVAILABLE!

If you are an ARID member you should have gotten an email with a username and a link to change your password.

Remember -
The new 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
Reminders

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEIC)

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- Saturdays from 3pm - 4pm
  - March 19th, 2022
  - April 23rd, 2022
  - June 18th, 2022
- Saturday 12pm - 1pm
  - May 14th, 2022

All DEIC and BPC meetings are on Zoom

**2023 Biennial Planning Committee (BPC)**

- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11*
- July 9
- Aug 13
- Sept 10*
- Oct 8
- Nov 12
- Dec 10

**Meeting Dates**

- Jan. 15, 2022
- Feb. 12, 2022
- Mar. 12, 2022

* denotes virtual meeting
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: ARID will award a total package of up to $4,000, which is to be used by the selected recipients to fund their travel, accommodations, and registration 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
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Text ___ VP ___ Voice ___

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Name of Second Applicant
(2+ years of membership) 

Phone Number
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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?

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**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.
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)

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Approved 6-12-21
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, 34(1) September 2018 Fall issue. In 2020, the ARID membership approved adding Betty Steed, who passed away Jan. 14, 2020, to the title at the 3/7/20 GM Meeting, and printed starting with the ARIDian News & Views, 35(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.

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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.

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:

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Application Form
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Name ___________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

Cell ___________________________ Telephone ________________________ Email _______________________

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

__________________________________________________________________________

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

None ☐
RID ☐ _______
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:

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Advocacy, Support & Training Program (ASTra)
The ASTra program strives to create an understanding of the basic components of educational advocacy for children who are D/HH so that parents / guardians are better equipped to advocate for their children. ASTra Advocates have been trained as lay advocates to provide advocacy resources, support, and assistance with IEP preparation to parents as well as educational advocacy training for parents and professionals.

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**Annual Membership Application for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year**

**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

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### 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.

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

| Type of Membership: |
| Year first joined ARID: |

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

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**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.

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### Payment Method:

- [ ] Check
- [ ] Money Order

**Payment Information**

Voting ($35)/Associate ($25)/Student ($15)/Organizational ($100) Total Enclosed $__________

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- Date payment received: _____________
- Date Dues deposited: _____________
- Database updated: _____________
- Membership card sent: _____________

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

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