



## NYC Metro RID Board Meeting Agenda

**Date:** 12-18-08

**Attending:** Melisa March, Cathy Markland, Sara Kusnetzky, Chris Tester, Glenn Sheprow, Heather Paradise, Rebecca Weinberger

**Commenced:** 6:08pm

### Announcements:

1. Metro received a thank you letter from Barrier Free Living for our contribution of \$500.00
2. Region 1 is looking into setting up a region 1 website
3. The Region 1 President's Council is seeking two conference chairpersons for the 2010 Region 1 conference in Albany, NY in August 2010.

### Old Business:

1. Emergency Health Fund-
  - a. Metro has \$1500 for the fund for this fiscal year. At the next general meeting we will make motion to amend the motion that was passed at the last general meeting. We would like to pass an amendment that would have \$1500 in the fund for the remainder of this fiscal year.
  - b. In order to have \$3000 in the fund for the following year, at the next general meeting a motion will be made to increase due by \$5 for the next year in order to make up the difference for the fund. We would also like to add a line on the application for donations to be made specifically to the Emergency Health Fund.
2. Mentoring-
  - a. The board amended a previous decision about a standard compensation amount to mentors for their participation in the program
  - b. A motion was passed that will have the compensation amount on a three tiered scale. Mentors and protégé's will create a "memo of agreement" which will be signed by both participants and submitted to Sara before the end of the 12 week cycle.
  - c. Interpreters who are still interested in becoming mentors will be asked to hold on their participation until the next mentoring cycle.

### Committee Reports:

1. Scholarship Committee- Debbie Olsen will be setting up scholarships for four Metro members Early Bird Registration fees for the National RID Conference. Recipients will for the registration fees themselves and then are reimbursed by Metro. The total scholarship amount is \$1000 (\$250 per person)
2. Professional Development Committee- A survey was done of Metro members to see what their interests were for possible workshops. 23 surveys were completed. Results of survey will be emailed to board members.
3. DIRC- will hold a meeting in February with a possible all day workshop the next day.
4. Fundraising- possible event in March. Still looking for venue.

### New Business

1. The January 9<sup>th</sup> Metro Board meeting will be held at the NAOBI meeting. The Metro board will meet an hour before (at 4:30pm) then adjourn to the NAOBI meeting.

2. Treasury report was discussed.
3. A motion by Sara Kusnetzky, Mary Kay Adams, and Bobbie Barnfather was passed to set up an Ad hoc Advocacy Committee to address the business practice issues that are happening with AL Bank agency and City Tech. Suggestions were made on how to show the community's outrage at this situation.

Meeting adjourned: 8:11pm