



NYC Metro RID Board meeting agenda

May 2nd, 2007

In attendance: Lusanne Massaro, Meri Sulcer, Celeste Owens, Dani Schuller, Drew Sachs, Kat Dudina, Maria Micioni, Dina Marconi, Rebecca Friedman

Meeting called to order at 6:19

1. Announcements:

- a. Region I Rep – Should know who our new Region I rep is by the general meeting (May 16th)
- b. I S Workshop – Bill Moody provided an excellent workshop. PDC did an amazing job- they prepared lunch and dinner and really went all out for participants. In addition, Debra Cole mediated a panel of foreign born Deaf people.
- c. Metro General Meeting Location-St. Elizabeth's – thanks Celeste!
- d. Metro Scholarships for National Conference – 6 people have applied for the scholarships thus far. We will be giving out 4 scholarships that will cover the cost of early bird registration (\$325)

2. Old Business:

- a. Beth Israel-Lu reported that there was to be another meeting with Beth Israel. While they continue to respond to our communication, nothing has moved forward in any direction. ESAD is gathering videotaped testimony from former Deaf patients to support the cause. Unfortunately, Beth Israel is not providing clear answers and we are in limbo. For other foreign language interpreters, a phone system is being utilized.
- b. Professionalism Committee/DIRC meeting update-Keith and Emilia wanted to provide a workshop for Professionalism. Maria will be contacting Keith and Emilia about options for venues as it doesn't appear DIRC is the best fit.

3. Committee Reports:

- Scholarship – 6 people have applied, the winners will be picked randomly at May 16th General meeting
- DIRC – no meetings until September
- General Meeting Interpreters – Kathey Walley and Debbie Olsen
- Newsletter –newsletter will be going out Tuesday, May 8th
- ESAD – Wants NYC Metro to support the position letter to the Governor regarding Deaf services. A small group of people at a Rochester school wanted ASL removed as a foreign language. There was a huge protest, and a vote is happening in June
- Fundraising – no big fundraiser, but Maria would like to bring Peter Cook here in the Fall. Also considering doing a bar crawl fundraiser.
- LTA – as of now 4 CI exams, 6 NIC until Oct, next written is June 2nd, deadline already passed. Written exam next provided December, deadline is October 6th. Maria Micioni will be an LTA for certification testing.
- CMP –Dina is willing to take over the responsibilities for the current committee chair.
- Membership - Bram is doing a great job. We sent out the directory last week

4. New Business:

- a) Recent Bylaws Addendum-we need to clarify the statement regarding the fact that all non profits can only have 1 national office and 1 chapter per state. IF we fold, we can't be reinstated. There was a policy passed by national RID, but it is not a law. We need to clarify the origins of the bylaws change to membership
- b) Interpreter recognition/ condolences-Drew reported...what can we do to recognize those who have had a major event in their lives? A suggestion was made to send out cards, but not for everyone, perhaps just people who were on the board. Janice used to put something in the newsletter and that seems like the best solution.
- c) Website – we have \$850 in the budget. Rebecca will forward all board members ideas for the website.
- d) General Meeting – no food, drinks only. Celeste will get drinks and cookies from the corner store.