

Interpreters with Deaf Parents

Member Section Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2009 - 8:00 - 9:15pm

In attendance: Chair: Laurie Nash, NY, Treasurer: Leo Yates, Jr. - MD, Secretary: Karen Lefebvre - Upstate NY - Regional Reps: Region I: Amy Williamson-Loga, VT & Thomas Walker, PA, Region II: Susan Leitson, VA, Region III: Sue Nace, OH

Region IV: Janie Powell, LA, Region V: ID & Lynne Shields, ID

Prior to the first IDP Council Meeting of September 15, Laurie disseminated the Agenda, **sections of the RID Policies and Procedures Manual** to the council for review and discussion.

RID Policies and Procedures:

- Laurie Nash opened the teleconference call at 8:05pm with introductions of the IDP Council members expressing delight in the first fully attended council meeting of this term with the new slate of IDP officers and regional reps. **(this wasn't a fully attended council meeting but I expressed delight that we have a full IDP council)**
- After a review of the policies and procedures, Laurie informed the council, the Flow of Information to the national RID office will be handled by and through Karen Bingham, **Director of Member Services for RID. We will be assigned a Board Liaison at a later date.**

Correspondence with RID and IDP Members:

- Laurie indicated to the council all the minutes, annual reports, updates, committee reports and financial reports will be submitted to Karen Bingham of the national office. In addition, Laurie is responsible for submitting articles for the RID, Inc. E-Views.
- Laurie and Leo have **"Moderator"** access to the IDP Google Group and are responsible for all correspondence with IDP members through **Google Group and the IDP Website**. She shared we have 400 members on the list which was cross referenced with **other existing IDP membership lists (RID and previous lists accumulated over the years)**. **Messages may be posted to this site by Laurie or Leo.**
- The IDP website <http://idp-rid.org> is still up and running. This site **was** paid for by Ronald **O'Bray**. Leo Yates, Jr. is our webmaster and is responsible for the up-dates, etc.

Alternative Pathways to Certification

- A discussion was held regarding the RID, Inc. requirements for application for testing for those individuals who have not completed a higher education program. The RID, Inc. website contains the particulars needed for an application to the testing procedure.

- Susan, VA, shared her feelings in that the system was a bit complicated, based on a point system which could be very confusing to a candidate.
- Sue, OH, inquired if IDP could request a formal report from Betty and Trudy on their findings.
- Lynne, ID, expressed a candidate's frustration with her confusion in sentence negations and recommends support for training for these individuals. IDP as a member section possibly could become mentors.
- Leo, MD, suggested those with Master's in Teaching could look at objectives and goals for these people.
- Sue, OH, indicated along with her college training, studied for two years and as one of her resources she used was Clayton **Valli's** book, Linguistics of ASL which helped her tremendously.
- Lynne, ID, offered one of the initiatives of IDP could include mentoring in this area.
- Susan and Janie stressed only those who were proficient in the certification process and had taken the new test would be qualified in this endeavor.
- It was pointed out by Laurie Nash, that Betty **Colonomos** and Trudy Shafer had expressed an interested in reviewing these requirements, did so, and **found the document to be comprehensive and fairly recognizing alternatives.**
- **IDP will investigate the possibility of identifying individuals who could become proficient in the Alternative Pathways process and work with IDP members who need support navigating the system.**
- **It was pointed out that documentation for Alternative Pathways simply allows the candidate to sit for the test (first Written, then Performance/Interview).**

Outreach:

- Laurie mentioned this item was discussed at the last IDP meeting and Ashley Ryan has offered to reach out on **behalf of** IDP to other organizations (BDA, NAOBI, Mano a Mano, NAD, etc.) to encourage membership and participation in IDP. It was remarked at the IDP meeting that our Member Section lacks diversity and our efforts are needed to implement change.

State Chapters with IDP Member Sections (Texas):

- It came to Laurie's attention that the RID state chapter of Texas, has an IDP state chapter and was curious as to how, who, what, etc. She also mentioned Texas also has other member sections as well.
- Janie, LA, responded in that Larry **Barnett** is the person to contact to gain insight in to this program, reasons and history. **Janie will reach out to Larry and report back to the IDP council**

RID Regional Conferences:

- Laurie spoke on full participation **of IDP** at all of the Regional Conferences **in 2010**. We will our make our presence know through events i.e. workshops, forums, or town

meetings. She also indicated the Regional Conference dates are listed on the RID web site and found Region III conflicts with the CODA conference.

- **All Regional Reps were asked to check the dates of their respective RID Regional Conference, identify who the Chairs are and make contact to ensure space and time on the conference schedule.**

Non-Agenda Items:

Survey Monkey:

- It was discussed perhaps we, IDP, could devise/brainstorm a survey of various topics, issues we would like to get feedback on from our membership and are looking for ideas and ways we could implement a **'Survey Monkey'**

Financial Items summary:

- Entwined among the various agenda items, questions, comments and responses were made by the council in the area of Finances.

Amy, VT, inquired as to the status of an IDP budget, IDP funding, donations and accounting. as well as the cost of IDP participation in Regional Events. Tom, PA, inquired as to what is the cost of events, how much is paid to IDP-RID, what goes in, what comes out of our budget. Karen, NY inquired as to the accounting rules, does RID, Inc. have the ability to write checks, pay bills against the IDP bank account. Leo, Treasurer, MD, suggested setting up a three way conference call with RID in order to assist in the planning, development of his reporting needs. Janie, LA, cited under Article VI, section E. in the Policy and Procedure Manual, "national office should make available to member sections the quarterly report". Karen, NY, offered if it is difficult to receive accounting information, suggested send a formal letter requesting a quarterly report.

Laurie underscored Karen of national office being very helpful and responsive in many areas including the copying of checks, information on donations, amounts of sponsorships, costs of events, etc. **Laurie stated that \$4200.00 in donations was made to support the Community Forum in Philly this past summer. The "Bring Back the Old Signs" workshop was a fundraiser for IDP as we received a donation that covered most of the cost of the workshop.**

Money is spent to the cost of rooms, food, etc. at conferences, forums, town meetings, etc. She indicated the SF 'Community Forum cost close to \$10,000.00 and was sponsored by a number of entities. Additionally, we may incur the cost of teleconferencing depending upon the system we use. Often when donations are given, she reported, the names of the individuals are not attached to the donations. Therefore, it makes it difficult to send an IDP thank you to that individual. RID has the bank account for the member sections including IDP and they are responsible for the accounting. It becomes difficult for the reports when the information is not forthcoming. We will continue to work on this effort to improve information sharing and communication with the RID National Office.

Laurie will generate a survey using "Survey Monkey" and send to all IDP council members to inquire about meeting dates, frequency of meetings and teleconferencing options.

Next Meeting Date - does this time work for you? We all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lefebvre, NY - Secretary