

Conference of the Council of Language Access Coordinators

Santa Fe, New Mexico May 7 - 10, 2023

"Adapting and Reconnecting in a New Normal"

DAY 1 Sunday, May 7 th	
12:00 – 5:45 p.m.	Registration for Conference Attendees Location: Rivera B
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.	LAAC Business Meeting for LAAC Members Location: Meem Room
3:30 – 5:45 p.m.	Orientation Session Location: Palace Ballroom B
	This orientation is designed especially for new and/or newer members. Returning members who would like a refresher are welcome.
	 Orientation will include: Overview of Role of NCSC and Services/Testing – LASS Staff Overview of Language Access Programs - Kara Mann (NC), Joshua Elliott (KY), Bruno Romero (OH), Polly Ryan (MN) Partnering with Mentors
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Meet and Greet Reception Location: Palace Ballroom A
	<i>Welcome: Arthur W. Pepin, Director, NM Administrative Office of the Courts</i>

Flamenco Performance (6:30 – 7:30 pm)

DAY 2	
Monday, May 8 th	

All sessions will be held in the Palace Ballroom, unless otherwise indicated.	
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration for Conference Attendees Location: Rivera B
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks
	Tonnya K. Kohn, LAAC Chair, South Carolina State Court Administrator
	The Honorable C. Shannon Bacon, Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.	Keynote Address
	Rob Martinez, State Historian of New Mexico
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30– 12:00 p.m.	Connecting D.E.I. and Language Access – World Café Edition Facilitators: Tonnya Kohn, LAAC Chair, South Carolina State Court Administrator; Tiffany Adams-Moore, EEO Officer, DC Courts; Paula Couselo-Findikoglu, Deputy Division Director, Court Services (NM); and Yvette Tamamoto (OR)
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	NCSC Panel Discussion on the Future of Remote Proceedings <i>Presenters:</i> Danielle Hirsch, Managing Director Court Consulting Services; Zachary Zarnow, Consulting Team Supervisor; Grace C. Spulak, Senior Court Management Consultant

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	VRI Roundtable – Part I
	Presenters: Stefanie Burich (AK); David Svoboda (AZ); Joshua Elliott (KY); Ksenia Boitsova (MD); Polly Ryan (MN); Sophie Conway (VT); Seema Kumar (VT); and Victor Payne (WY)
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Networking Break
3:45 – 5:15 p.m.	VRI Roundtable – Part II
	Presenters: Stefanie Burich (AK); David Svoboda (AZ); Joshua
	Elliott (KY); Ksenia Boitsova (MD); Polly Ryan (MN); Sophie
	Conway (VT); Seema Kumar (VT); and Victor Payne (WY)
5:15 p.m.	Express Lessons Instructions for Tuesday morning.
	Recess for the day. Dinner plans on your own.

DAY 3

Tuesday, May 9th

All sessions will be held in the Palace Ballroom, unless otherwise indicated. Express Lessons 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1. Reciprocity Issues - David Svoboda (AZ); Bruno Romero (OH); James Wells (WA) 2. CEU/CEU vendor accreditation and CEU tracking systems - Natalia Petrova (PA); Narda Berrios (MA); Michaelle Gearheart (OR) 3. LLD (Languages of Lesser Diffusion) Solutions - Yvette Tamamoto (OR); Alexandra Wirth (WI); Margarita Stephens (VA) 4. How technology has changed how PMs do their work -Stefanie Burich (AK); Ksenia Boitsova (MD); Noor Alawawda (IL) 5. How Program Managers can effectuate legislative changes to secure funding and/or policies to advance your program – Deenie Miller (MS); Paula Couselo (NM); Charlene Watkins (VA)

	 6. The Spanish Interpreter Shortage: short-, mid-, and long-term approaches - Ed Alletto (OR); Santiago Barrios (ID); José López-Cotaina (VA) 7. Accommodating LEP Jurors - Freda Valdez (NM); Eileen Spoonhoward (NM)
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	New Mexico's Scribing Program: An effective approach to solutions for ADA, LEP, and Low Literacy Individuals
	Moderator: Paula Couselo-Findikoglu Panelists: Peggy Cadwell, Statewide ADA Title II Coordinator, New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts; Kevin Spears, Ninth Judicial District CEO; Charlene Henry, Sr. Judicial Specialist, Farmington District Court (Navajo Language Access Specialist); Elizabeth García, Legal Office Specialist, Self-Help Center, Dispute Resolution Department, Second Judicial District Court; Brooke Bogue, NCSC
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	CLAC Liaisons / LASS Testing Initiatives Report Out – Brooke Bogue and Kim Brooke, NCSC
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Networking Break
3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Approaches to Improving Candidate Performance on Oral Exam: Panel Presentation with Q&A
	Moderator: Brooke Bogue, NCSC
	Panelists: Elizabeth Tam and Julie Walton (CA); Joshua Elliott (KY); Freda Valdez (NM); James Wells (WA)
5:15 p.m.	Recess for the Day

DAY 4 Wednesday, May 10th

All sessions will be held in the Palace Ballroom, unless otherwise indicated.	
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Approaches to Credentialing ASL Interpreters for Court Presenters: David Svoboda (AZ); Allison Gray (ME); Ksenia Boitsova (MD); Robert Lichtenberg (WA); Star Grieser (RID)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Title II Compliance and Disability Relevance in the Judicial System Presenters: Julie Ballinger, M.A., Affiliate, Southwest ADA Center; Jeminie Shell, M.A., Disability Specialist, NM Governor's Commission on Disability
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Assistive Technology for Effective Communication in the Courts Presenter: Jessi Armijo, Assistive Technology Coordinator with the New Mexico Technology Assistance Program
12:00 p.m.	Adjournment