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WHAT'S NEXT?

Newly elected and outgoing officers will gather for a transition meeting on December 2nd. It is a closed meeting for the Board only to begin learning their new duties for the upcoming year and for initial planning discussions for the 2023 Conference. We will also be evaluating location options for future conferences.

Mark your calendars now for the 2023 conference April 26th through the 28th at the Prescott Resort Conference Center.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As 2022 draws to a close, we begin to look forward to 2023 and the excitement of what the new year will bring! We have elected our officers for 2023 and will now begin planning for next year's conference. It has been a true pleasure to serve as your Board President for 2022 and I thank you for the support you have given to our Association over the years. Stay safe and healthy as we celebrate the holidays and the new year!

Danny Arreola
Arizona Courts Association
2022 President

BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

Although the Annual Business meeting was held in October, elections were tabled until a special meeting in November. At that meeting, Raquel Garcia was elected as President-Elect, with Rodney Cooper moving to President, and Daniel Arreola moving to Immediate Past President for 2023. We currently have openings on the Board that we would like to fill immediately. If you are interested, please email our current President, Danny Arreola, at Danny.Arreola@JBAZMC.Maricopa.Gov.

COURTS NEWS:

The Arizona Supreme Court recently announced a partnership with Arizona State University for a first of its kind in the nation, Center for Forensic Science and Psychology. Its intent is to help deliver streamlined research in forensics and mental health, to put into practice in Arizona Courts. Read more about it here: [News Release - Arizona Supreme Court's Center for Forensic Science and Psychology Announced with Info Sheet.pdf \(azcourts.gov\)](#)

"The first qualification for success in my view is a strong work ethic." ~Henry Ford II

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MEMBERSHIP:

Don't forget to register for 2023! Get your membership now so you are ready when the conference registration begins and can take advantage of the discounted rates. Please visit our website at: [The Arizona Courts Association \(ACA\)Membership - The Arizona Courts Association \(ACA\)](#) to fill out your form and submit your payment through nCourt or by mail. Membership gives you exclusive access to the ACA Post, as well as discounts on registration for our conference.

FEATURED COURT: PINAL COUNTY

Pinal County was founded in 1875 from portions of Pima and Maricopa County and is now the third most populous county in the state of Arizona. According to the 2020 Census, the population of Pinal County was over 425,000, with many of those residents living in Casa Grande, Maricopa, Apache Junction, and the unincorporated San Tan Valley (Queen Creek) areas. There are several highways and interstates that cross through Pinal County, along with several national monuments, most notably the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Coolidge.

The county seat lies in the town of Florence, which has nearly 27,000 residents and numerous buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the home to County Thunder and the oldest junior rodeo in the United States. All the county's Superior Courthouses have been located in Florence, with the current building being the fourth and most modern courthouse to date. Easily seen from the Pinal County Courthouse upper floors is the pyramid tomb of Charles Poston, known as the "Father of Arizona".

"Saying no to something is actually much more powerful than saying yes."

—Tom Hanks

MEETING DATES:

Our meetings are open to the public, and we highly encourage attendance from our members. Meeting dates and locations for 2023 will be determined at our Transition meeting and will be posted on our website, or you can contact a board member directly for further information if you wish to attend.

OUR NEWSLETTER:

Our newsletter is intended to supplement the information that we provide to members. We are always looking for good things happening in Arizona Courts! If you would like to contribute information or celebrate an achievement with us, please contact Kristie Wooley at krwooley@courts.az.gov. We would love to highlight different courts and honor staff throughout the state!



ARTICLES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARIZONA:

Coconino County talks about statewide probation staffing concerns and how shortages create caseload sizes that are not sustainable and lead to officer burnout. Economic pressures and cost of living are cited as specific challenges in filling positions with limited funding available. Read more here: [Arizona faces a probation staffing crisis. Here's what that means in Coconino County \(azdailysun.com\)](#)

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recently approved the remodel of the Central Courts 11th floor and renovations of the Maricopa County Downtown Court Plaza. The contracts were approved by the Board in November at an estimated total cost of \$14.4 million. Read more about the work they plan to do: [County Board of Supervisors approves court renovations, remodel | The Daily Independent at YourValley.net](#)

The Phoenix Suns basketball team recently changed their home uniforms to honor our Tribal Nations, consisting of 22 indigenous communities in Arizona. The base color of the uniforms is turquoise and the design reflects culturally relevant details. The uniforms will be worn for ten home games, along with seven designated road games. [Phoenix Suns unveil turquoise 'City Edition' jerseys honoring Tribal Nations \(arizonasports.com\)](#)

The city of Phoenix gained a couple of new residents, although no one seems to know where they came from. In mid-November two metal dinosaur structures appeared near 9th Avenue and Jackson, in a part of the city known as “The Zone,” an area where the homeless population has congregated. Nearby construction workers noticed the art installation, but were not sure who installed them or why. Homeless campers have been upset by the structures, as they say the dinosaurs have taken up valuable sidewalk space. The city indicates that the property owners have been contacted and advised that the structures need to be removed from the public right of way. [Dinosaur sculptures near 'The Zone' homeless encampment not authorized, Phoenix city officials say \(fox10phoenix.com\)](#)

The Arizona Department of Transportation reached out earlier in the year with a competition to name the new snowplows that will go into use as we move into the winter months. There were almost 5000 names submitted, which were narrowed down to just 15. There were nearly 7000 votes that determined the three winning names: Alice Scooper (which will be assigned to the Flagstaff area), Frost Responder (which will be assigned to Page), and Snowguaro (which will be assigned to Superior). [ADOT reveals winners of Name-A-Snowplow contest \(fox10phoenix.com\)](#)

One more for the road- 29 Reasons Why We're Thankful to live in Arizona: [29 reasons we're thankful to live in Arizona: Route 66, pizza, wine \(azcentral.com\)](#)



From our families to yours- we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. Wishing you all the best and we look forward to seeing you in 2023!