



NYC Metro RID Board Meeting Agenda

Date: 9/9/09

Attending: Christine Quinton, Chris Tester, Heather Paradise, Jennifer Ward, Kathy Walley, Janice Quiles, Andria Alehfi, Aviva Ben-Shitrit, Sarah Brandenburg

Commenced: 6:05pm

Announcements:

1. Rebecca Weinberger is stepping down as Member-at-Large. Sarah Brandenburg will now become the Member-at-Large, while Aviva Ben-Shitrit will be the sole Associate Rep.
2. ESAD will be holding a conference in Albany on Oct. 1st-3rd. There is a \$60 registration fee. Visit www.esad.org for more information.

Old Business:

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Committee Reports:

1. *Website*- Amy would like to change around the website and is looking for suggestions. She would like to know what the priorities would be for the website and needs pictures of the new board members to post on the website. The Board will look over the website and see if there are any suggestions. Aviva will let Amy know that any ideas and suggestions that she has would be great and she should submit them to the board. Amy also feels a little out of the loop about what information about events should be posted on the website. Aviva will check with Stephanie Feyne, who previously was the webmaster, to see if she has any suggestions. Janice will contact Amy and Janice Rimler to see if there is a better way to make sure all announcements and information reaches the website, metrobits, and the newsletter.
2. *Associate Rep. meeting*- an Associate Rep meeting will be held before the next general meeting. Aviva, Sarah, and Caroline are in correspondence about the meeting. It is expected that those involved in the mentorship program are also the ones that will attend the associate rep. meeting.
3. *Awards*- Christine Ianonne will remain the Awards Committee chair.
4. *LTA*- Supersite: Teacher's College, Columbia University Committee chair Jeff Jaech

Performance exams administered to date in 2009:

CDI-1 NIC-41 OTC-1 SC:L-1

Written exams administered to date in 2009:

CDI-2

The deadline for hearing performance exam candidates to have a minimum of an associate's degree was June 30. Since then there has been a marked decline in the number of individuals seeking exam appointments, shortening the time one must wait to secure an appointment.

As usual, anyone interested in becoming a local test administrator (LTA) should contact the RID National Testing System office at nts@rid.org or (703)838-0459 V, (703) 838-0459 TTY. Compensation for administering exams can be taken as a cash payment or deferred to pay for membership fees, RID products, or national conference registration fees.

New Business

1. *Budget-* CQ- As of the past couple of fiscal years, the proposed budget has been around approximately \$10,000 more than the actual amount that Metro has had in its bank account. Currently our proposed budget is approximately \$27,000 but the actual budget is \$16,779.68. CQ suggests having the proposed budget more closely reflect the money that we actually have, for example proposing a \$20,000 budget. As a non-profit we have to spend the money that we have and can't show profit, but it seems more sensible to have a proposed budget that is around two thousand dollars over our income, as opposed to ten thousand dollars over our income. In the 08-09 fiscal year Metro had an income of ~\$17,400 and spent ~\$21,000. In the 07-08 fiscal year, Metro had an income of ~\$18,000 and spent ~\$20,000. Also, the income from membership dues had decreased over the years. The Board agrees to have a proposed budget that more closely reflects the actual budget.

Some suggested reductions in the proposed budget would be in the categories of donations, fundraising, newsletter, and PDC. Suggestions were made to have the newsletter possibly go online and reduce the amount of mailings, which would be both eco-friendly and save money. PDC may offer a few less workshops, not having one after every general meeting. Jennifer and CQ will sit down and go over the budget to adjust it.

2. *PDC-* Kathy will check bylaws to see how many workshops are required to be facilitated by an affiliate chapter. She will let Corrie know of a possible proposed budget cut. Corrie should have all of the results back from the recent PDC poll by Sunday. The board suggests she email the Board the results and present her findings at the General meeting on the 16th.
3. *Mentorship program-* Rob Hills has informed us that Laguardia doesn't have any money for the mentor stipend this year but there may be money to help sponsor a one-time mentoring workshop. Sarah will contact Caroline and see if she is 1) willing to continue to run the program and 2) is willing to contact the mentors to see if they would continue to mentor without the stipend.
4. *Alternate meeting space-* Kathy Walley is looking into alternative meeting spaces in order to find a more convenient and accessible location for our members and to possibly reduce rent costs. \$800 was spent last year in rent to St. Elizabeth's. If need be, CQ could talk to the church to see if they could reduce the rent. Kathy has been checking out spaces and most range from about \$40-\$57 per hour for rentals (non-profit rate). General meetings would probably require a 4 ½ hour rental. We could save \$ by reducing the time before the meeting and the break between the meeting and the workshop. Suggestions were made to look into schools, YMCA's, spaces that would be shared by other deaf community organizations, etc. Chris and Heather will help Kathy research and visit possible spaces. CQ will talk to Debbie Swamback about the space that DIRC uses.

Meeting adjourned: 7:08pm