



**Interpreters with Deaf Parents – RID, Inc. Member Section
Council Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2011 8:30pm EST - 10:15pm**

In attendance: Chair: Laurie Nash, NY, Vice Chair: Holly Mills, Fla. Regional Reps: Region I: Amy Williamson, Vt., Region II: Angie Nielson, GA. & Susan Leitson, VA, Region III: Sue Nace, OH, Region IV: Janie Powell, LA, Region V: LaVona Andrew, ID.

Prior to the February 1st. 2011 IDP Council meeting, Laurie Nash, Chairperson, disseminated the Agenda containing the updated topics for discussion: CWG, Council, Regional Reports, 2011 National Conference Planning and Events for IDP along with the conference call number and access code.

President’s Report:

CWG:

Laurie began the meeting with a review of the Tele-conference meeting held with the national Office regarding the proposed changes to Member Sections Structure. In attendance were the Chair, Vice-Chair, Holly Mills and Region I Representative, Amy Williamson along with the RID, Inc staff of Ryan Butts and Matthew O’Hara. The IDP Council’s feedback regarding these proposed changes was discussed at the December meeting and was shared. This feedback was well received by the national office personnel. Ryan and Matthew explained these organizational changes were not imminent. The staff of RID, Inc. commented in that the IDP Council contributed much to this discussion on the proposed organizational restructuring of the Members Section. Future dialogues will be held on this topic and indicated they would share our comments to the Committee Workgroup - CWG. They closed the Teleconference Meeting on a positive note.

IDP Council 2011 – 2013

Laurie asked council members to consider their desire to serve on the IDP Council next term. She informed the council that she will likely not “run” for the Chair position and hopes that others will consider doing so. Amy requested that we discuss the nomination and slate of council members during our next conference call.

National Conference, Business Meeting-Motion:

Laurie confirmed with Randy Chappell via e-mail the motion from Region II regarding a Coda seat on the RID National Board has been accepted.

Regional Reports

Region I:

➤ **Foundations presented by Betty Colonious:**

Amy Williamson, Vt., reported on and requested the Council’s support as a Co-Sponsor for an upcoming training in Rochester, New York being hosted by GVERRID-“Coda Foundations’ taught by Betty Colonious to be offered to Children of Deaf Adults in September 2011. Amy brought this ‘much needed training topic’ to our Council for discussion and vote. A copy of the ‘Tentative Flyer’ is attached for Council Members.

Comments from the council included: Betty's Foundations is wonderful workshop, but intense. How much \$\$ should IDP support for this endeavor? Will IDP receive a % of the profit? Will it increase our IDP membership? Can this training be telecasted? Amy shared a 'tentative' flyer with the Council. All present members of the Council were polled and unanimously agreed by all IDP Council members present will support this training with seed money of \$500.00. Amy will negotiate with GVERRID for a share of any profit or recovery of our contributon. More information will follow.

➤ **Retreat**

Also, Amy, is in contact with Stephanie Clark, Region I Representative of Deaf Caucus for a 'Retreat' type of event for the end of June, 2011. Molly Wilson has been contacted as a potential presenter for this event. More regarding this event and information will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Finally, Laurie inquired if this event could be an IDP Pre-Conference to the national event? Amy is willing to invite Molly to host a Pre-Conference Event similar to this 'Retreat'.

Region II

➤ **Outreach:**

Angie Nielsen and Susan Leitson will write a note to members in their local region soliciting volunteers for the national conference. Susan will be using the RID, Inc. e-mail list sent to her to see who is willing to donate their time in order to develop support staff for the IDP events at the conference. Angie along with Holly will be developing a 'Sign Up Sheet' for names and numbers of people attending the conference from the surrounding states of Atlanta. Angie has already been spreading the word to colleagues and Deaf Community members.

➤ **Teaming Workshop:**

The IDP 6 hour Teaming Workshop with a focus on CODAs/Interpreters working together created by David Turner and Angie in September of 2010 submitted to RID, Inc. for the national 2011 Conference in Atlanta unfortunately was not approved.

Region III

➤ **Possible Regional Workshops:**

Sue Nace will meet with Bruce King on February 18 regarding a workshop possibility titled "Coda-pendency". The Region III representative is also in discussion regarding a PEPSIE -NIC workshop in Toledo with Dr. Beth King. Additionally she has a meeting scheduled with Ben Hall former BOD person to discuss possible workshop upcoming.

Region IV

All is quiet in this region. Janie Powell will send notices of 'Outreach' to the IDP members in her region for securing assistance during the national conference.

Region V

LaVona Andrew will begin recruiting of volunteers through the RID Region V President's Council as President of the Idaho RID Chapter.

National Conference Planning - 2011 - IDP Events

After the council reports were given, Laurie Nash reviewed what will be happening, what is in place and what is still needed for IDP at the national conference in Atlanta, GA., July 16 - 22, 2011.

Framing Session:

The framing session will be lead by Lynette Taylor. She is working on the context, reviewing forums past and goals for this year's forum this will be outlined and presented for the Community Forum.

Community Forum:

Facilitator Committee - composition and progress

Stephanie Feyne, Jackie Emmart, Heather Rossi, Janis Cole. This committee will organize and coordinate the facilitators for the breakout sessions during Community Forum. A Facilitator Training will be offered as a 1.5 hour, CEU-bearing training for all Facilitators. Janis Cole has been asked to develop the training for Facilitators. This committee requested and the IDP Council approved use of the IDP conference call account for a meeting on February 21st. The cost is estimated to be around \$30.00.

Laurie met with Regan Thibideau of Deaf Caucus. Regan has been appointed by the Chair of Deaf Caucus to work on the Community Forum and related events. Regan expressed interest in overseeing the environmental factors of the forum - ensuring an effective and efficient environment for all participants. She will also check in with the Deaf Caucus council to discuss other areas that Deaf Caucus will take on.

Member Sections Meeting and Elections:

It was recommended to solicit a slate of Officers who may wish to 'Rerun' for another term. Or, to do an 'Outreach' to IDP members who may wish to serve on the IDP Council for the 2011-2013 year. It was agreed it would be placed on the Agenda for the next Council meeting to be prepared to vote on during the national conference.

Pre-Conference Workshop:

Amy Williamson, Holly Miles and Sue Nace have volunteered to plan the IDP Pre-conference event. **Social**

Gathering Performance:

'Shared Space' is the concept IDP is going with for a social event. A panel of performers to discuss this concept. Deaf Caucus is planning their 25th Anniversary event for the same evening. Discussion was held by the Council if this can be collaboration between IDP and Deaf Caucus. Further information on this topic will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Social event - currently the plan is to have an event that will include entertainment and a panel of performers to discuss the concept of Shared Space. We have learned that Deaf Caucus is planning a 25th Anniversary event which is planned for the same evening. Laurie and Regan discussed the idea of a collaborative event but nothing is confirmed.

Holly inquired about the tradition of an IDP Social/dinner/storytelling. The social event may be in lieu of our traditional gathering (or perhaps in addition to?)

Nothing is definite at this time.

Outreach for IDP Volunteers for the conference:

A flyer will be developed that can be sent to the Regional Reps in order to assist them in their outreach to the members of their Region.

Various areas of need were expressed:

- To work with National Office staff on:
 - Fundraising for the Community Forum and the related events.
 - Publicity for Community Form and the related events.
- To work with IDP on :
 - The AV/physical environment with Regan at the IDP events and Community Forum.
 - IDP member staff tables.
 - Interpreters/Access for IDP events at national.

Other areas to be determined as the need arise. To date most of the Regional Reps are planning on attending and have offered Laurie their support and assistance.

The next IDP Council meeting will be April 13 at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lefebvre, Secretary