



NYC Metro RID General Meeting Minutes

Date: June 28, 2010 time 6:45pm

President:	Christine Quinton	Secretary:	Heather Paradise
Vice President:	Chris Tester	Associate Rep:	Aviva Ben-Shitrit
Treasurer:	Jen Ward		

Directors at Large (4): Janice Quiles, Kathy Walley, Andria Alehfi, Sarah Brandenburg

Standing Rules:

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

Old Business

-None-

We have a quorum tonight.

New Business

CQ- Tonight we will announce the new board positions.

First off, thanks to Corrie Pond who was this year's chair of the PDC committee. Thank you, Corrie, for all your hard work. She is stepping down but will remain on the committee. Debbie Olsen will be taking over as chairperson. The committee will be comprised of Corrie Pond, Mandy Heinbaugh, and Rachel Nekoukar. Also, much thanks to committee member Dana Johnson for all her work this year. She will be stepping down from the committee as well. If you are interested in joining the PDC committee, please contact Debbie Olsen.

Sam Tallerico will be continuing as Mentoring Chair for the 2010-11 year. Thanks to Sam for all his hard work coordinating interpreter mentor/mentee teams for the meetings. If you want to be a mentor/mentee interpreter for the meetings, please contact Sam or any board members.

The Newsletter was previously done by Janice Rimler but will now be taken over by Nicole Montanya. A big 'thank you' to Janice who has done it for a long time. Janice will continue to administer the Ridbits email blast.

All other committee chairs will stay the same: Debbie Olsen as chair of Scholarship, Amy Meckler as chair of CMP, Debbie Swamback as chair of DIRC, Amy Greenwood as webmaster, and Bram Weiser as chair of membership.

We don't have a budget to discuss for tonight. We will email out the budget to members via Ridbits. There have been no big changes since last meetings budget.

Bram- This Metro RID year is ending so its time to renew your membership. Metro used to be the largest affiliate chapter but it seems that NJRID may be gaining on us. So please send in your renewal forms with all the necessary supporting documentation. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Sarah Brandenburg- Now we will pick the scholarship winners for the Region I conference. You still have time to register if you haven't yet! The winners are:

Lusanne Massaro

Janice Quiles

Kathy Walley

Sam Tallerico

Debbie Olsen will contact the winners.

CQ- So, are there any motions to be made? (*see "National RID Announcements" below*)

Lewis- We should motion at the Region 1 conference that RID adopt the Region V Communication Policy for National Conferences of RID beginning in 2013. Now we can have a discussion.

-no discussion.

Chris Tester- I would like to motion that we make a motion at the Region I conference that RID adopt the Region V Communication Policy for National Conference of RID beginning in 2013.

Corrie Pond- 2nd

Bram- I would like to clarify the voting process; please hold up one finger per vote (including proxies).

For-19

Opposed- 0

Motion passes.

Now Kat Dudina will announce new board:

Kat- Only 29 members voted which was, unfortunately, a pretty weak showing. I will start from the top down, the last one being the big surprise.

The 2010-11 Metro RID Board is:

President- Christopher Tester

Vice President- Kathy Walley

Treasurer- Jen Ward

Secretary- Amanda Heinbaugh

Associate Rep.- Dori Griffiths

Directors at Large (2yr)- Jana Owen and Janice Quiles

(1yr)- Sarah Brandenburg and Mara Stephens

Congrats to all!

CQ- I am thrilled that Chris is taking over as President...and that my term is finished! Ever year the outgoing President thanks their Board and up until now I never really grasped how much of a team effort it is. I am so grateful to be a part of this supportive organization. The quick responses and effort by my board has been phenomenal. It's so great to know that you can depend on your team. Thank you!

Kat Dudina- I have two kittens that I want to find homes for. Please contact me if you are interested.

National RID announcements

Lewis Merkin- Here is an update from the National RID Board on what's been happening.

For the first time in history there we have had no candidates run for Region I Rep. This means that no one is running Region I. The National Board checked by the by laws and it says that the RID Board can only appoint someone if it is less than a full term, which this is not. In two to three weeks we will send out an announcement regarding changing the bylaws. In the meantime, Interim Region I Rep, Jackie Emmert has agreed to stay on until August 15th. If you are interested in becoming the Region I Rep, please contact me to discuss what it entails.

At the Region V Conference they passed a proposal to change the communication policy. The conference took place primarily in Sign Language and everything was captioned. The conference, which was held in Utah, had approximately 400 attendees who all followed this communication policy. It was very successful. We would like to propose that we motion at the Region I conference that RID adopt the Region V Communication Policy for the National Conferences starting in 2013.

Kat- So, does this mean that if a person is not signing they will get in trouble with the "talking police"?

Lewis- No. The rationale of proposal passed at Region V conference is to set up an environment that demonstrates respect and access via a common language and promotes a bilingual philosophy within the organization. It encourages open communication between National RID and the Deaf Community. It minimizes the need for a third person intermediary and increases relationship between people. It will not be an "ASL only Law", rather, one can use any form of sign language that they prefer, ASL, PSE, SEE, etc. If Metro RID supports this proposal at Region I, it will give the proposal more power.

Q- Will this apply to all Regions? I think it is a great idea.

Yes, this is for all the regional conferences during the business meetings and other events. Last year all the board members agreed to promise to use sign language only throughout conference week. Our goal is also to increase the number of workshops presented in ASL. At last year's national conference, 33% of the workshops were in ASL and we hope to increase that number.

The Strategic Challenges Bylaws Review Task Force is still looking for member's feedback and input.

GAP (Government Affairs Program)- This is a group that is set up to investigate and discuss VRS and FCC issues, such as protecting the rights of interpreters and ensuring that VRS companies have a license. Please participate in this forum to give your input.

Jana Owen- motion to close the meeting

Chris Tester- 2nd

Meeting adjourned: 7:18pm