

**AACO Annual Conference
Clerk's Affiliate Meeting
Arizona County Clerks Association (ACCA)
Arizona Golf Resort, Broadway & Power Roads, Mesa, Arizona
December 2, 1998**

Present: Judy Jones (ACCA President) & Sandal Richards – Navajo
Melinda Meeks – Santa Cruz
Donna Hale – La Paz
Fran McCarroll (ACCA Vice President) – Maricopa
Steve Peru – Coconino
Sheri Cluff (ACCA Treasurer) – Pinal
Nina Morris – Apache
Marian Shepherd & Teresa Ortega – Gila
Stan Besich & John Trujillo (Guests) – Gila
Terry Cooper – Graham

Judy Jones, ACCA President, welcomed the members and guests. She announced that Nadine Parkhurst (Cochise) is recovering from surgery. The Clerk's Association sent flowers. Ms. Parkhurst's e-mail address is odetteb@C2i2.com.

Treasurer's Report: Sheri Cluff reported that after the deposits on the cabins for next summer the treasury now stands at \$2,266.86. The notices regarding dues for calendar year 1999 will be sent during December 1998, with a due date of January 1999.

Legislative Agenda: The legislative committee reviewed the drafts of the bills which ACCA may want to introduce in this legislative session, especially the bill regarding publication of minutes (ARS 11-217). Bev Staddon (Yavapai) had submitted a letter which outlined several points which should be considered regarding the timing of approaching the legislature. Her points and other suggestions included:

1. possibility of cultivating support from other organizations like:
 - a) the Arizona Tax Research Association
 - b) County Supervisors Association (CSA)
 - c) County Managers Association
2. possibility of a direct approach to the Arizona Newspaper Association to see if we can reach some agreement with them on this legislation.
3. having ACCA find a sponsor for our legislation and not going through another organization.
4. waiting one year to allow all counties to finish projects involving connecting to the internet, and having Clerk's place minutes on their own home page.

The consensus was that we should wait one year to introduce the minutes legislation.

Further discussion on the remaining suggested bills included a suggestion that ACCA move ahead with the two pieces that were simply housekeeping. After discussion it was determined that ACCA will wait on all legislation this year and run a complete package next year.

The following actions should be accomplished before the next legislative session:

1. Critique the language in the proposals (to be done at Winter Retreat)
2. Meet with Kevin McCarthy of the Arizona Taxpayers Association
3. Arrange a meeting with the Newspaper Association.
4. Inform and gain support from each BOS and County Manager.
5. Register ACCA as lobbyist organization
6. All counties should be "on-line" and have minutes "on-line"
7. Be sure that cities and town are informed to see if there is opposition.

Two other pieces of proposed legislative changes are ARS 39-204 (Publication of Notice, Time and Place) and ARS 23-962 (Insurance by Government Units). Bev Staddon will package these two with a cover sheet in order that each Clerk may submit and review with their County Manager. This also should be ready by the Winter Retreat.

ACCA Winter Retreat

The decision was to hold the retreat on February 4-6. Bev Staddon had volunteered to make the arrangements in Prescott.

Roundtable Discussion

There was some discussion on the most appropriate alignment of ACCA – with CSA or the County Manager Association. We will discuss this further at the Winter Retreat. Currently, Rob Stokes (Greenlee) is the President of the County Manager Association.

A short discussion on a "send flowers" policy ended with the suggestion that the ACCA president be given discretion on this issue. The president will be reimbursed from the ACCA treasury, or will direct the treasurer to send flowers with payment directly from the treasury.