

## NYC Metro RID Board meeting minutes

November 3rd 2006

In attendance: **Melanie Girshick-Jina Porter-Amy Rubinger-Meggan Berley-Bobbi Barnfather-Meri Sulcer and Rachel Nekoukar**

### 1. **Announcements:**

- a. **Metro RID Board Guidelines-** The current board will make a c.d. for each board position. We will give them to the incoming board at the passing of the torch/board meeting. The purpose of the c.d. is to outline the position responsibilities.
- b. Metro would like to thank Janice Rimler for all her hard work in producing a beautiful and comprehensive newsletter! Without you we would not have anything to submit for the Silver Scribe Award.

### 2. **Old Business:**

- a. **Website** – Major website revamping is on hold in order to continue researching cost options.
- b. **Newsletter Award-** Bobbi has mailed in our application for the Silver Scribe Award for Metro's newsletter.
- c. **Lighthouse/Metro Location Update-** We moved all of our contents out of the Lighthouse. There are a total of 8 boxes. There are also 2 TTY's that we will donate. We need to find a place to store our materials. Maybe the incoming board can divide the boxes amongst themselves so that they can access it when they need to.
- d. **Addendums to the Bylaws** (i.e. Steering Committee)- Melanie will e-mail out the paragraph she wants to include and ask us for feedback.
- e. **September Meeting** (questions/concerns/thoughts)- It was a well-attended successful meeting.
- f. **EIPA-RID Update-** R.I.D. will recognize educational interpreters who pass the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a score of 4.0 and above as certified members of the association.

## 5. **Committee Reports:**

1. **DIRC**- The next DIRC meeting will be on Nov. 10th. The topic under discussion will be the RID and EIPA partnership.
2. **Office Manager**- We need to find someone for this position.
3. **Archive**- All documents have been scanned. We have a new P.O. box in the main P.O. on 34th St. and 8th Ave. The information is posted on our website.
4. **Nominations**- We are waiting for the ballots.
5. **Awards**- We are looking for one individual and one organization to present awards to. If anyone has any suggestions please contact Rachel [treasurer@NYCMetroRID.org](mailto:treasurer@NYCMetroRID.org).
6. **General Meeting Interpreters**- We are in need of interpreters for our next general meeting on Nov.8th.
7. **Newsletter**- Rachel scanned previous NL into a PDF file and it is posted on our website.
8. **Rid-Bits**- Janice will send end of the year report shortly.
9. **Mentorship**- The the Fall 2006 Peer Mentorship Program started on 9/29/06. Wendy Watson and Laurie Shaffer are providing instruction for the individual sessions. Three sessions have already taken place and participants are busy! Feedback from participants has been positive. There are 2 sessions left on 11/11 and 12/9/06. Participants are analyzing different models of interpreting. We are planning to offer this a second time hopefully with a leadership tract. For more info contact Meri at [AssociateRep@NYCMetroRID.org](mailto:AssociateRep@NYCMetroRID.org) or Melanie at [President@NYCMetroRID.org](mailto:President@NYCMetroRID.org).
10. **CMP**- no report
11. **VRS**- no report
12. **LTA**- Performance exams administered so far this year-

CT-5

NIC-5

All appointments for performance exams through Feb.2nd 2007 are booked. The written exam will be held at Teachers College on Dec.2nd from 9-1. Anyone interested in becoming a local test administrator should contact the RID National Testing System office at [nts@rid.org](mailto:nts@rid.org) or 703-838-0030 V, 703-838-0459 TTY. Compensation for administering exams can be deferred to pay for membership fees, RID products, or national conference registration fees.

**6. New Business:**

- a. General Meeting 11.08.06 Agenda- We will have food and beverage for this meeting.
- b. National RID Conference San Francisco Committees-Metro highly encourages members to join committees for the National Conference this summer in San Francisco.
- c. Annual Report-Please have your reports in as soon as possible.
- d. ER Fund- It was suggested that Metro establish an emergency fund to help interpreters in need. We need to think of guidelines for this and ask the membership how they feel about it.
- e. Region I Conference 2010- Do we want to host the next Region I Conference?
- f. DIRC- Next meeting is on Nov.10th from 5:30-7:30 at 75 Morton St. Topic to be discussed is the RID and EIPA partnership.