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SEPTEMBER

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 19th

6:30-8:00

Panera Bread, 34th/5th

ALLIES CONFERENCE

7th through 9th

11:30-4:00

Washington, D.C.

OCTOBER

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, 5th

6:00-9:00

Houston Hall
220 W. Houston St. NY

BIG APPLE ASL FEST

Sunday, 15th

11:30-4:00

South Street Seaport, NYC

NOVEMBER

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 14th

6:00-8:00

Panera Bread, 34th/5th



Letter from President Jose Gomez

It has been such a great year and our organization accomplished all of the goals we set for last term and we are continuing to accomplish more. I am truly appreciative for the board and their commitment to the work as well as the rest of the membership for all your support. I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve as President for another year and eager to continue the work we started. With this year, having gone to the RID LEAD Together Conference and given the current climate of our nation, the focus on inclusivity will be incorporated in all our decisions moving forward. The importance for us all to come together as one has never been greater in our lifetime than now. Organizations suffer when all perspectives are not included and for too long the perspectives of marginalized communities have been overlooked. History has shown when we all come together and put our heads together, we are stronger and my aim is to make NYC Metro RID stronger by doing just that. I am truly optimistic of where we are heading this year and excited to be on this journey with you all.

First Annual Chapter Meeting and BBQ

This year NYC Metro RID hosted its first annual BBQ. It was a beautiful summer day at Queens Bridge Park along the East River. Metro RID provided a variety of food and beverages, while more than 130 interpreters and members of the Deaf community mingled in the afternoon shade. The park itself was very accessible, the park was so great, we hope to host the event here again for years to come. After the success of this event, we look forward to more frequent collaboration between the interpreting community and the Deaf community we serve, creating opportunities for genuine connections and open communication. We intend to host more social events throughout the year, as well as cross-cultural workshops for interpreters.

News Briefs

- The 2017 Summer Deaflympics was held in Samsun, Turkey. 12 American athletes represented The United States winning 16 medals.
- National RID will be contacting local chapters regarding lapsed membership.
- The Mentorship Committee is available for those looking to develop their skills in a group setting. No cost to participate, its included in your Metro membership! Contact mentorship@nycmetrorid.org for more information.

Updates from Salt Lake City

New York City Metro RID was well represented in this year's RID LEAD Together Conference at Salt Lake City, UT. President Jose Gomez, Vice President Lydia Callis, DAL Justine Rivera and some of our members, attended the Leadership Track, while DAL Lisa Lockley, along with our Membership Chair, Bram Weiser and a few more members attended the Skills Track. It was a valuable experience and majority of us left with a changed perspective on RID, our profession and most importantly, ourselves. The Leadership Track by consensus, was one of, if not the best, conference RID has had in a very long time. It was extremely well organized and inspiration was delivered by each plenary speaker and small group discussion that followed. The ongoing theme was inclusivity and recognizing our individual power and privilege and how it impacts our communities, particularly marginalized groups. The conference was also geared towards change with RID as a whole. As with most companies and organizations, evolutionary change is inevitable and we as members were given the power and privilege to decide where RID goes from here. The RID board has heard our issues and recognizes the lack of communal relationship we have longed for; the support that all interpreters need and the value of input from the Deaf community. All the answers were not discovered at the conference and RID will not be perfect in addressing all of our concerns immediately, but this conference was definitely a step in the right direction. One of the most important things we walked away with, is the recognition that RID is not separate from us, but rather WE are RID. If not for us, there will be no RID. As an Affiliate Chapter we will do better in facilitating information directly from RID to you to avoid misinterpretations that usually comes with third and fourth hand information. Lastly, we'd like to thank our NYC conference facilitators Lewis Merkin and Andria Alefhi for their amazing work to guide our small group discussions. If you would like to learn more about our experiences, please feel free to connect with us directly.

Associate's Corner: Testing & Certification Update

During this year's RID National Conference, RID President Melvin Walker and CASLI President Miako Rankin presented and answered questions regarding the future of the NIC test. Associate members will be pleased to hear that despite rumors, there is currently no scheduled second moratorium for the NIC test. The current test will continue running while a new test plan was just approved for the NIC and the CDI exam. To learn more, the 2.5 hour live stream is still available on CASLI's website at www.casli.org.

MetroNews would like to invite members to submit articles for upcoming editions. Submissions can be of any length, and sent to secretary@nycmetrorid.org for review.

2017-2018 Board of Directors

The 2017-2018 Board of Directors has been finalized, with each position filled. Below is the list of all Directors.

President Jose Gomez, NIC

Vice President Lydia Callis, NIC

Secretary Jason Farr, NIC

Treasurer Jonathan Lamberton, CDI

Associate Representative Danielle Piccirilli

Directors-At-Large

Justine Rivera Lisa Lockley
Erika Murray Tim Smith

If you'd like to become involved, our committees are a great place to start. Committee Chairs will be listed in the next MetroNews.

Terp Tech

Here are a few apps that may help you with **navigating New York**.

- [Google Earth Street View](#)
- [Yelp](#)
- [Exit Strategy](#)
- [Park Whiz](#)
- [MTA Bus Time](#)
- [New York Times](#)
- [City Mapper](#)
- [Google Maps](#)
- [Transit](#)
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