

New York City Metro RID General Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2004

President Christina Trunzo-Mosleh called meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Welcomed members, encouraged to contact any Board member with concerns, feedback. Introduced interpreters Amy Meckler and Marisa Balsamo. Reviewed Standing Rules.

Christina TM thanked VP Christine Iannone for taking on Awards Committee duties. Announced Metro Service Award winner Debbie Swamback who thanked Metro for award.

Mani Garcia announced Metro Consumer Award winner Lisa Carling of TDF. Lisa C thanked Metro for award.

Christina TM announced 2005 Board members and positions. Thanked 2004 Board for service. Thanked past President Sam Tallerico for support and taking minutes tonight.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

--Region I Conference, first in several years July 20-23, 2006 in Rhode Island. List of committees needing members available in back of room. Sam T is Conference secretary and Student Rep chair.

--RID Conference Spanish interpreter policy update.

--Empire State Association of the Deaf holding conference Sept 16-18, 2005. ESAD would like 5 New York State RID affiliate chapters to be involved. Inquiry was made to the membership for their ideas on how the affiliate chapters can possibly be involved. Feb. 14 is deadline for feedback. Contact Christina TM.

--Link on Metro website for Sarah Pack's NYC Access Guide of Resources for Deaf/HH/Deaf-Blind. Information sheet in back of room. Thanks to Sarah P for compiling.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No quorum.

DISCUSSION: Stephanie Feyne announced September 2004 motion to reduce number of Metro meetings per calendar year was not worded properly and thus could not be voted on even if quorum was reached. Called for establishment of ByLaws Committee to review and submit to members for a 2/3 vote approval. Rationale for reducing number of meetings given by various. Process of how voting takes place discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christina TM thanked current chairs.

Newsletter Committee remains vacant. Sam T available to explain requirements during break. Need chair!

DIRC: Debbie S. announced successful January DIRC meeting about "Sticky Situations". Need volunteers to host future DIRC meetings--one Deaf, one hearing to co-facilitate. Contact Debbie S.

Fundraising: Chair Maria Micioni announces “Funny Zero” tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 19. Would like to step down as Chair following performance.

Professional Development: Jeff Jaech discussed Peer To Peer Mentoring workshop possibly weekend of April 1 at Teachers’ College. Check website www.nycmetrorid.org for info. Must purchase books in advance directly from author one month in advance.

Acknowledgement of Christine Quinton as very active in committees. New name sign “CQ”?

Awards, Mentoring, Nominations, State Licensure are additional vacant committees needing members.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mani G reported Jody Gill emailed survey about Mental Health/medical interpreters. Encouraged members to fill out. Stephanie F recommended sending to BITS....Christina TM announced that Sarah Bartow got required minimum 50 registrants for 2005 National RID conference group discount.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christina TM is expecting her first child this summer!....Sam T encouraged people to listen to his 60s/70s music radio program on www.wvkr.org Fridays from 3 to 5....Mani G encouraged members to log on to www.myspace.com/mani to see info about his upcoming musical performances....Treasurer Rachel Nekoukar certified CT!

Rachel N thanked former Treasurer Ann Gauruder for immense help in showing Rachel the ropes. Congrats to Ann G for July ’04 wedding and baby due May ’05!

Following break, Christina TM led discussion of direction of future Metro meetings. Melanie Girschick and Maria M started Fishbowl discussion. Many participants. Ideas:

a) Bridging gaps between seasoned and newbies; b) Offer “vent” sessions; c) Offer separate groups for experienced vs. newbie issues; d) Establish mentoring as priority; e) Replace traditional Metro meeting format with renewed focus on *issues*.

Wes Whalen suggested Blackboard/Bulletin board for website similar to LGCC. Will research cost, feasibility and report to Christina TM and Website chair Stephanie F.

Lisa Dennett requested that Board make decision on structure of meetings even if no member input; tired of same ol’, same ol’.

Meeting adjourned 9:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Tallerico, Acting Secretary