



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

September 1, 2010: 8:30pm – 9:00pm

In attendance: Chair: Laurie Nash, NY, Vice Chair: Holly Miles, Fla., Treasurer: Leo Yates, Jr., MD, Regional Reps: Region I: Amy Williamson, Vt., Region II: Angie Nielson, GA. & Susan Leitson, VA, Region III: Sue Nace, OH & Lloyd Stout, IN.

Prior to the September 1st. IDP Council meeting, Laurie Nash, Chairperson, disseminated the Agenda for review with conference call number and access code.

Treasurer’s Report:

Leo reported processing check requests for IDP, Region I, from expenses at the conference recently held. Additionally, Region II will also be submitting the requests for reimbursements for expenses from IDP as well.

Secretary’s Report:

Karen is working on updating the membership lists now that annual membership dues for national have been paid. She is continually receiving notes from the Regional Reps regarding new members as well as a request has been submitted to the RID office for this updated list.

Regional Reports and Conference Review:

- **Region I** – Amy reported the Pre-Conference Workshop led by Betty Colonomos held on August 12 & 13th for Region I was quite successful. The IDP Members Section Workshop led by Molly Wilson was also well attended. The IDP was very much visible during this time in Albany, NY.
- **Region II** – Angie and Susan reported, since the national RID conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, 2011, no regional conference for Region II will be held next year. Plans are underway now to make IDP visible.

For example: “Building Bridges”, a workshop in the developing stage, possibly to work with Katie LaSalle (T.J. O’Rourke’s daughter), might be offered. Angie will be in contact with David Turner to discuss the possibility of writing the proposal to the RID committee due at the end of September.

Angie and Susan shared on the outcome of the IDP’s first conference during the Regional II conference held in Chattanooga, Tn., and July 29-Aug. 1st. They had a good turn out of 21 people.

During this conference's informal IDP business meeting a motion written by Randy Chappell and second by Susan Leitson regarding an IDP seat on the national BOD and was passed by a large majority. Lewis Merkin, Deaf Caucus, BOD, in attendance at this event cautioned us to change the acronym from CODA to IDP. He had two reasons for this suggestion: one we are adult interpreters with Deaf parents; two, there is an organization of CODAs who are not affiliated with RID, Inc.

Finally, Region II, IDP Reps, Susan and Angie, are excited with the national conference being held in Atlanta in 2011. Lisa Schaefermeyer, RID Region II Rep is meeting with the RID, BOD, September 24-28 in VA. She has welcomed Susan to attend the meetings as we are able. Two goals for attending are: to be sure the motion is on the list of items to be considered at the national conference business meeting and to make IDP visible.

- **Region III** – Holly Miles and Lloyd Stout reported on the IDP Member's Section meeting "Passport to Possibilities" on July 22, scheduled from 9:00-11:00pm by the conference committee.

"The meeting began at 9:20pm with two people in attendance and then two more joined. We presented the slides and answered questions. They expressed interest in the group and had two 'burning' questions. 'Was IDP opened to all?' and 'How does one go about getting credit for experience in the field and developing a portfolio?' Our IDP Member's Section meeting ended at 9:50pm."

It was recommended by Lloyd and Holly the Member's Section meetings are not held at such a late hour.

- **Region IV** – The conference was held in Bismarck, ND July 14 – 18th, 2010. The Member Section meetings were held in conflict with other activities. Therefore, they were sparsely attended. As the IDP Regional Reps. were unable to attend the forum the notes were taken by Vicki Dougherty & Darlene Austin.

The following topic questions were brought up during the forum:

Question- *'Do we want a CODA designate on the RID Board?'*

Rationale: *'Historically, RID was formed by CODAS. CODAS have experience and a unique perspective/vantage point in living with Deaf people. Our goal is to promote access in general society. Individuals appreciate what needs to be considered in this instance. If a CODA is on the BOD, this will afford the opportunity to share on this appreciation and vantage point. Then this, for what we, as CODAS, have to bring to the table, will enhance the profession to be the greatest it can be. For a CODA seat on the BOD, perhaps, will reduce the 'chasms' within our membership. Finally, will our Insight become lost in our work when we don't assure CODAS have a role on the BOD?'*

Question: *Should we address the verbiage CODA & Non-CODA by changing to CODA constituency?*

***Rationale:** ‘CODAS always look up to those are not. We need to change our words in how we address these issues.’*

***Question:** What can IDP do to encourage progress in the ITP toward the native language programs? How can we support IDP’s efforts in making ITPs CODA-friendly?*

***Question:** Is there, or should there be, a category of Honorary CODAs in RID Membership?*

In conclusion, the IDP Chair, Laurie, recommended and will make a request to national RID, to stagger Member Section meetings at conferences, so as not to interfere with other activities and, also, to be held at reasonable hours.

Preparing for the year ahead:

➤ **RID National Conference 2011, Atlanta, GA:**

- Randy Chappell and Susan Leitson co-wrote a motion to add a ‘CODA’ seat to the RID BOD. This motion was made and passed during the Region II Business meeting and will be presented for voting at the national RID conference. IDP will confirm this motion was submitted and received by the national office. In doing so, an inquiry will be made to find out how the list of motions are developed in what order. Additionally, we will advocate seeing this motion be included in the top of the list.
- IDP will plan a Pre-Conference event and are looking for volunteers to assist. A suggested topic may include: Building Portfolio, Experiential Credits
- The next IDP Council election will be held at the 2011 conference. A list of nominees will be solicited. If members are interested in ‘running’, they should think about it now. The term is 2011-2013.
- New position upcoming: IDP Press Secretary. This person must be mindful of deadlines, journal advertising, etc.
- IDP will host a social and Holly Miles has volunteered to work this event.

➤ **Community Forum:**

- During the 2010 NAD Conference in Philly, Lewis Merkin, BOD, Deaf Caucus, met with Cori Dossett and NAD reps regarding their Biennial Conference which takes place during RID’s biennial conference. NAD wishes to adopt the ‘Community Forum’ structure during this event. IDP and Deaf Caucus has again, as in the past two conferences, been invited by the RID, BOD to develop the logistics and work with them in this regard.
- The council has approved financial support for Lynette Taylor to travel to DC along with Laurie Nash, our IDP Chair on this endeavor. The next RID, BOD meeting will be in late September.

Miscellaneous

On October 9, in Chattanooga, TN there will be a CODA Group meeting. Angie Nielsen will attend as the IDP Region II Rep. The purpose is to network, share information regarding IDP and make IDP visible to the CODA group there.

On October 8-10th in Springfield, IL there is a CODA conference being held. Bobbie Hubner is the Region III Rep for CODA and is from Ohio.

The next meeting for the IDP Council will be decided after the 'Survey Monkey' is completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Lefebvre, Secretary