



**NYC Metro RID Board meeting agenda
March 5, 2008**

1. Announcements:

President's Report – The Region I President's conference call was held on March 2nd during which Jeremy Brunson (Region I Rep) reported on the delays in the establishment of a Strategic Planning Committee (SPC). At the National RID Conference in August 2007, it was decided that such a committee would be created in order to further discuss the priorities and concerns of RID's membership, especially in regards to the EIPA. At this point, however, the development of said committee is on hold due the pursuit of greater diversity in applicants that would better represent RID's membership. If any members are interested in applying for this committee, please contact an RID National Board member by next month (April) because the national board will be discussing how to proceed with the SPC at their April board meeting.

Region I Representative – In 2007, Jeremy Brunson replaced Rachel Copelli as Region I Representative when Rachel was voted in as National RID's Secretary. Jeremy's position was a one year term to expire in July so we will need a new Region I Representative at that time. Michael Canale has expressed interest in the position. Nomination forms are available at the back of the room. A minimum of 25 signatures is required to be nominated.

Membership Fee Reduction - For members that join Metro RID after January 2008 (through June) dues will be half of the current membership cost.

PDC – Debbie Swamback has served as chairperson for this committee and has decided to extend her term until November for a VERY good reason (to be announced shortly).

Local Community Event- At the last general meeting in October, there was discussion among members regarding a possible local conference. Due to a number of factors, that idea was dropped. However, thanks to the continued hard work by Debbie Swamback, she was able to book "Deafhood" (presented by Genie Gertz, Ella Mae Lentz and David Eberwein) to come to the metro NYC area on November 15, 2008. Obviously, this undertaking is going to require team work and support from membership. At this juncture, the PDC is looking for a space to hold the event and is currently checking into Teachers College as one possible venue. The budget is expected to be approximately \$10,000 which includes cost for transportation, speaker's fee, location charges, etc. This event would be free of charge to the community (hence the large budget). Metro has generously donated \$4000 towards this event, and the PDC will be contacting other Deaf organizations, referral agencies, and other potential backers in order to both raise funds and make this a true

community event by garnering support from those agencies that have strong ties to the Deaf community. In addition, there will be a local community forum (similar to the one held at San Francisco during the National Conference). More details to follow. Please contact Debbie Swamback at bluemoonhands@aol.com to volunteer or to share your ideas.

Announcements – There are a limited number of Metro t-shirts for sale tonight for \$10, and more will be sold at the June 4th meeting. There are also Region I pins available for a small donation.

Chris Tester reported about the deaf interpreter's meeting that was held directly prior to Metro RID's general meeting. The discussion amongst the Deaf interpreters encompassed a variety of topics, including the interaction between Deaf and hearing interpreters who have been working in the community. Chris will share more with Lu and the potential of continuing these 'pre-meetings' to coincide with MetroRID meetings will also be discussed. Keep an eye out for the Newsletter and Metro Ridbits for more information.

New Business- Nominations led by Cathy Markland. She began by thanking her committee members (Ray Hoffman, Jina Porter and Rachel Nekoukar) for their help and recognized the past presidents of Metro RID.

The term for the next board will be July 1st 2008 through June 30th 2009.

Nominations:

President: Rebecca Friedman

Vice President: Melissa March

Secretary: Corrie Pond
Heather Paradise

Treasurer: Donna Lee

Associate Representative: Caroline Burrow
Rebecca Weinberger
Roni Lepore
Dori Griffith

Directors at Large: (There will be 4 Directors at Large, 2 will hold the position for a one year term, and 2 will hold the position for a 2 year term)

Amber Ceffalio	Pat Dash
Mary Ann DiLuglio	Barbara Fisk
Tara Rogers (Tobin)	Rebecca Weinberger
Christ Tester	Glenn Sheprow
Andrea Alefhi	Roni Lepore
Sophie Ford	

Cathy closed nominations and ballots will be sent out shortly. It is of the **UTMOST IMPORTANCE** that membership vote for your representatives and mail back the ballots so the new board may be announced in an upcoming newsletters and at the next general meeting in June.

The general meeting was adjourned at 7:27