

**Interpreters with Deaf Parents – RID, Inc. Member Section  
Council Meeting Minutes**

October 20, 2009: 8:00pm – 9:00pm

**In attendance:** Chair: Laurie Nash, NY, Treasurer: Leo Yates, Jr., MD, Secretary: Karen Lefebvre, Upstate NY. Regional Reps: Region I: Thomas Walker, PA, Region II: Angie Nielson, GA., & Susan Leitson, VA, Region III: Sue Nace, OH

Prior to the October 20<sup>th</sup> IDP Council meeting, Laurie Nash, Chairperson, disseminated the Agenda for review and conference call number and access code. She informed the Council a conference call is \$.057 per minute, per participant. With full participation the cost will be approximately \$50.00. This will be a direct cost to IDP. The Council agreed the conference call is a 'cost-effective' means of meeting.

**RID National Staff Update**

- Laurie informed the IDP Council members the flow of information to the National RID office will no longer be handled by Karen Bingham. There is a new interim liaison, Ms. Ryan Butts, Director of Member Services.
- The Policy and Procedures of Member Sections indicates IDP shall receive a financial statement and documentation. This still forthcoming from RID, Inc.
- There was a sudden death of an RID, Inc office person, young of age, which affected the whole operation this past week and more details will follow.

**Correspondence with RID and IDP Members:**

- Laurie discussed the opportunity to place an article into the hardcopy of Views from the IDP member section. She has sent information to be included on the RID, Inc. E-mail newsletters.

The Council discussed and thought it would be a good idea to include an article in the Views. Several council members volunteered to assist Laurie in this endeavor. Ideas and suggestions for this article, to include newsworthy updates from various regions of IDP happenings at conferences, etc. should be sent to Laurie by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Laurie will send out a reminder to the council as this information needs to be received by the national office by November 15<sup>th</sup>. to be published in the January edition.

- Conversation was held regarding the RID, Inc. web site allocated for our member section. Laurie informed us Tina Schultz is responsible for the

Web sites and is the person she will be in contact with for the adding of additional informational and updates for IDP.

- In regards to correspondence, Laurie received the September statement and balance for the IDP Member Section at being \$8,489. This amount was after the August, 2009, RID, Inc. Conference. At that time some bills were still outstanding. This information statement is still forthcoming and will be sent to Leo Yates, Jr. our Treasurer, from the national office by Ms. Ryan Butts.
- Some of the donations to the IDP and appreciation is given in support for some of our events at the recent 2009 RID, Inc. convention were:

Keith Wann and Emelia Lorenti-Wann, Kemi Prod.	\$2,000.00
Gallaudet Regional Education Center at Ohlone College	1,000.00
New York City Metro RID, Inc.	1,000.00
Long Island RID	200.00
Sign Language Resources- NY	250.00
DHIS, Inc.	250.00
Deaf Caucus paid for a number of items as well.	

#### **Alternative Pathways to Certification:**

A comprehensive discussion was held regarding the RID, Inc. new application for testing under the 'Alternative Pathways to certification' requirements. Laurie pointed out there are no volunteers as a 'point person' to serve as a resource in negotiating this new system in applying for the certification process. Much discussion was held on the sensitivity for the upcoming CODA interpreter and how they can negotiate the system.

Items discussed:

- Laurie indicated there were no ITP programs or curricula geared toward CODAs. It was brought up at the CIT conference and a motion was made by a number of CODA interpreters for a development of model training for CODAs a few years ago.
- Angie of Region II was reviewing the requirements listed 'online' of the RID, Inc web site and the council commented it is a difficult task in documenting hours of verifiable community interpreting work over a number of years.
- A 'Survey Monkey' for our IDP members was suggested. Formulation of questions could cover areas of the IDP membership who are working on their alternative pathways or who are familiar with its process.

What are their needs? Who is non-certified, does not have a degree and not working on their alternative pathways? Who is non-certified and is working on their alternative pathways? Who worked on their alternative pathways and are certified? Who are willing to become a mentor (paid or volunteer) for others working on these pathways? These are some suggested questions that could be posed to our membership on the 'Survey Monkey' and sent to our 400 members. Laurie is willing to work on this questionnaire.

## Outreach

- Laurie informed the Council, Ashley Ryan, a CODA and IDP member has volunteered to do an outreach to the other Member Sections to enlist more involvement of their sections within the IDP. Ashley needs our support and is looking for assistance in this endeavor. The Council is looking for ideas, suggestions and volunteers in helping Ashley.

## State Chapters with IDP – update on Texas from Janie Powell.

- Janie will research this state's measures to include Member sections in their state chapter and will report on this for the next Council Meeting.

## Regional Conferences:

Regional Representatives will identify the chairs and planning committee for their respective areas and request space and time for an IDP event. The goal is to create an awareness of the presence of IDP.

- **Region I** – Amy and Tom will be in touch with Kelly Decker and Trudy Gilbert the Co-Chairs to facilitate an event at the August 13-15<sup>th</sup> conference in Albany, NY. Laurie will assist in this endeavor.
- **Region II** – Angie & Susan indicated a state chapter conference is in Georgia, November 6-8, 2009. It is too late for an IDP workshop/meeting during the day. The Council suggested an attempt be made to do a social/meeting/get together in the evening during the conference so as not to interfere with the conference schedule as it stands. Also, there will not be a Region II conference in 2010 since the RID conference will be held in the region the following year.
- **Region III** – Sue Nace agreed to explore the possibility for the July 21-14, 2010 conference with one of the Chairs, Jimmy Beldon in Minnesota. Laurie indicated there will be a workshop led by Jimmy in Long Island and will mention the aspect of IDP presence at the conference. Leo will be speaking at a conference in Maryland in November and will put in a 'plug' for IDP.
- **Region IV** – The conference will be held in Bismarck, ND July 14 – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- **Region V** – The conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah – June 16-20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- In conclusion, it was suggested by the Chair for the Council Representatives check to see when some of the states Chapters within their region are having their conference. Again, this is to bring a sense of awareness of IDP to these events.

The next meeting for the IDP Council was discussed and accepted for January, 2010. Laurie will be sending out possible dates for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Lefebvre, Secretary