



**Interpreters with Deaf Parents
Member Section of RID, Inc.
Meeting of Officers and Regional Representatives
November 1st, 2011
8:00p.m. EST**

Minutes

Council Members in Attendance:

**Chair – Suzanne Nace
Vice Chair – Laurie Nash
Secretary – Karen Lefebvre
Treasurer- Amy Williamson
Region I – Kelly Decker
Region II – Angie Nielsen & Sunny-Heller Browne
Region IV – Joshua Evans & Darlene Ensenat**

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

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AGENDA ITEMS

➤ **Introductions:**

Chair: Suzanne Nace was IDP's previous Region III representative from Ohio. She works in various fields including post-secondary education, freelance, VRS and legal.

Vice Chair: Laurie Nash is the former Chair of IDP has spent a busy summer with her family, accomplished much in her term as Chair in receiving feedback from the 'Community Forum' Events, made IDP a visible Members Section within IDP. She is from Long Island, New York.

Treasurer: Amy Williamson is our former Region I Representative from Vermont and now treasurer. Amy coordinated the Pre-conference workshop for the RID, Inc. Regional I Conference in Albany, NY and is looking forward to working with the new Council in the overseeing of the IDP funds and accounting.

Secretary: Karen Lefebvre, from upstate New York, is in her second term as Secretary. The first two years was a learning experience with the goals and mission of IDP. Karen is looking forward to assisting and supporting IDP Council during this upcoming term.

Region I: Kelly Decker is our new Region I Representative. She is certified, hails from Albany, New York, with experience in the coordination of workshops and events in her local area. Kelly also supports the local interpreters in her area though monthly meetings, etc and is looking forward in supporting IDP in her new position as Region I Rep.

Region II: Angie Nielson is a freelance interpreter from Georgia and running her second term as the Region II Representative.

Region IV: Darlene Ensenat has been interpreting professional for 36 years, is a co-owner of an interpreting agency and is her first time to serve on the IDP Council. Previously Darlene served for 6 years on the CODA Board and her two sisters previously served on the IDP Council. She hails from Colorado.

➤ **Mission Statement:**

After introductions to set the tone of our purpose the RID, Inc. IDP Mission Statement was read by Sue. As follows:

'The mission of the Interpreters with Deaf Parents (IDP) Member Section is to promote greater understanding and awareness of the values of the Deaf Community as well as the skills, dedication and sensibilities that interpreters with deaf parents continue to offer to the interpreting profession.'

➤ Letter to RID, Inc. Board of Directors

In regards to the roles and responsibilities outlined in the RID, Inc. Policy & Procedures Manual, 2009, page 76, Appendix 'R' & Appendix 'AB', Sue, representing IDP member section, in conjunction with the chair persons of Deaf/Blind, and Legal Interpreters developed and will be sending letter to the national Board of Directors requesting the quarterly financial to be sent to the member section and reminding them of the national office's duty in this responsibility.

A discussion by the council members indicated it appears the national office has been too busy historically to be able to keep up with this responsibility.

➤ Motion 'E'

Our Chair discussed the next two year goal of gathering support from the IDP Members section Group to assist in the passing of the 'Motion E'. This motion was presented at the Region II Conference by Randy Chappell. It was then submitted to the national office to be placed on the docket for the national 2011 Conference. It was then sent to the By-Laws committee for rewording. Margaret Cobb sent our Chair, the reworded 'Motion E', as follows:

Substitute for Motion E:

'Move that the Board of Directors charge the Bylaws Committee, in consultation with the leadership of the IDP Member Section, to develop bylaws amendments that establish a position on the Board of Directors to represent RID members who were raised by a Deaf parent or Deaf parents, together with appropriate qualifications and duties for this position.'

Sue reported the Bylaws Committee is to present these bylaws amendments to the RID membership for a vote no later than December 15th, 2012 but no earlier than the conclusion of all 2012 Regional Conferences.

As Chair of the IDP Council, Suzanne wishes for the Council members and region reps to seek support for this motion from our IDP Members Section. "IDP has become Motion E's cheerleader but not its captain. Now comes the marketing part of it. Motion E will become our main talking point for Regional conferences, Views articles and social networking. WE need to rally our allies and educate the benefits and rationale those who either oppose it or are unaware."

➤ Community Forum:

The IDP council wishes to acknowledge and send accolades to the folks who organized and ran the IDP/Deaf Caucus's endeavor to continue the 'Goal' of IDP in hosting a Community Forum at the national conferences. This 2011 Atlanta Community Forum's Framing Session was held Monday, July 18 1:00-3:00pm and was led by Lynnette Taylor. The Facilitator Training Session was held on Tuesday July 19, 4:00pm and was led by Janice Cole. These two events set the stage for the IDP/Deaf Caucus's "Community Forum" for Thursday, July 21, 2:30 - 7:30pm.

In the information sent to the IDP Council, the attendance was close to 200 participants. This did not include all the Panelist: Greg Hlibok, Daisy Blackwell, Jason Norman, Virginia Moore, David Rivera, Lillian Garcia-Petering, Cheryl Moose, Leandra Williams, Marko Vuoriheimo and special guest, MJ Bienvenue as well as the volunteers working behind the scene, note takers, 'Break away session' group leaders, interpreters, and so on, to make this happen.

Additionally, we recognize those entities who donated contributions: Sorenson Communications, Gallaudet 'Ohlone College', NYC Metro, LIRID, PARID, Sign Language Resources, Sign Talk, Inc, KAI-RID. Individuals who donated: Maureen Woods, Angela Piteris, Laurie Nash, Amy Williamson, Rick Rubin, Beth Prevor, Debbie Swamback, Karla Moore, Joyce Linden, Amelia Boik, BJ Thrash, Dan Langholtz, Tim Tracy, Janice Hawkins, Sarah Yates, Christine Gough In Kind donations: Karen Lefebvre, Windell Smith, Idaho RID, Mill Neck, various other interpreters.

With all the positive feedback, the team of IDP/Deaf Caucus is beginning to gear up for the 2013 national Conference to be held in Indiana. Check our RID-IDP Members Section Web page for the VIEWS article "Our Shifting Borders: Perspectives from the 2011 Community Forum"

➤ RID

CEUS: September was the 60 day mark in the posting of RID, CEUs from the recent conference in Atlanta, Sue reported. The IDP Pre-Conference workshop led by Molly Wilson had not yet been posted as of the tele-conference date 11-1. It was further reported the ceus will be posted by 11.12.2011. Kindly check your transcript in order to verify it is there. If not contact LMorris@rid.org

IDP Treasury: Amy Williamson reported the balance of the IDP's account at RID, Inc. to be: \$4516.21.

➤ IDP Web Site

Sue expressed her wish for the Council Minutes to be posted on the IDP-RID web site as well as the notes from the 'Community Forum' for all of our members to be kept up to date on the happenings of IDP. The Council Chair also asked for a volunteer for the maintenance of this web site. As Karen Lefebvre, Secretary, felt it would be in line with the duties of the position offered to take on the 'Web master' Position. Contact will be made to Leo Young Jr. to mentor her in this regard.

➤ Members Sections changes to come

The Council discussed changes affecting the Member Sections and Laurie, Vice-Chair, former IDP Chair, shared on her experiences with the former BOD, Matthew O'Hare, National Office and Ryan Butts. Two letters were sent along with a copy to Cheryl Moose and Clay Nettles, former director of national office regarding the relationships with the IDP member section. A promise was made to improve and to make things better for the member sections.

There is now a new BOD and a transition period happening. Matthew O'Hare 'Governance Committee' for the member sections appointed Dawn Baldec to oversee the happenings with the member sections. At this point, the business as usual will prevail until the national office follows the protocol of the Policy and Procedures Manual. Laurie encourages solidarity amongst the member sections in order to promote cooperation and improved communications between the national office and member sections.

Sue mentioned a letter was drafted to the new BOD and she will keep the Council up to date if and when changes occur within the member sections and with the new national BOD.

➤ Regional Dates and locations for the 2012 Conferences

The Chair posted the Region Conference Dates and locations for the Regional IDP Representatives to begin planning IDP events to occur during these time frames. A call for Presenters for IDP events will be sent out to IDP membership, contact your IDP Regional Representative if you are interested in assisting.

- Region I – July 26-29, Atlantic City, NJ
- 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

Regional Reports:

Region I Rep. Kelly Decker indicated she and Eileen Forestal, Deaf Caucus, are in the planning stages of a Reframing Retreat, September 7-9, 2012. At Camp Mark Seven at Old Forge, NY. More information to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Lefebvre, IDP-Sec.