



NYC Metro RID Board Meeting Agenda

Date: July 6, 2009
Attending: Christine Quinton, Melissa March, Chris Tester, Heather Paradise, Jen Ward, Aviva Ben-shitrit, Sarah Brandenburg, Janice Quiles, Kathy Walley
Commenced: 6:32pm

Announcements:

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Old Business:

Deaf Interpreter Fund- CQ- in a previous board meeting Lynnette Taylor submitted information regarding setting up an a) Deaf Interpreter Fund b) Barter System. Melissa, do you mind giving a brief overview of what these two ideas are?

Melissa- The Deaf Interpreter Fund would be along the same lines as the recently established "Emergency Health Fund". This would be a resource for deaf people who have some sort of emergency and require an interpreter. For example, money would be provided to hire and interpreter for funeral. The "Barter System" would be where two people could use a barter system for services. For example, provide plumbing services traded for interpreting services. (Interpreting services do not necessarily to be involved...). The goal of both of these ideas to return to the ideas of reciprocity and community between interpreters and deaf people. At a previous board meeting Lynnette submitted an explanation of the ideas, the Board discussed thoughts and concerns, the idea of establishing a committee and a stipend to a person who is willing to monitor the systems, and the feedback was emailed to Lynnette.

Chris-FYI, Vermont has a system in place where they will provide three hours of interpreting services to a funeral that has deaf people in attendance.

Chris will email Lynnette with information about looking into Vermont's system.

Committee Reports:

New Board Liaisons for committees were established.

The following Board members will check in with each committee chair in order to provide and update at each Board meeting.

Mentorship-Jen Ward is discussing with Caroline about taking over as chair of this committee. She will let CQ know her decision.

ESAD-Chris Tester

Interpreter/Deaf Education Committee- Chris Tester

DIRC-Sarah Brandenburg

CMP-Sarah Brandenburg

Membership-CQ

Newsletter-Janice Quiles

PDC-Kathy Walley (cc DJ and Mandy)

LTA-Heather Paradise

Fundraising-Janice Quiles

General Meeting Interpreter-Kathy Walley

Directory-CQ

Website- Aviva Ben-shitrit (email Amy and cc Stephanie)
Office Manager- Heather Paradise
Scholarship-Sara Brandenburg
Nominations-Aviva Ben-shitrit
Awards-Jen Ward
MetroBits-Janice Quiles
Emergency Fund- Jen Ward
NJRID-Chris Tester
LaGuardia Interpreting Program-Rebecca Weinberger
SJI Interpreting Program-Rebecca Weinberger
UCC-Kathy Walley
NAOBI, MADA, NYCCAD, LIRID- Andrea Alehfi

New Business

Website- CQ-Spoke with Bram about updating the Metro Website to be more user friendly; to add such capabilities as to be able to renew membership online, use paypal, update contact information, access directory information, etc. It would be password protected so that only Metro members can access sensitive information. Bram and CQ are looking into website possibilities. Plans may be contingent on the passing of a motion that is being voted on at the National Conference. The motion would require members to pay both national and local membership fees directly to National RID and RID would, in turn, forward local chapter dues to the member's local chapter.

Melissa- Upgrading of the website was previously looked into and discussed with webmaster, Robin Gerard. Concerns were previously discussed about making sure the website was user friendly to Deaf Blind members. You may want to contact Robin Gerard again.

CQ- I will do that.

“Welcoming Committee”-CQ- Dori Griffiths suggested the idea of forming a “Welcoming Committee”. Its mission would be to provide resources and guidance to interpreters who have recently relocated to the metro area.

Chris-This could also be a resource to interpreters visiting the NYC metro area.

Melissa-This could also be an Adhoc committee, if need be.

-Pros and Cons were discussed, as well as the issue of who will chair and what it means to and what kind of resources and information would be disseminated by the committee. The Board suggests that Dori be asked if she is willing to chair the committee, that she find other members to join the committee, brainstorm ideas, and submit a formal proposal to the Board for discussion and feedback. CQ will email Dori to let her know how to proceed.

General Meeting dates for 2009-2019 were scheduled for:

Wednesday, September 16th, 2009

Monday, November 16th, 2009

Thursday, February 25th, 2010

Monday, April 26th, 2010

Monday, June 14th, 2010

If CQ is unable to attend, Chris will run the meeting. Associate members, mentoring, and deaf interpreters meeting will be held at 5:30pm and the General Meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Board meetings have been scheduled for
September 9th, 2009 (this will be a conference call)
October 30th, 2009
2010 Board meeting dates will be decided at a later time.

Interpreter-Deaf Education Committee- Melissa- On behalf of IDEC committee, I am here to request at \$1200 budget allowance for our committee. If possible, \$1500 would be even more useful. Main expenses would be in outreach fees (attending expo's) and the creation of a journal of resources and pamphlets. The journal would have resources, personal stories, etc. related to the stakeholders in the deaf/interpreting community. Molly Wilson is currently putting together a video of deaf people telling personal experiences of why having a skilled culturally knowledgeable interpreter is necessary. This will be shown at the Expo booth.

Jen Ward and Donna Lee will soon be sitting down to go over the budget, so a decision on the IDEC committee allotted budget will be made after that happens. Because of the adjustment last year for local affiliates to follow National RID's fiscal year, there is still an outstanding tax issue. Donna will explain to Jen how to follow up with the tax department.

Board meeting voting procedures were discussed. A vote of 6 or more for a motion will pass a motion.

The Board reviewed what Board job descriptions entail and how to use the googlegroups email system.

Everyone is looking forward to a successful year on the NYC Metro RID Board!

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm