

## NYC Metro RID General Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2006

Meeting started at 10:10a.m. Interpreters: Kat Dudina and Jessica Brunetti-Valenti

Welcome:

President Melanie Girshick welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2006 and introduced the new board members.

We have four Members at Large: Amy Rubinger-Dina Marconi- Christine Quinton and Bobbi Barnfather.

Our Associate Rep. Is M.K. Adams.

Treasurer-Rachel Nekoukar.

Secretary-Meggan Berley and

Vice President- Jina Porter.

A special thanks to Bram Weiser who has taken over the position of membership/directory chair.

President's Report/RID National News:

\*Region One Conference is Fri. July 21-Sun. July 23rd- 2006.

\*RID national encourages members to apply to interpret for the Region One conference. Registration forms are available and you can take advantage of the early bird special.

\*I have submitted a NYC Metro General Opinion paper about the RID and EIPA cooperation plan. This includes feedback I have heard from people in the community. You can also send your own opinion paper if you would like.

\*Region one is giving out 3 awards during the conference. The categories include: a. Outstanding Service Award b. Interpreter Educator Award c. Best Website Award You can send letters to the Awards Committee if you would like to nominate someone.

NYC Metro RID Annual Awards:

1. NYU Medical Center and Jodi Gill for coordinating interpreting services for the Deaf Community -providing warm and caring treatment to the Deaf Community -providing workshops to interpreters and for Jody's long standing involvement in the community.

2. Stephanie Feyne for her help with the website-by-laws committee-and always being there when we need her!

3. Our 3rd award for which we do not have a plaque is for Christina Trunzo-Mosleh for all her work last year as our president.

Committee Updates/Reports:

\*Fundraising: DM- There are several events we will be fundraising for. If you are interested contact Maria Micioni at [mmmterp@tmail.com](mailto:mmmterp@tmail.com).

\* Membership/Directory&PDC: CQ- Teachers College is open again for testing every Fri. Contact Jeff Jaech for more information. [Jaech@tc.edu](mailto:Jaech@tc.edu) or 212-678-3853.

We have a few workshops in the works-for example we are planning a workshop for seasoned interpreters with 10 yrs. Experience or more.

And on May 6th Kathleen Taylor will be giving a workshop geared to new interpreters related to business issues such as filing taxes-etc. CQ will have more info soon.

\* DIRC: Debbie Swamback-our next meeting is 3/17 from 5:30-7:30pm. Alec Naiman and his health aide Clara-from Columbia-South America will lead the meeting. They will discuss gestural sign systems and how people who use different signed systems communicate with each other.

\*MetroRIDBits: We will be switching over to Yahoo the first week of March due to software problems with our current server. More info soon to follow.

\*General Mtg. Terps: We need one certified and one non-certified interpreter for the Sept. general meeting. If interested contact Marybeth Imsho at [Mimsho@msn.com](mailto:Mimsho@msn.com)

\*Archive Committee: The Light House has 3 closets full of old papers-some financial info that must be kept for a specific period of time- and other papers that need to be organized. We are investigating the cost of bulk scanning so that we can transfer information onto a c.d. and shred old papers. On the committee right now we have Pam Maynard-Gene Bourquin-Lisa Dennett-and Melanie Girshick.

\* Mentorship: The mentorship project is in the works. We need a few members to become committee chairs. Pls contact Melanie if interested at [melaniecict@yahoo.com](mailto:melaniecict@yahoo.com).

\*Picnic Committee: We are planning on having a picnic on June 17th in Central Park at 1pm. We need members for this committee. Pls. contact Mary Beth Imsho at [Mimsho@msn.com](mailto:Mimsho@msn.com) or Celeste Owens at [clesteo@aol.com](mailto:clesteo@aol.com) for more info.

\*Announcements:

\* Our next workshop is on March 11th- "Know Thyself" at NYU from 11am-4pm. If you have any questions contact Christine Quinton at [CQ@tmail.com](mailto:CQ@tmail.com).

\* Our condolences to our members who have lost individuals close to them. We are thinking of you.

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