

NYC Metro RID Board meeting Minutes March 29th 2006 Meeting began at 6:00pm: In attendance were Melanie Girshick- Meggan Berley- Jina Porter- Dina Marconi-Amy Rubinger- Meri Sulcer and Rachael Nekoukar.

1. Announcements:

- a) Lighthouse contract is in Jim Forbes hands but we have been unable to speak with him directly. We need to get a letter from him stating our official business address.
- b) Region I Phone Conference-NIC Test: If members have any questions about the NIC test please refer them to: Michael Canale:Committee chair- Mcanale@sorenson.com RID National Office Liaison: Lori Frison- NTS@rid.org RID Board Liaison: Jimmy Beldon- Jbeldon@c-s-d.org
- c) Meri Sulcer is our new Associate Rep.

2. Old Business: a) Approval of past meeting minutes January 26th board meeting.

3. Committee Reports:

PDC: MG- May 6th workshop with Kathleen Taylor at NYU from 9:30-12:30p. Also working on workshop for seasoned interpreters with Molly Wilson for the fall.

Fundraising: DM- Planning on having fundraiser during Deaf Awareness week in the fall, no date yet. We need to know the approximate budget and will make sure there are no conflicts with religious holidays. Metro would like to do some other smaller events as well.

LTA: DM- CI/CT and NIC tests given every Fri.

Metro RID-Bits: MG- We are having problems setting up new Yahoo group and are seeking help with that.

General Meeting Int: RN- no report

Website: JP- We need to provide guidelines abt. what is posted on our website. We would like to add a section for events that are happening in the Deaf community. We are investigating the cost of making the website more interactive. Our website gets over 400 hits per month from people all over the world. We would like to add photos of the board members.

Office Manager: AR- Janice needs to know wht to tell people who call and are looking to hire int. or find sign language classes. Will call Diane and ask wht her system was in the past.

Scholarship: MB- Spread the word! We have money for members.

Nominations: No report.

Awards: RN- Region 1 will be giving an Outstanding Service Award if you know someone you want to nominate contact Melanie.

Picnic: MG- Celeste Owens and Marybeth Imsho are leading the committee. June 10th is the date and it is bring your own food and drinks. There will also be games.

Mentorship: MS and MG- We do not have the ability to launch our own mentorship program right now. We have many mentees and not enough mentors. We are participating in the Peer-to-Peer mentorship program with North Eastern. We would like to go through this program one time and then bring it to NY.

Archives: MG- We are in the process of shredding old documents and waiting for a price on scanning.

DIRC: JP- The last DIRC meeting with Alec Naiman and his health aid was very successful. We are probably taking a break until the fall.

CMP: DM- No report.

Membership/Directory: CQ- Bram is doing a great job! Directories will be sent out soon. We currently have 187 members.

NL: Bobbi Barnfather- The deadline for the next NL is mid/end of April.

4. New Business:

- a. Clarification on what is expected of the Board; Board members are expected to attend as many METRO functions as possible, in lieu of general meetings.
- b. Working WITH LIRID; We will contact LIRID and ask that they change the date of their picnic because it conflicts with ours, as well as some of their other functions. We need to have better communication between chapters.
- c. MB and RN will attend Kathleen Taylor's workshop on May6th and represent Metro.
- d. Region I Conference: We are looking for members to donate items for the Silent Auction basket that will represent NYC. It can be something hand made or bought. e. Member concerns; 1) How is Metro communicating with members now that we only have one meeting per year? We are working on setting up a new RID-BITS program in order to send out messages to the membership. All of our activities are posted on the website. We also always have someone present from Metro at workshops. We are considering sending out more information using regular mail.

2) How was the new Associate Rep chosen? We announced the new position and told members if they wanted to elect someone to let us know.

3) What are we doing to promote the Region 1 Conference? We have been selling pins, offering scholarships, and asking for donations for the silent auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm Respectfully submitted, Meggan Berley, Secretary May 6th, Kathleen Taylor's workshop (Who is going to attend?)