



NYC Metro RID General Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/11/09 6:36PM

President: Melissa March / Cathy Markland Secretary: Heather Paradise

Vice President: Sara Kusnetzky Associate Rep: Caroline Burrow

Treasurer: Donna Lee

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

1. **Standing Rules:**

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

Old Business

Through electric correspondence, the Board passed the following motion.

Melissa March motioned that we increase the amount of Conference support from \$200 to \$1000 for the IDP workshop.

Cathy Markland second. Motion passes with the majority.

New Business

Melissa March- We have a very exciting meeting tonight. We will have our “changing of the guard”, where we will be ushering out the old board and welcoming the new one!

Tonight we have a quorum. When we vote, the motion will be proposed and then seconded. We can have three statements for and three against, then discussion, then vote. Associate and Certified members can vote. Chris is willing to copy sign for tonight, but if you want to make a comment, please come to the front of the room.

We will be changing the agenda around a little due to some scheduling that we are trying to accommodate.

President’s Report: Tonight we have chapter, regional, and national announcements.

Chapter Announcements:

Starting at the chapter level, our local chapter has set up a new committee called “The Interpreter-Deaf Community Education Committee” (IDCEC). This will be a committee that will help with providing resources to stakeholders of interpreting services. This evolved from the discussion we had after the last general meeting. The committee will consist of 3 deaf members and 3 hearing members: Whitney Chesser, Steven Younger, Tom Samuels, Molly Wilson, MK Adams, and myself. The NYC Metro Board approved a line in the budget for the committee as well.

Sara Kusnetzky, having worked very hard as PDC Chair during her term, will be replaced by Corrie Pond! Also, Stephanie Feyne will be stepping down as Website Chair, and will be

replaced by Amy Greenwood. So, thankfully, all committees and responsibilities are now covered when the next Board takes over! Wonderful!

Regional Announcements:

Regional News- There will be a Region I conference in Albany on August 13-15th, 2010. There is a flier on the back table if you would like to look at it, and it was also in the announcement that was sent out on MetroBits today.

Also, there are some issues regarding the regional conference that will be discussed on the next Region I President's call. You can send your comments to the next NYC Metro President. The two issues we need your input on are 1) should we provide babysitting services at the conference? 2) What should the theme of the conference be? Please Email CQ with your ideas at cqterp@gmail.com

National Announcements:

National News: Glenn Sheprow: Current and former NYC Metro members have submitted several motions to be addressed at the Business Meeting during the upcoming RID conference: Here is some brief information about some of the motions that will be proposed:

- There is a motion to reinstate the proxy voting system for Business Meetings at our National Conference. We recognize it is difficult for some RID members to attend the conference but believe they should still be able to vote. In this proposal, one member attending the conference can hold the proxy for up to 20 members.
- There is a motion to create a protocol for online voting. This will assist members to be involved in RID decision-making and to have all the information they need in order to make a prudent decision.
- There are 3 motions to limit the power of the Board and give the general membership of RID the power to make the final decision on issues of certification, testing, and certification categories. This is a response to the Board's 2007 decision on the EIPA which changed the meaning of "Certified Member".

Melissa- I have two advertisements on behalf of the IDP. IDP will have a community forum on August 2nd from 3-8pm. It is titled "What is our IQ?" They will also host a pre-conference workshop "Bring Back the Old Signs". This will take place on August 1st. Please visit www.idp-rid.org for more information.

Strategic Bylaws Review Task Force update- They are still looking for more feedback and want more non-certified educational members to join the committee.

Diversity Committee- All member sections will be under the Diversity Committee. The one possible exception might be Deaf Members in Leadership. They will be meeting with Cheryl Moose before the conference to discuss if this is the appropriate placement for them.

Now we have awards to present to two very special people...two incredible people who just give, give, and give of themselves!

Cathy Markland- First of all, we would really like to thank Christine Ianonne. She is the one who was preparing the plaques that we are giving to our recipients but then an unexpected change of plans occurred. She had her baby 20 days early! I am sure she was not anticipating that! 20 days early! So we have our “make do” plaques for tonight and will switch them out later.

Jeff Jaech is our first recipient. He has so many different roles in our community and one is a huge job at Teacher College. We felt his “behind the scenes” hard work deserves some recognition....and plus, he’s just an all-around good guy! Every Friday and Saturday he is working hard to administer certification tests as well as being our office manager daily.

Melissa-On a personal note, when I became Co-President of Metro, I was really apprehensive and he really helped me out. He would give me notes, advice, and support!

Cathy- So, NYC Metro would like to present this plaque to Jeff Jaech, with a little bit of humor, of course!

Melissa- Next we have Dana Johnson. She is another person who just gives and gives. Of course, her skills lie in technology. All the technical aspects of Deafhood ran smoothly because of her. We all know if there is a problem, she will know how to fix it. She is willing to do anything and everything. We appreciate her help, knowledge, skill, and spirit. Thank you!!!

CQ- Fundraiser report. Well, I know how to get Jeff to come to the fundraiser next time...give him an award! Well, I happy to announce that we earned over \$700!!! Special thanks goes out to Kathy Walley, her boyfriend Rudolphe, and Jan Quiles’ mother-in-law for all of her cooking. Also I would like to thank my boyfriend Mike and my ‘stepson’ Masai for helping out. Thank you for all your donations. Thanks to Glenn for selling all the 50/50 tickets, which Bram Weiser won! I look forward to next year’s fundraiser, and that it’s not going to be me running it!!!

Caroline Burrow-Budget- I’m subbing for the treasurer, Donna Lee, tonight!

NYC Metro RID-Income Statement as of June 11, 2009

Previous Balance (as of 4/27/09) \$14,112.82

Income

Membership

-Certified	\$35.00
Fundraising	\$1,757.00
Total income:	\$1,792.00

Expenses

CMP/ACET sponsor Dues	\$150.00
Conference Support	\$300.00
IEIS Member Section (RID Nat’l Conf. workshop)	
Copying	\$33.25
Donations	\$350
(IDP and Deaf-Blind Member Section, RID Nat’l Conf. workshops)	
Fundraising	\$995.00
Mentor Project Contribution	\$600.00

Miscellaneous	\$200.00
(Mano A Mano Member Section, RID Nat'l Conf. Workshop)	
Newsletter	\$348.00
Postage	\$102.99
President's Fund	\$100.00
Professional Fees/Accessibility	\$25.00
(pre-certified interpreter for 4/27/09 Metro Mtg.)	
Rent	\$100.00
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Total Expenses	\$3,304.24

New Balance as of 6/11/09 \$12,600.58

Melissa-Thanks for taking over Caroline and thanks to CQ for all her work with the fundraiser. Next we were supposed to have the NAOBI President speak but, unfortunately, she had to cancel.

7:07pm-

Cathy Markland, Metro RID Co-President, moved that the following motion (and its accompanying rationale and financial impact statement) be presented as a national motion at the 2009 RID business meeting:

Move that RID post online, for view by members only, the contract with Boys Town.

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 status. It is in the best interests of the membership and of the organization for us to understand clearly what our contractual obligations are. In this way we can move forward with making informed decisions on issues of certification, testing and membership categories.

In 2007 RID entered into a contract with Boys Town that any interpreter who was a member of RID and had been assessed at 4.0 and above on their EIPA (Educational Interpreters Performance Assessment) would be considered a "Certified Member of RID", even though that interpreter had never been awarded certification. The prerequisites for certification do not seem to apply to those who have been assessed by Boys Town. By entering into this contract RID changed the meaning of "Certified Member".

RID did so without a vote of our membership. We have not been privy to the details of the contract. We do not know if this contract goes on in perpetuity. We do not know if RID is paying Boys Town, or vice versa, for the use of our name. We do not know what RID is obliged to do, nor what Boys Town is obliged to do. We have been left in the dark. We feel this motion is a step toward RID becoming more transparent.

Financial impact statement:

No financial impact on the organization

Metro RID member, Lisa Dennett seconded the motion.

Membership chair, Bram Weiser: if you are voting by proxy please hand in your proxy forms and indicate the number of proxy votes by the number of fingers you hold up.

Cathy Markland: Would anyone like to speak for or against the motion? (no one)

Andrea- Do mind repeating or expanding on it?

Cathy Markland-You can read it from the handout that was distributed.

Now we will vote.

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

For: unanimous

7:13pm Motion passed unanimously.

Comment - It is possible that the motion may not be discussed on the floor at the National Conference. NYC Metro will submit the motion, but depending on the timing it may or may not be discussed at the conference.

Melissa - Now we have the scholarship drawing! Originally we had four scholarships for the 2009 National RID Conference, but since no one applied for the stipend for the Carla Mather's workshop, the Board voted to put that money towards a fifth scholarship.

Award winner, Jeff Jaech, will pick the winning names out of a bag.

The winners are:

Mandy Heinbaugh

Aviva Ben-shitrit

Bram Weiser

Sarah Brandenburg

Julie Crawford

They each get \$350 to go towards the conference registration fees.

Melissa- And now... the changing of the guard!

CM- Since we have one person per executive office, we will do a slate/proclamation vote.

With one vote, all will be voted into office.

The candidates are:

President: Christine Quinton

Vice President: Chris Tester

Secretary: Heather Paradise

Treasurer: Jennifer Ward

Assoc reps (2): Aviva Ben-shitrit

Sarah Brandenburg

Directors at large: Rebecca Weinberger

Kathy Walley

Andria Alehfi

Janice Quiles

Does anyone have anything to add or discuss?

Who is for? (all)

Against? (none)

Abstained? (none)

Motion passed! Congratulations everyone!

Melissa- Here's a pin for you.

Comment: Why don't we have a NYC Metro RID pin? We should have a pin that supports Metro not Region I!

Melissa: We can always plant a seed/idea and see what grows.

Melissa- Congratulations everyone!!! Thanks for a great year!!!

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm