

**PARID General Membership Meeting
October 16, 2004
Wilkes-Barre, PA**

The annual General Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania Registry of the Interpreters for the Deaf was held October 16, 2004, at the Genetti Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, PA. President Marc Holmes called the meeting to order at 1:15pm after determining that a quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting (October 25, 2003) were approved as read. RID Region I Representative, Rachel Coppelli, and RID Member at Large, Glendia Boone, were introduced. The standing rules were approved.

PARID Board Member Attendance:

President	Marc Holmes	Present	District 1	No representative	
Vice-President	Cindi Brown	Present	District 2	Joan Stone	Absent
Treasurer	Nicole Stone	Present	District 3	No representative	
Recording Secretary	Brian Smith	Present	District 4	No representative	
Corresponding Secretary	Beth Setley	Present	District 5	Becky Reppert	Present
PSAD Liaison	Lisa Purnell-Noll	Absent	District 6	Cindy Allen	Present
ODHH Representative	Kenneth Puckett	Present	District 7	Carin Stevenson	Present
CMP Coordinator	Stephanie Ellison	Present	District 8	Nichole Wade	Present

65 members were present.

Executive Officers' Reports

President's Report – Marc Holmes, CT

- PARID will host an open forum regarding Act 57 in each district to gather input to be provided to ODHH for the drafting of the regulations.
- PARID provided interpreting services for the PSAD conference held in Bethlehem, PA in July of 2004.
- Pamela Whitney and Karen Lefebvre have been appointed as Region I co-secretaries.
- The RID board is discussing the issue presented in Motion #2003-52 (regarding support for RID affiliate chapters during leadership gaps and inactivity) and is trying to find a resolution.

Treasurer's Report – Nicole Stone

Current Member Demographics:

95 Freelance Interpreters/Translitterators	58%
38 Educational Interpreters/Translitterators	24%
7 Students	4%

<u>23 Other</u>	14%
163 Total	100%

- Titles that members included in the “other” category are Coordinator, Interpreter Educator, Program Supervisor, Administrator, Supporting, and Teacher of the Deaf.
- So far this year we have 21 new members.
- Only 15 people are not included in the dual membership category. The two main reasons for this occurrence is that either the member was given a complimentary membership to PARID for receiving his/her first certification or the member does not have a chapter in his/her district.

Current Totals:

Community Bank & Trust Co. savings account:	\$5,842.20
Community Bank & Trust Co. checking account:	\$2,172.80
<u>Petty Cash:</u>	<u>\$ 20.58</u>
Total:	\$8,035.58

Fiscal Year 7-01-03 to 6-30-04:

Starting Balance	\$10,586.61
Expenses	\$17,923.55
Income	<u>-\$16,179.15</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 8,842.21

134 Freelance Interpreters
65 Educational Interpreters
11 Students
47 Other
257 Total Members (54 new members)

Fiduciary Information:

- Primary annual income: membership dues, membership contributions, annual conference/workshop proceeds, and savings account interest
- Primary annual expenses: interpreters for PARID board meetings, quarterly newsletters, CMP sponsorship, and reimbursement to members for business expenses

Committee Reports

Professional Development Committee Report – Cindi Brown

PARID has purchased 10 CDs from Signs-of-Development’s SWAP program. These CDs will be available following the conference. Check the parid website for more details.

Board Liason Reports

ODHH Representative – Kenneth Puckett.

Ken Puckett gave an update regarding Act 57 and distributed an FAQ sheet.

RID Region I Report – Rachel Coppelli updated the membership on the following:

- RID Region Representative duties
- A Welcome to NAD certified interpreters
- As of June 30, 2004 RID had 11,000 members
- RID's current priorities are NAD-RID National Council on Interpreting
- National Interpreter Certification test overview
- The 2nd draft of the code of ethics is available for member comment
- The Ethical Practices System is being re-structured
- The Affiliate Chapter Handbook has 7 new chapters
- Kelly Gerald, Ph.D. is the new Publications/Public Relations/Development Coordinator for RID
- The 2005 RID conference will be in San Antonio, TX July 10-15, 2005
- The Region I conference will be in Providence, RI July 20-23, 2006
- The 2007 RID conference will be in San Francisco
- The 2009 RID conference will be held in Region I

New Business

Election of Officers – for the term of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007.

President – Cindi Brown

Vice President – Cindy Allen

Treasurer – Dan Dalton

Recording Secretary – Brian Smith

Corresponding Secretary – Elizabeth Setley

2005 General Membership Meeting and Workshop – The 2005 general membership meeting and workshop will be held in Altoona during the month of June.

Region I Conference – The Region I conference will be held in Rhode Island during the summer of 2006.

2009 National Conference – The 2009 national RID conference will be in Philadelphia, PA.

Bylaws Revisions

Motion # 2004-18. That all of the revisions to the bylaws proposed by the bylaws committee be accepted in their entirety. **Rationale:** Voting on the bylaws revisions in their entirety would expedite the process. Bylaws Committee / **Motion Failed.**

Motion # 2004-19. That “state” be deleted from Article I Name. The Name of the organization should read: Pennsylvania Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (PARID). **Rationale:** The organization is PARID not PASRID. Bylaws Committee. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2004-20. That “(non-certified)” be deleted from Article III: Membership, Section II: Eligibility, 2. Associate Member. **Rationale:** This parenthetical is repetitive and not necessary. Bylaws Committee. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2004-21. That “, and is a student member of RID, Inc.” be added to the end of Article III: Membership, Section II: Eligibility, 3. Student Member. **Rationale:** As an affiliate of the national organization PARID should be encouraging membership in the national organization. Bylaws Committee. **Motion Failed.**

Motion # 2004-22. That “D. District Chapter” be added to Article III: Membership, Section I: Definition, 2. Non-voting Member. **Rationale:** The district sub-chapters of PARID do not currently have any accountability to PARID. This membership category would make the PARID district sub-chapters accountable to PARID. Bylaws Committee. **Motion Failed.**

Motion # 2004-23. That “Section V: Change of Membership Category. A member who as a change of membership category shall immediately be entitled to the privileges thereof. Beginning with the next fiscal year, all dues, fees, and assessments for that member shall be based on the new category.” be added to Article III: Membership **Rationale:** PARID would like to make this assumption clearly explicit. Bylaws Committee. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2004-24. That “Section VI: Liabilities of Members. No previous, current, or past member of this organization shall be personally liable to its creditors for any indebtedness, or liability, and any and all creditors shall look only to the assets of this organization for payment.” be added to Article III: Membership. **Rationale:** The bylaws do not currently include any language that protects the officers. This Section would add such language. Bylaws Committee. **Motion Failed.**

Motion # 2004-25. That “In addition, the immediate past president shall serve as a member of the board of directors for one year.” be added to Article V: Officers, Section I: Board of Directors, 1. **Rationale:** The immediate past president position would be able to provide the incoming board the benefit of their experience. Bylaws Committee. Motion **amended** to read: That “in addition, the immediate past president may serve as an ex officio member of the board of directors for one year.” be added to Article V: Officers, Section I: Board of Directors, 1. **Motion Referred to the Bylaws Committee.**

Motion # 2004-26. That “3. Election and Commencement of Office A. The president, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary shall be elected at a meeting of the membership held in odd numbered years and commence on July 1 of the following even numbered year. B. Terms of office for vice president, and treasurer shall be elected at a meeting of the membership held in even numbered years and commence on July 1 of the following odd numbered year.” be added to Article V: Officers, Section I: Board of Directors. **Rationale:** Currently the entire executive board of directors is elected at one time. Staggering the election process would provide for more

continuity and lessen the possibility that positions would be left vacant. Bylaws Committee.
Motion Referred to the Bylaws Committee.

Announcements

- Recognition of Dr. Jeff Weber for his efforts to further the profession of sign language interpreters in Pennsylvania through the passage of Act 57.
- 2004-2005 PARID members who earned their first certification.

Elizabeth Opp

Susan Gottesman

Jacqueline Carter

- • 2004-2005 PARID members who earned a subsequent certification.
Kristen Fitzgerald
- An RID information day co-sponsored by PARID, VRID, and PCRID will be held in West Virginia October 23, 2005.
- Tobyhanna Army Base has a staff position available for a certified interpreter.

President Holmes adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Smith, Recording Secretary