



Interpreters with Deaf Parents
Member Section of RID
Meeting of Officers and Regional Representatives
May 24th, 2011
8:30 p.m. EST
Minutes

Council Members in Attendance:

Chair - Laurie Nash
Vice Chair - Holly Miles
Treasurer - Leo Yates Jr.
Secretary - Karen Lefebvre
Region I - Amy Williamson
Region II - Susan Leitson and Angie Nielsen
Region III- Sue Nace
Region IV - Janie Powell

Guest Participants:

Lynnette Taylor - 'Community Forum Planning Committee'
Lewis Merkin - RID, Inc. - Member-at-Large

Chair:

Laurie began the tele-conference with introductions and updates:

Updates:

- Lynn Shields, Region V asked to be removed from the Council List.
- Member Section leaders have been discussing the possibility of a MS leadership meeting to take place during the National Conference. No date/time has been set. Laurie will share information as it becomes available. Janie Powell indicated she would like to attend that meeting. Other IDP Council members are encouraged to attend.
- Laurie and Lynette participated in a conference call on May 23rd with national office staff Clay Nettles and Cori Dorsett, Conference Management. They discussed the upcoming 'Community Forum' seeking support in advertising, requesting permission for a Pay Pal Account to be opened for registrations at workshops and donations for the IDP Member Section as well as an IDP "Heads UP" - 'insert ' in the registration packet attendees will receive at the conference.
- The Chair created an IDP Face book page where national topics for Community Forum postings and comments can be collected. Postings on community, local or on a national level are encouraged and invited from both the Deaf and Interpreting Community. All IDP Events that will occur during the national conference have been posted on this page
- Laurie appointed Janie and Karen to team the committee for the upcoming IDP Council elections 2011 in creating a slate of nominees for all the positions. Every interested IDP member is welcome to 'throw their hat into the ring' for the Council positions and Region Representatives.
- She reported contributions thus far for the IDP events and Community Forum is from: Sorenson \$2,000, NYC Metro RID \$250, Idaho In-kind. She explained another fund raising activity could be accomplished through the RID, Inc. membership renewal form. Before finalizing one's RID, Inc. dues payment, click on the line for donations to: IDP member section. Along with this is a reminder, to double check your 'Profile' to be sure to update

your IDP membership by clicking the box for IDP under the member's section, if it is not done already.

Region I:

Amy reported on the September 23-25 Foundations Training for CODAs being hosted by GVERRID, sponsored by Member Section-IDP lead by Betty Colonomos. She also indicated there may be a CODA Retreat in Boston in the fall.

Region II:

Angie reported the region is gearing up for the conference and the IDP Events Flyers were disseminated to the IDP members. A reminder was given regarding the motion submitted by Randy Chappell regarding the addition of a CODA/IDP position on the national BOD during the conference business meeting. It was noted this motion is on the National RID Face book page for comments.

Region III:

Sue informed the Council there will be a legal training on June 11 – 13th. In Columbus "Overview of Criminal Procedures for ASL Court Interpreters" with Carla Mathers, Esq., CSC. Ben Hall and his agency will be sponsoring the ceus.

Region IV:

Janie & Angie sent the flyers for the IDP Events and Pre-Conference Workshop to their list-serve. They printed the flyers and handed them directly to local CODAs. Angie kidded she could host a party at her place on Saturday of the Conference. Thank you Angie. 250 IDP members descending upon your home. Hmm, no better not.

Region V:

Idaho RID chapter has donated the services of 2 interpreters for the Community Forum.



Community Forum 2011/ July 21, 2011. 2:30-7:30pm

Guest Lynnette Taylor spoke on the 'Community Forum' hosted by IDP and Deaf Caucus to be held at the national Conference in GA.

Title: "Exploring Our Shifting Borders" moderated by: Lynnette Taylor and Janis Cole

Lynnette began by explaining the general schedule layout of this event:

Monday, July 18th, 1:00-3:00pm, is the framing session. This is where the Moderators will be setting the stage of the purpose and goals of the 'Community Forum': to extend the network; to refine the template/structure of what was done in the past; and to examine the 'shifting' of our interactions.

Tuesday, July 19th, 4:00-6:00pm is the 'Facilitators training' for the forum provided by Janis Cole. This segment will be soliciting FAQs to be addressed and analyzed.

Thursday, July 21st, 2:30 – 7:30pm, is the ‘Community Forum’. We will be looking at the whole of our community; examine the pressures and concerns that are affecting us in different arenas. This forum is the place to talk about solutions to the problems and create a collective action.

Lynnette explained: “There will be a ‘Hot Topic Wall’. This is an important place for interpreters to post their concerns; jot a note on what is happening in their local community; add notes on questions and issues.”

She explained: During the forum, we will be looking at the question “How do we build community!” What are things we can do?

Lynnette cited some examples of creating awareness: asking the local bar tender to turn on the closed captioning; taking a Deaf child from a mainstream program to meet deaf adults in a mall; having a ‘Deaf Meal” together. They are looking for posting of stories from the local communities. As a result, these postings can give us a broader look at what is happening on a national level as to what is happening in the Deaf and interpreting communities.

Finally, during the forum, we will a look at our ‘Shifting Borders”. Questions to consider: How will the closing of the residential schools for the Deaf affect community? We will take note on How will RID, Inc. recognize Community? How will they, RID, Inc. Screen the Agencies serving the communities? In conclusion, how do we as an ever changing community take on an active/interactive position to promote the political process and support each other?

Lynnette listed some of the panel members who will be participating at the forum:

Gregory Hlibok, Esq., Virginia Moore, Ex. Director, KY Commission on Deaf & HH, U.S. Fla., David Rivera, Jason Norman, University of PA. and ASL Poet/Storyteller; Cheryl Moose, President of RID, Inc. , Leandra Williams, former President of NAOBI, Howard Rosenblum of NAD and possibly Signmark.

Breakout sessions will follow w/small group discussions from the ‘Hot Topics Wall’ to create bulleted ideas on what to take back to our local communities.

The final discussion revolved around the method or lack there of in scheduling, advertising and promoting this event. Lewis expressed the BOD concern in that this event was proposed and approved September 2010. Presently there is no listing on the RID web site, or on the conference information for participants. In discussing with national, they had listed this event as non-educational, therefore would not take priority over the educational training events. The other response from the national office is that they are not allowed to show favoritism. Five individual staffers from the national office plan on attending and will need services. This will be provided.

***Additional IDP Events – GA**

July 17, 1:00pm-6:00pm	Pre Conference Workshop “Inside, Outside, & Around the Edges” Working together to end oppression by Molly Wilson – look for registration forms.
July 19, 9:30am-12: 30pm	IDP Member Section meeting – Elections - CEU offering
IDP Social	TBA

Respectfully submitted, Karen Lefebvre, Sec. IDP