

## NYC Metro General Meeting Minutes:

September 21st 2006 7-9:15pm

### **Standing Rules:**

1. No Smoking
2. Food and drink are allowed, please clean up after yourselves.
3. If you would like to speak please wait to be recognized.
4. We encourage the use of ASL but do have interpreters here if you prefer to use spoken English.
5. Pls make sure to sign in.

### **I. Welcome: Welcome everyone.**

### **II. Introductions**

\*Board

\*Committee Chairs

\*Special Guest: Region I Rep. Rachel Coppelli

### **III. President's Report/RID National News:**

1. RID to grant certified member status to EIPA-Evaluated Interpreters who score a 4.0 or above.
2. 2007 National Conference will be in San Francisco from Aug.3rd-Aug.8th. We encourage members to join Conference Committees; information is posted in the back of the room.
3. Region I Conference in Rhode Island had over 300 members in attendance.

### **IV. Present Award to Debbie Swamback:**

On behalf of Metro RID Lewis Merkin presented the award for Outstanding Service to Debbie Swamback for many years of

commitment to the profession. LM expressed many words of gratitude and Rachel Coppelli presented the award to Debbie. Thank You Debbie for keeping the spirit of the 60's alive and inspiring all of us!

## **VI. Committee Reports:**

**1. DIRC:** There will be a DIRC meeting on Oct.27th from 5:30-7:30pm at 75 Morton St. The topic is VRS interpreting.

**2. Fundraising:** There will be a fundraiser for METRO on Oct. 28th at 7pm at Teachers College. **Keith Wann will be performing and it is \$20.00 to get in.**

For the purpose of saving time the reports have been collected, printed and are on a table in the back of the room. They will also be posted on our website.

## **VII. Announcements:**

\*Congratulations to Dina and Paul Marconi on the birth of their son Logan.

\*Congratulations to Karen Jacobs, mommy to be!

\*Lewis Merkin- The community is staring to contemplate having another Allies conference. Lewis has asked members to think about possible facilitators.

\* Kathleen Taylor will present "The Business of Being an Interpreter" on Oct.14th from 10am-1:30pm. Workshop will be held at NYU in the Silver Building room 414. Cost is \$20.00 for NAOBI-NYC members and \$30.00 for Non-members.

For more info contact Kathleen at [naobiny@aol.com](mailto:naobiny@aol.com).

\* Susanne Morgan Morrow will teach "Interpreting for Deaf-Blind Individuals" at LaGuardia Comm. College. Thursdays from 5:45-8:45 starting on Oct.5th-Nov.30th . If you are interested in tuition reimbursement for this course contact the SignTalk agency at 718-338-3711ex:423. Or e-mail them at [cweinstein@signtalk.org](mailto:cweinstein@signtalk.org)

## **VIII. Discussion:**

1. Metro proposes that new board members serve a one year and 6 month term because our calendar year needs to be the same as National's fiscal year starting in 2008.

Current board members and voting members have agreed that this is the best solution.

2. RID National News Release- Interpreters who pass the EIPA evaluation will be brought into RID under certified member status. There is grave concern that consumers who use our services will not know the difference between an "RID certified" member and a member who is "Certified by RID." If you would like to join a dialog with other interpreters throughout the country who are concerned about this issue, send your e- mail address to Stephanie Feyne at [stefeyne@cs.com](mailto:stefeyne@cs.com).

### **IX. Nominations for next year's board:**

President: Lusanne Massaro

Vice President: Maria Micioni

President Elect: empty

Treasurer: Kat Dudina

Secretary: Rebecca Friedman

Directors at Large: Dani Schuller, Drew Sachs, Celeste Owens, and Kat Dudina

Associate Rep: Meri Sulcer

Respectfully submitted,  
Meggan Berley,