

Meet the Newest Additions to the IACP staff

I am so pleased to introduce you to our newest staff members, Connie McHenry and Colleen Hughes. Connie and Colleen have both joined us within the past several months and are already invaluable additions to our team. So that you may get to know them better, I have asked them each to share a little about themselves. I know you join me in welcoming them to our community!

Talia Katz
Executive Director

Connie McHenry Executive Administrative Assistant

I began my position with IACP as the Executive Administrative Assistant, in the newly-opened Phoenix office on January 7, 2008. What a great office it is! I arrived in Phoenix from Medina, Ohio only three days earlier, eager to start a new adventure. Not only was it a personal goal to move west, I also just happened to miss one of the most eventful winters the Cleveland area had seen in years!

I was raised in Central New York and moved to the Cleveland area in 1997. For most of my adult life, I worked as an administrator in the public education sector, serving headmasters, school boards, parents and students. More recently, I worked as office manager in my husband's home medical equipment company. I love the opportunity I have now to serve the Collaborative movement.

As the administrative staff person in the IACP office, I will most likely be the first voice you hear when you phone us. My job is to assist you in any way I can. If I don't have the information you need, I will find someone who does. Questions that are submitted to IACP via the website are directed to me and it is my goal to respond to you as quickly as possible.

I don't want you to think all I do is answer the phone!!! A main focus of my job is to support the work of the Board of Directors, ensuring that Board members have the materials and information necessary to perform their board duties. I work closely with our bookkeeper, preparing check reports, deposits, overseeing expense charting and banking. I work closely with our webmaster/IT support regarding computer issues and software needs. I staff all IACP phone bridge seminars, provide materials upon request for trainings and events and track inventory in the IACP E-Store. I support Talia and the Forum committee in Forum planning and management. And, I try to help keep Talia's very hectic job responsibilities a little more manageable. As you can imagine, my workdays are never boring and never the same.

We are an organization with a strong service orientation and we love hearing from our members. So, please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have! I look forward to serving you in the months and years to come.

Colleen Hughes Membership Administrator

I grew up in the Hudson Valley region of New York. After graduating from college with a degree in Communication Studies, I moved to Atlanta, Georgia. I spent four years in the south working first for an IT training company and then as a Career Advisor for a college. I had the opportunity to move to Phoenix in 2003 and work for a sister school, so I took the chance! I have wanted to work for a non-profit for quite some time, so when I learned of the Membership Administrator position with the IACP, I didn't hesitate to apply.

I am so grateful to be working for this organization now. I don't mind sharing with all of you that my parents went through a Collaborative divorce less than two years ago. I got to experience the process as I was by my mother's side throughout. I know how ugly the divorce could have been, but these two wonderful attorneys were as committed to keeping the divorce fair and respectful as my parents were. While it broke my heart to see my parents' marriage end, I am grateful that their pain wasn't magnified by the traditional divorce process. I am still amazed by how this very sad time in my life has led me to one of the best and most rewarding experiences I've ever had!

I believe wholeheartedly in what each of you do in Collaborative Practice. I am here to support you specifically in relation to your IACP membership. Whether it's updating your profile on the website, helping you renew your membership, keeping your practice group organized, or just changing your password, I am committed always to providing the best service possible. I am eager to learn from you and to get to know you as I continue with my career at the IACP. Please never hesitate to contact me with questions, suggestions or even just to say hello! Thank you for welcoming me into the Collaborative community!