



## NYC Metro RID Board Meeting Agenda

**Date:** March 6, 2009  
**Attending:** Melissa March, Cathy Markland, Sarah Kusnetzky, Donna Lee, Heather Paradise, Pat Dash, Chris Tester, Rebecca Weinberger, Caroline Burrow, Glenn Sheprow, Bram Weiser  
**Commenced:** 6:10pm

### Announcements:

1. Metro received a thank you note from Janice Rimler

### Old Business:

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### Committee Reports:

*Scholarship committee:* Debbie Olson has had four requests for the stipend funds for the national conference. Applicants' membership standing will be vetted upon the closing of the stipend request period and the recipients will be announced at the June general meeting.

*LIRID:* Upcoming events for the month of March are as follows:

Saturday, March 7, 2009: Islanders vs. Devils game at Nassau Coliseum-Game starts at 2 pm!

Saturday, March 14, 2009: Associate Meeting: 9:00-10:00am

Saturday, March 14, 2009: LIRID General Meeting.

Time: 10:00-12:00

Location: Suffolk Community College (SCC)

Room: Babylon Student Center - Mildred Green Room 2nd Floor

Directions: please visit [www.sunysuffolk.edu](http://www.sunysuffolk.edu)

*Mentoring:* The first trimester ended as of the last general meeting, and the second trimester has begun. We have a few pairings who are staying together for another twelve weeks, and we also have a new team working together. As of today, two invoices have been submitted for the mentoring stipend, totaling \$600.00

*Membership:* There is no news to report with this committee at present.

*LTA committee:* Jeff reports that 10 NIC performance tests have been administered at TC so far this year. Also, available slots for the NIC performance test between now and July are going fast. This is due to the upcoming requirement that hearing candidates have an Associate degree or higher as of July 1st. As of March 3rd there were only 3 remaining available slots, all in June. Candidates who do not expect to meet the new degree requirement before July 1 are urged to contact TC or another super site ASAP. Jeff also reports nothing new re: office manager.

*IEP's:* Mary Bacheller, SJI, is planning to bring her current class to the next Metro meeting. She also wants to announce that SJI is currently accepting applications for the next 2-year ITP class that will start on April 21, 2009.

Rob Hills: Is working with Caroline re: getting CEU's for mentors.

*NAOBI:* Eastern Region Conference June 12-15 at Gallaudet University. A few NAOBI members would like to be mentored, they are interested in becoming interpreters and they would like to know if they could shadow or go to a special event to watch the interpreter. Next meeting is March 13th, Rob Hills will be presenting on IEP.

*NJRID:* They are asking for co-sponsorship for a few big workshops:

Carla Mathers: foundation of court interpreting. June 20, 21, 27, 28

Eileen Forestal & guests, Sept. 25, 26, Oct, Nov & Dec same dates

They are having other workshops as well!

Karen Boyd, Classifiers for advanced language users, march 27

Karen Boyd Classifiers for Novice/intermediate language users, march 2

*PDC:* the workshop was a great success! A total of 27 people showed up! We started out with \$2,700 in the budget and we now are at \$1,290.

*Fundraising:* Christine Quinton announced the Metro Fundraiser will be on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Start spreading the word. Board will sell 50/50 tickets.

### **New Business**

1. Aidan Mack requested a donation from Metro RID to support her film, "I sign, I live". Board decided as is precedent, we will not provide funds for her individual project but will offer her space on the website to advertise if she wishes to utilize this resource.
2. Metro has picked the recipients for the Metro Organization Appreciation Award and the Metro Individual Appreciate Award.
3. We will have a section in the directory to indicate CDI/DI's. Chris will contact CDI/DI's to see if they are a member of Metro and if they want to be identified as a CDI/DI in the directory. When he gets a response, he will forward info to Bram.
4. NJRID asked for sponsorship for their workshops. Since there is approximately 1300.00 left in the PDC fund, \$500 donation will be made to NJRID for the workshop and \$400 will be provided as scholarship money for Metro members who would like to attend the workshop.
5. Debbie Olsen is willing to volunteer for the interpreting coordination committee for the Region I conference.
6. Since the Board's term is coming to an end, it is suggested that the Board members find nominations for their replacements. (Chris, Rebecca, and Heather will be staying on the Board.) Nominations will be made at the April 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting
7. At the conclusion of the Board Meeting, the board adjourned to the NYCCAD meeting. Melissa and Cathy were asked to participate in a community discussion about "The Changing Roles of Interpreters in the Deaf Community."

Meeting adjourned: 6:44pm