



**Interpreters with Deaf Parents
Member Section of RID, Inc.
Meeting of Officers and Regional Representatives
January 25, 2012
8:00p.m. - 9:44pm EST.**

Minutes

Council Members in Attendance:

**Chair – Suzanne Nace
Vice Chair – Laurie Nash
Treasurer- Amy Williamson
Secretary - Karen Lefebvre
Region I – Kelly Decker
Region III – Tracey Romanov
Region V - Tom Satterlee**

The Agenda was mailed to the Council along with the information on how to access the tele-conference.

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AGENDA ITEMS

➤ **Motion 'E' Status :**

Chair: Suzanne Nace began the meeting by reviewing the notes sent to her by Randy Chappell, the original author of 'Motion E' from Region II. The present task is to determine the definition of a qualified individual, who was raised by Deaf parents as an additional member to a 'seat' on the national Board of Directors. The Chair read the information on Randy's notes: this included the history of RID, the clarification of interpreters raised by Deaf parents, natural or adopted, etc. After this reading and overview, the Council members responded to the Chair inquiring as to being informed, being kept-up-to-date and knowing our IDP responsibility.

The review and study of this motion lies within the By Laws Committee, headed by Lucy James, of which, Randy Chappell is a member. The study will hone in on the eligibility requirements for an IDP member position and perhaps the cost. These factors must be completed and presented to the membership no later than December 15, 2012 but no earlier than the conclusions of all 2012 Regional conferences.

Sue also shared notes from Lynette, created with Dennis Cokely for an IDP Campaign to support this 'Motion E'. The notes/thoughts cover points as a 'To Do' list in order for IDP to endorse, market and support the motion, possible amendment to the Association by Laws, Article IV, Section 1-Composition of the Board of Directors.

Much discussion was held within the Council on the process, the individuals and the protocol IDP can follow. With these points of discussion, Sue indicated she will be in touch with Randy to monitor the progress, the verbiage, the data gathered, the time line and our input from IDP.

The purpose of this contact and inquiry will assist IDP Council and Regional Representatives to hopefully develop a plan of open discussion through forums at the regional conferences. In this way, the membership will have an opportunity to become aware prior to the voting on this amendment which will be held before December 15, 2012.

Further discussion on this motion will be held during the tele-conference to be held in March. Sue will be sending a survey. This will be an important Council meeting to determine how we will support this motion.

➤ **Business:**

Member's Section Reform committee - Laurie, the Vice Chair reported she was invited to participate on the 'Governing Committee'. This committee was looking at the 'Members Sections' in order to develop a

structure for communication, and paths of responsibility. Although the vice chair has other commitments, she accepted the invite. Additionally, Laurie mentioned review of the structure of 'Members Sections' was put on hold at this time due to other priorities at the national office. She is waiting for the National Board to move on this topic at which time she will be ready.

➤ IDP Treasury:

Amy Williamson, Treasurer, reported the balance of the IDP's account at RID, Inc. to \$4521.21.

➤ IDP Web Site

At the request of the Chair, in order to update the IDP-RID.org web site, Karen Lefebvre, Secretary, volunteered to take over the work of 'Web master' from Leo Yates Jr., former treasurer and Webmaster from Region II, if he was no longer able to maintain the site.

The report is as follows: Because Leo is immersed in finishing his studies, at the end of December, Leo sent Karen, a Webmaster file containing the protocol, login, and password. The login and password has been shared with Sue, the IDP Chair. This file contained a power point copy of the process of editing the Web site and has assisted the Secretary in learning the technique without causing undue damage or loss to the present developed pages. A question arose during the tele-conference; if there is any additional help needed to update the web site and Karen responded she is happy to work as a team member with suggestions and ideas from the Council. Kelly Decker offered her assistance in this regard.

At the present time, the home page was edited to include the new IDP-RID Facebook pages and eliminate the Google-group link. The Board page now includes photos of the Board and all contact information of the Regional Representatives. Karen is waiting for additional photos to post. The conference page now includes a link to the "Views" Articles published by national covering four perspectives. Additional pages have been edited and more will follow with photo and 2011 conference report summaries. Ideas and suggestions for updates are most welcomed. The former information of the 2006-2008, 2009-2011 Photos and Conferences will be reduced and edited.

➤ Regional Conferences

Sue led the discussion of having the member section IDP presence at all of the regional conferences. The Chair requested the regional representatives look over their schedules and let her know if they will commit. She recommends the reps. contacting the Regional Chairs of each area to request time and space to be allocated for an IDP forum. The council Chair indicated there may now be an item of expenses for a member section booth in the exhibit hall. An inquiry has been made as to this new national office fee being charged to the member sections.

The two IDP Vinyl banners and pins from the 2011 conferences will need to be located and retrieved for future use at these regional conferences. Stipends for those IDP Council folks attending these regional conferences are under consideration. She also requests IDP Members to be available for the booths and member section meetings at the conferences.

The dates and locations of the upcoming regional conferences are:

Region I - July 26-29, Atlantic City, NY - Amy Williamson and Kelly Decker plan to be there.

Region II - August 2-5, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.

Region III - July 18-21, Lisle, Il.

Region IV - August 2-5, Denver, Co.

Region V - June 13-17, Honolulu, Hi. - Tom Satterlee is uncertain if he is attending at this time.

➤ National Board of Directors:

Dawn Bolduc. Secretary, BOD sent an inquiry to all the Member's Sections through the established Yahoogroups.com requesting updates. Sue, our Chair responded by sending our IDP goals, names of leaders,

accomplishments, success of the 2011 Community Forum, minutes and numbers of members. The secretary met with the BOD on January 19th to share the reports on the Member Sections activities and information.

➤ Regional Updates:

Region I

Kelly Decker, Region I, gave an update regarding the September 7-9, 2012, Reframing Retreat to be held at Camp Mark Seven, NY. This regional representative is working with Deaf Caucus, Eileen Forestal as co-coordinators. Recently, the National office has approved of this endeavor and it will be self-supporting. The web site for this event has been created and will be up and running in March. They are very excited in this endeavor as it promises to be a great event. For questions regarding the retreat, contact reframingretreat@gmail.com

➤ Fundraising:

The topic of IDP shirts as a source of revenue was broached. The council all felt it may be a great idea for a 'fund raiser' and wish to explore the options. A contest design or the IDP logo with a motto or other ideas will be discussed. The cost per shirt and time frame will be reported upon at the next Council Tele-conference.

➤ Miscellaneous:

It was brought up to the Council there may be an element amongst interpreters who do not have Deaf parents in that they may or may not feel welcomed by the IDP. The IDP Council clarified its position that all are welcomed into the member section of IDP-RID. This is the policy of RID and IDP is in support of this.

In conclusion, the Chair will be sending out a Survey Monkey regarding the next IDP Council meeting to be held in March. She thanked all for attending and for all the work of the council.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lefebvre, Secretary