



## NYC Metro RID Board Meeting Agenda

**Date:** 5/19/09

**Attending:** Melissa March, Cathy Markland, Sara Kusnetzky, Donna Lee, Heather Paradise, Pat Dash, Rebecca Weinberger, Caroline Burrow, Glenn Sheprow

**Commenced:** 5:38pm

### Announcements:

1. MM-Thanks to Pat Dash for going above and beyond with her “scribe” duties during her time on the board.
2. Stephanie Feyne will be stepping down from her website duties. Thanks for all her hard work! We are looking for a replacement. Heather has someone in mind and will speak to them about taking over.
3. Thanks to Sara for all her hard work as PDC committee chair! She will be stepping down and Corrie Pond will take over.
4. Next general meeting will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
5. There will be a “changing of the guard” get together for the retiring board and the new board to come together. This will happen in July. Date TBD.

### Old Business:

1. As chairperson of the RID Deaf-Blind Member Section, Susie Morgan Morrow asked Metro for a donation to support their fundraiser during the National Conference. Sara Kusnetzky motioned to donate \$300 to the RID Deaf-Blind Member Section. Caroline Burrow—second. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Rebekah Barkowitz, Region I Representative requested a donation for the Region I Caucus reception that will be held at the National Conference. The board unanimously voted to donate \$200.

### Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee-Debbie Olsen Chair- No one has applied for the Carla Mathers workshop stipend. She recommends using the money to add a fifth scholarship for the National Conference.

### New Business

1. Stephanie Feyne suggested that NYC Metro RID make a motion at the National RID conference. She suggests that we: “Move that RID post online for view by members only the contract with Boys Town (redacting any proprietary information).

Rationale: RID entered into a contract with an outside agency to assess and evaluate the skills of working interpreters. Those assessments are now used as criteria for certification. It is in the best interests of the membership and of the organization for us to understand clearly what our contracts obligations are. In this way we can move forward with making informed decisions on issues of certification, testing and membership categories.

-Moved by NYC Metro RID”

Glenn will talk to Stephanie about fleshing out the motion and will email it to the board by June 5<sup>th</sup>, to then be made into a handout for members at the General Meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Glenn will make 50 copies for the meeting. If membership agrees to motion, as chief officer, Cathy Markland will submit the motion to National RID and speak to its merits at the Conference

Board Meeting. It is suggested that Stephanie send out a bullet point overview of the motion in metrobites, so as to give membership a better understanding.

2. Donations.

-Mellissa March motioned that if no one applies for the Carla Mathers stipend, the money will go to adding a fifth scholarship for the National RID Conference. Caroline Burrow-second. Motion passed unanimously.

-Sara Kusnetzky motioned to give \$100 to the IDP committee for their workshop at the National Conference. Donna Lee motioned to increase the amount to \$200. Sara- I motion to allocate \$200 to the IDP in conference support. Donna- second. Motion passed unanimously.

-Cathy Markland motioned to give Mano a' Mano a \$50 donation for conference support. Sara Kusnetzky-second. Motion passed unanimously.

-RID member section IEIS (Interpreter's in Educational and Instructional Settings) requested conference support for their "Meet and Greet". Cathy Markland motioned to allocate \$100 to the IEIS for conference support. Donna Lee- second. Motion passed with one abstention.

3. Via a letter to the Board, Lynette Taylor brought up two ideas that she would like discussion and feedback about. 1. A Barter system for interpreting services 2. An Emergency Interpreter Fund that can be utilized by deaf people. The Board was very excited about both ideas and had some feedback about the benefits and potential challenges. A detailed memo will be formulated and sent to Lynette.

4. Melissa March- as a result of the last general meeting after discussion, a group consisting of Deaf people and Interpreters would like to establish a long standing Metro RID Committee. It will be called "Interpreting-Deaf Community Education Committee (IDCEC)" Its mission would be to educate about the standards, rights, and resources of interpreting. Education and resources would be aimed at many different recipients; interpreting agencies, deaf people, interpreters, corporate facilities using interpreters, and potentially at the State level at a future time. An information packet with resources is being created. This committee will need a budget.

Caroline Burrow-I motion to establish the "Committee for Interpreting and Deaf Community Education" as a longstanding committee. Sara Kusnetzky- second. Motion passed unanimously.

Caroline Burrow- I motion to establish a line in the budget for the CIDCE committee. Sara Kusntezky-second. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Membership Update- The procedure for new members if the paperwork is missing. There has been an issue with new members who fill out the application, pay the dues, but are missing a copy of their National RID membership card or another form of identification and their membership isn't being processed, but their money has been "credited" for a future time. Sara Kusnetzky- I motion to abolish the "credit" system. Three vote to keep it. Four vote to abolish it. Two abstentions. Motion passed.

The procedure from now on will be that a new member can fill out their paperwork and pay their dues. If they are missing any element of the application, an email will immediately be sent to them thanking them for their membership and reminding them that they have 2 weeks to submit the outstanding documents in order for their membership to be fully processed. If nothing is done, a second and final email will be sent to the person saying that they have 10 days to send in the necessary documentation otherwise their payment will be refunded to them. Sara will notify Bram of the change in procedure. It is suggested that this procedure be more well known to members, whether it become a standing rule at meetings, posted on the website, or sent out in metrobites/coffee talk. Rebecca Weinberger also suggested changing the website so one could join and renew membership online.

6. Cathy Markland- Jeff Jaech and Dana Johnson will both be on hand at the June 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting to receive their "appreciation award" plaques. Both were extremely touched and honored that Metro has thought about them. Sara will speak about Jeff and Donna about DJ at

the general meeting.

7. The board will buy a plant and card to thank Principal Wafta Shama at P.S. 47 for letting us use their conference room for our meetings.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm