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**Interpreter Funding Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2003
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Superior Court in Maricopa County
Southeast Juvenile Facility
1820 South Lewis Drive
Mesa, AZ**

Members Present:

Judge Silvia Arellano
Judge Louraine Arkfeld
Judge Margarita Bernal, by telephone
Jayson Meline
Donna Whitman, by telephone
Marian Yim, by telephone

Members Present:

Katherine Barrett
Judge Francisca Cota

Staff:

Ted Wilson, AOC
Karen Kretschman, AOC

- I. Welcome and Introductions. Judge Arellano called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of the Minutes. After review, the Committee approved the minutes of the April 19, 2003 meeting.
- III. Discussion – Report to the AJC. Ted Wilson reported that an update from this committee was scheduled for the March 12th meeting of the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC). However, this item was postponed because that meeting was running overtime. Judge Arellano noted that the administrative order establishing this committee, Arizona Supreme Court A.O. 2003-05, requires periodic reports of its activity to the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC). Ted will submit the request to add this committee to the June 16th AJC agenda. In addition, Ted will provide Judge Arellano with an updated outline of material for the presentation. The report should let the AJC know that most grantors look for a commitment in the form of matching dollars from the state's budget. The result is a dilemma for this committee because the state is not in a position to commit funds at this time.
- IV. Follow-up to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Application. The committee discussed the material included in the Highway Safety Grant. The grant request, submitted in April, asks for \$25,000. The grant money, if awarded, will be

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used by the AOC to develop curricula for interpreter training. A response to the request should be received in August or September.

- V. Outline for Future Proposals. Based on experience gained while working on the proposal that was submitted to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, a first attempt by this committee, the committee now has a better understanding of the process, including an understanding of how critical it is to rapidly respond to grant proposal time lines and to include detailed information on how anticipated funds will be used. The committee also agreed to continue to apply for grants related to the three separate areas of funding, i.e., training, testing and program administration, and to look for long-term funding sources.

VI. Other Grant Possibilities:

- a. Ted mentioned that there will soon be an announcement about a grant from the STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program. The formula grant authorized for Arizona in fiscal year 2004 is slightly more than \$2 million. As part of the grant, five percent (5%) is earmarked for court programs. The AOC will apply for grant funds for a number of projects, including interpreter training.
- b. Marian Yim reported on her findings about possible IV-D funding for interpreters. She has found that the available sources of funds in this area are already being accessed by the Superior Court.

- VII. Meeting adjourned.