



# Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2018

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors are back to work after the summer break. We hope that everyone enjoyed their summer and had safe and fun summer whether traveling or just staying at home.

As we begin to bring more Webinars to the platform, please see the upcoming events we have scheduled. These are excellent opportunities to obtain new skills, discuss cutting-edge issues and keep abreast of what is happening in the expanding field of conflict resolution. There are many other ACR Chapters that are not as fortunate as AACR to have these Webinars. Therefore, we have welcomed those Chapters to our Webinars.

The Program Committee works extremely hard to put these Webinars together and members and non-members all over should take full advantage of these fantastic opportunities.



*Sprouts and Estrella Mountain Community College Proud Sponsors of the 2018 Youth Conference*

### Our Vision

The Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution is a membership organization promoting conflict resolution choices and education in Arizona. We connect those in conflict with providers, and connect providers with high-quality professional development..

### Plans for the Year

September 20, 2018—Social Event at Thirsty Lion in Scottsdale. –Cancelled

October 3, 2018—ACR Annual Conference in Pittsburg, PA.

October 18, 2018—WEBINAR: History of Conflict Resolution Day with Sharon Press.

November 3, 2018—AACR General Meeting.

November 13, 2018—Youth Conference at Estrella Mountain College.

December 5, 2018—WEBINAR:

January 24, 2018—WEBINAR: Credentialing in Mediation.

February TBA, 2019—AACR Social Event at Thirsty Lion in Scottsdale.

March 21, 2019—WEBINAR:

April 24, 2019—WEBINAR:

May 11, 2019—AACR General Meeting

## The 21st Annual 2018 AACR Youth Conference

Each year, AACR hosts the Peer Mediation Conference at no charge to the students or their program coordinators. AACR members and other interested mediators volunteer their time, talent and experience to provide a mini-training to these student mediators. Training materials are provided to all students, coordinators and trainers. The 5-hour conference begins at 8:30 am with registration and continental breakfast, followed by an opening plenary session, then small, break-out training groups mixing students from all the schools for 2 ½ hours, ending with lunch together. By 1:30, everyone is exhausted, exhilarated and looking forward to coming next year for more.

Would you like to be a part of the conference as a volunteer trainer? We would love to have you participate. You will find it to be a rewarding experience to work with exceptional teenagers.

AACR proudly looks forward to hosting the 21st annual Peer Mediation Conference on November 13, 2018 at the Estrella Mountain Community College.

AACR is looking for financial assistance yearly to continue to make this worthwhile youth program a success.

This year we proudly acknowledge our 2018 partnership sponsors of the 21st Annual Youth Conference and Diann Wilson the YC Chairperson.

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## NATIONAL NEWS/UPDATES

Proposed Changes For ACR Chapters:

### Proposal #1:

All elections and changing of officers should happen at the same time for all chapters. Each term should begin in January regardless of when the election.

### Proposal #2:

The Chapter President, Secretary, and Treasurer should last for two consecutive years. The President-Elect serves one year before taking office as President.

### Proposal #3:

After serving a two year term, a chapter president should be able to run for a second 2-year term. Caveat: *A special election may be held after serving one year.*

### Proposal #4:

Compliance to requirements must be followed according to the chapter guidelines provided in the By- Laws and Chapter Responsibilities.

## Welcome New & Renewal Members

We would like to welcome our new members to AACR. We are excited to have you as part of our membership. Membership is a lifelong journey and we look forward to helping you start yours. As a member of AACR you will enjoy many unique benefits.

For those members whom have renewed their membership, thank you for your continued support of AACR.

Please attend our upcoming General Meeting so we can explain these benefits and how you can get involved.



Photo Courtesy of the 20th Annual AACR Youth Conference at Estrella Mountain Community College.