



NYC Metro RID General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2008

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| President: | Melissa March / Cathy Markland | Secretary: | Corrie Pond |
| Vice President: | Sara Kuznetski | Associate Rep: | Caroline Burrow |
| Treasurer: | Donna Lee | | |

Directors at Large (4): Rebecca Weinberger, Chris Tester, Pat Dash, Glenn Sheprow

Standing Rules:

1. No Smoking
2. Food and drink are allowed; please clean up after yourself.
3. If you would like to speak please wait to be recognized.
4. We encourage the use of ASL but have interpreters if you choose to use spoken English.
5. Please make sure you signed in.

Old Business

1. President's position
 - a. Rebecca Friedman stepped down from the position of President.
 - b. Melissa March and Cathy Markland accepted the position of co-Presidents.
 - c. Sara Kuznetski accepted the position of Vice President.

New Business

1. The Metro Board is reaching out to New York area interpreting/Deaf organizations. The organizations and their Board liaison are:
 - a. BDA - Melissa March, ESAD – Chris Tester, NYCCAD – Glenn Sheprow, LIRID – Caroline Burrow, IDP – Rebecca Weinberger, MADA – Donna Lee, NAOBI – Cathy Markland
2. Treasurer's report.
 - a. During the previous term, \$17,135 was collected in membership dues.
 - b. This year, \$22,252 was collected.
3. NJ Biennial conference
 - a. Metro will purchase an ad in support of the NJ Biennial conference.
4. General Meeting Interpreter
 - a. Funding was proposed for Deaf Interpreters to interpret during General Meetings providing mentorship opportunities for a pre-certified Deaf interpreter and a CDI.
 - b. Logistics will be considered before November's General Meeting, however the format will be similar to that of a conference setting.
 - c. Membership unanimously in support of the motion, and motion was passed.

National RID announcements

1. EIPA: Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment.
 - a. The Strategic Challenges Bylaws Review Task Force (TF) has been appointed by National RID to research solutions to resolve issues regarding the EIPA decision.
 - b. The TF will present and collect feedback at New Jersey's biennial conference, November 7-9.
 - i. Metro members are encouraged to attend and express their concerns.
 - ii. Members of the board will be in attendance. If a Metro member cannot

attend, but has feedback for the TF, send your concerns to the board.

Deaf Interpreters

1. Waiting times for CDI results.
 - a. National is hiring new raters to address the long wait times for CDI candidates.

Regional Announcements:

1. NJ biennial conference
 - a. November 7-9
 - b. Held at the Crown Plaza hotel in Jamesburg, NJ
 - i. The location is not accessible to mass transportation. It will cost an \$25 cab fare from the closest NJ Transit station to the Crown Plaza.
 - c. www.njrid.org for more information.
2. NAOBI – National Alliance of Black Interpreters
 - a. General Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of every month from 6-8:30PM
 - b. Meetings include workshops and CEU opportunities.
 - c. Meeting location: Brooklyn DA's office, 350 Jay Street, 19th Floor.
3. MADA: Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association.
 - a. NADC (National Asian Deaf Congress) will be held in New York in 2010.
 - b. A fundraiser event for NADC will be held October 11. For more information, email MADA president, Jennifer Cho at: jacho1970@tmail.com.
4. Metro Membership dues
 - a. If you haven't paid your dues for the current term, you risk being removed from the mailing list, the newsletter, Metro-Bits email, and the Directory.
5. The Fundraiser committee
 - a. If anyone is interested in the chairperson position, please contact Melissa March.
6. Deafhood Event
 - a. Will be held during the day, November 15 at the mainstage theater of LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, Queens.
 - b. The event is FREE of charge! Tickets are not required.
 - c. Voice interpretation will NOT be provided.
 - d. Members are encouraged to spread the word.
7. Values Workshop
 - a. There is consideration being made to host a workshop to reassess the values of the interpreting community.
8. Sign Talk Announcements
 - a. CDI Workshop series
 - i. CDI workshop series and study groups will be hosted by Sign Talk.
 - b. Need for Educational interpreters
 - i. 4 Deaf students have no interpreters this semester. Sign Talk is offering full time work.
 - c. NCEIC – deaf blind interpreting resources
 - i. The group is preparing a 50-page document on the deaf blind interpreting project and the need for Deaf-Blind interpreting training.
 - ii. Susie Morgan is stepping down from Sign Talk to head the NYDB project focused on children's services. Susie will continue to consult with Sign Talk on their continuing education series.
9. Special thanks to Bram Weiser, membership chairperson, for his hard work and support.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49PM