

PARID News

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President's Report Cindi Brown, CI/CT

The PARID Conference in Gettysburg was a success! Members participated in some excellent workshops. Thank you to all of the conference committee members and the conference chairperson, Nichole Wade. The PARID members and I appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time in order to provide such excellent educational opportunities for us!

Region I Representative, Jeremy Brunson, and RID Secretary, Rachel Coppelli, attended the PARID annual business meeting on Saturday, May 3, 2008 to address the PARID membership. Jeremy provided a state of the organization update for the membership and then took questions and comments from the audience. All of the questions and comments were taken down. The PARID board will work with RID to address the members' concerns.

PARID administered 9 RID written exams, 12 RID performance exams, and 6 EIPA written exams during the conference in May. Thank you to Stephanie Ellison, Tara Potterveld, Joyce Gallagher, and Carol Tipton for your outstanding work which allowed PARID to provide this opportunity. Thank you to everyone who took advantage of this testing opportunity. If you would like PARID to continue to provide testing opportunities in the future, please tell us.

Welcome to Sandy Shaika, the newest PARID Board Member and District 7 Representative! Sandy will be working with the PARID Board and members in District 7 to start a local chapter/sub-committee. If you live in District 7 and want to assist Sandy, contact her at asl143@epix.net. See the District 7 Report on page 4 for more details.

The PARID board still has two vacant positions, recording secretary and vice president. The job descriptions for both positions are available on the PARID website. If you are interested in serving as the vice president or recording secretary until June 30, 2009, submit a letter of interest and resume to Cindi Brown at president@parid.org or 1209 Main St Apt 4, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

PARID cannot continue to grow and do its work with out your support!

Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your PARID membership. Membership forms were sent out the second week of June. For your convenience the forms were pre-printed with the contact information that PARID has in the membership database. If there is an error with the printed information, cross it out and print the correct information on the form. The deadline to renew your membership is July 31, 2008. All membership renewals postmarked after July 31st will be assessed a \$10 late fee. The membership form is also available on the PARID website at www.parid.org. Please use the 2008-2009 Membership form as the fees for this year were changed.

Membership Processing

The Membership forms are returned to the PARID mailbox. The mail is then forwarded to the corresponding secretary twice a month. The corresponding secretary must then verify/input the information on the membership form into the database; print receipts and membership cards and mail them to the members; compile a financial report for the treasurer and forward it with the checks to the treasurer; and compile and send a local chapter membership list to each local chapter membership person. This process does take a while. As specified on the membership form, allow 4-6 weeks for processing. If you have not received your membership card after 6 weeks, you may contact the corresponding secretary. Please be patient during this busy membership renewal time.



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PARID Board of Directors

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PARID Districts

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| <p><u>District 1</u></p> <p>Vacant</p> <p>Counties: <i>Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, Warren</i></p> | <p><u>District 2</u></p> <p>Greater Pittsburgh RID</p> <p>Jessica Knoche, CI/CT GPRIDPrez@yahoo.com</p> <p>Counties: <i>Armstrong, Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Green, Lawrence, Washington, Westmoreland</i></p> | |
| <p><u>District 3</u></p> <p>Vacant</p> <p>Counties: <i>Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset</i></p> | <p><u>District 4</u></p> <p>Vacant</p> <p>Counties: <i>Cameron, Clinton, Centre, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, Potter</i></p> | |
| <p><u>District 6</u></p> <p>Northeastern PARID</p> <p>Jessica Bentley-Sassaman, CI/CT, Ed:K-12 President@neparid.org</p> <p>Counties: <i>Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming</i></p> | <p><u>District 7</u></p> <p>Sandy Shaika, CI as1143@epix.net</p> <p>Counties: <i>Carbon, Berks, Lehigh, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Schuylkill</i></p> | |
| | | <p><u>District 5</u></p> <p>South Central PARID</p> <p>Annie Hardway, NAD IV scparidpres@aol.com</p> <p>Counties: <i>Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Snyder, York</i></p> |
| | | <p><u>District 8</u></p> <p>Southeastern PARID</p> <p>Nichole Wade, CI/CT NicholeWade@comcast.net</p> <p>Bud Schrader, Jr., CDI BudSchrader@comcast.net</p> <p>Counties: <i>Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia</i></p> |

PARID News Information

Deadlines for submission:

Spring February 28
 Summer May 31
 Fall August 31
 Winter November 31

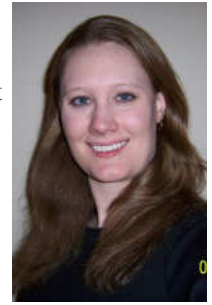
PARID News is published quarterly by the Pennsylvania Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Articles and notices should be sent to the newsletter editor using email (JessicaKnoche@aol.com) or postal service. Paste your original article directly into the email if possible - this saves time and aggravation.

Matters of concern and interest to the membership will be published in the PARID News. PARID News reserves the right to edit, excerpt, or refuse to publish any submission. Unsigned articles will not be published.

District 2 Jessica Knoche, CI/CT

Summer is in full swing and I hope you and your vacations are as well! Please don't forget about everything that is still going on in District 2 and around the state... PARID recently had an amazing conference with several terrific workshops, silent auction, fun entertainment, socializing and so much more. I hope you had the opportunity to be a part of all of that. If you weren't able to make it, then mark your calendars NOW for the 2009 RID conference in Philadelphia! GPRID will be renting a van or bus to carpool to that conference as well. Keep watching for more information! We will continue to host as many workshops as possible, so please keep the suggestions coming! On August 30, GPRID and GPCCD will host a picnic in South Park and everyone is invited. More details will be discussed at the Tuesday, July 8th meeting, so we hope to see you all there! Please watch the GPRID website for meeting locations, times, updated announcements, or to contact any GPRID board members <http://gprid.htmlplanet.com/>. Have a happy and safe summer!



District 5 Annie Hardway, NAD IV



Our district played host to this year's PARID Conference in Gettysburg. We would like to thank everyone who came to what was a very enjoyable and informative conference. Our district will also be the setting for a couple more statewide events over the next few months. The PSAD Conference will be held in York July 31-Aug 3, and the PARID Mentorship Training will be held in Camp Hill in September.

SCPARID quarterly meetings are rotated between the Lancaster, Harrisburg, and York areas. At the May, 2008 meeting, we selected officers for the upcoming term starting in July 2008. Our new President will be Allison Carr, the Secretary will be Tara Thomas, and the Treasurer will be Linda Stauffer. The Vice President position currently will remain vacant. For the next year, I will be continuing in the role of the District Representative. We want to thank the other outgoing officers Gloria Myers and Allison Sneiderman for their service over the last 2-year term.

We are working on a potential medical interpreting workshop for later in the year. Regarding fundraising, our "Work an Hour" fundraiser has continued to be successful, as has the sale of the "to do list" notepads. We are always looking for new members to become involved and help in our efforts to promote our profession and assist in the professional development of all interpreters.

District 6 Jessica Bentley-Sassaman, CI/CT

Finally the weather is warming and we are ready to gear into summer! I know I have my garden planted and I am looking forward to the vegetables it produces! Now is a very exciting time for PARID and NEPARID, the new structure will start getting underway and NEAPRID wants to help lead the way with the transition. Elections were on the agenda for this meeting. However, a quorum was not present so the elections have been postponed until the next meeting. Thank you to all the NEPARID members who attended the PARID conference in Gettysburg, it was a great conference and I know I learned a lot.



ON THE LOCAL LEVEL:

- Our **last quarterly meeting** was held on June 3, 2008, at the Berwick Hospital. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting.
- Please join us for our **next NEPARID meeting on September 4, 2008 at the Berwick Hospital.**
- Additional upcoming NEPARID meetings will be announced after the new board members have been elected/appointed.

ELECTIONS

- Officers were not elected as a quorum was not present. The following positions are open for nominations: president (district representative), secretary, and treasurer.
- Elections will be held at the next NEPARID meeting on September 4, 2008. If you want to nominate yourself or someone else, contact Jessica Bentley-Sassaman.

MOTIONS

- No business was conducted because a quorum was not present.

UPCOMING EVENTS HOSTED BY PARID:

- Legal Interpreting workshop by Carla Maters – see PARID website for more information



District 7 Sandy Shaika, CI

Great news for District 7! We are going to get it up and running as soon as possible! **PAH!!** I am Sandy Shaika, CI, (asl143@epix.net) appointed by the board at the PARID conference held in Gettysburg, PA in May. The conference was a great success and it was wonderful to meet new faces. If you missed it, I hope you can join us next time, it is well worth your time to develop your skills and fellowship.

If you reside in any of the following districts and would like to be a member of District 7 PARID, please do not hesitate to email me and let me know any interests you have. **Carbon, Berks, Lehigh, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Schuylkill counties.** I am excited to have our first meeting and then begin the planning of workshops, information sessions, and perhaps a fun “get to know each other” camping experience. I am working on a website to post various information, and perhaps a discussion board. Remember, the most important asset of PARID is **YOU** and District 7 has not been heard from in ages.

Thank you to all who have already offered your help and with growing membership, I am positive we will be a wonderful compliment to PARID. I am looking forward to meeting my fellow supporters of District 7, smile.

District 8 Nichole Wade, CI/CT



Graduations are finished and schools are out. This means pool and shorts weather is here.

SEPARID members and board members are participating on the state level with the PARID conference and the national level with RID in preparation for the 2010 RID conference being held in Philly. With members help, we were able to have a successful conference in Gettysburg, PA. We hope that members enjoyed working with us and found the experience rewarding.

SEPARID held its spring meeting in May. The SEPARID board has been trying to put into effect the requests and suggestions from the members and hold the meeting in a location other than center city. Therefore, the May meeting was held at Hebrew Association for the Deaf (HAD) in the northeast. SEPARID also hosted a 1-hour mini workshop on deaf-blind interpreting presented by Bud Schrader. We then provided lunch and held our general meeting. There was very low attendance at both the workshop and meeting. The SEPARID board is trying to plan and provide what the membership wants and needs but we cannot do that without feedback from you, the members. We are looking for members interested in helping plan and run the workshops we hope to hold in the fall. If you have any interest please contact an SEPARID board member.



Treasurer's Report Mark Hardway



Following is the summary of the PARID Treasury as of March 31, 2008:

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| Account | \$ 147.21 | Old Checking Account |
| Totals | \$ 6,662.18 | New Checking Account |
| | \$ 10,509.27 | Savings Account |
| | \$ 2,587.45 | Certificate of Deposit #1 |
| | \$ 2,556.94 | Certificate of Deposit #2 |
| | \$ 22,463.05 | Total Assets |
| | Less the Following: | |
| | \$ 5,217.51 | CDI Funds |
| | \$ 7,579.15 | Mentorship Funds |
| | \$ 1,539.57 | Conference Funds |
| | \$ 361.10 | District 1 Funds |
| | \$ 60.00 | District 3 Funds |
| | \$ 7,705.72 | Actual PARID General Fund Balance |

- Third Quarter expenses included Expense reimbursements, Board Meeting Interpreters, and SWAP Payments. Income included membership, Mentorship donations, Conference Donations, and SWAP enrollments.
- The next quarter will have more activity, mostly surrounding the PARID Conference.

Certification Achievements!

Congratulations to the following Pennsylvania interpreters who have earned certifications as listed in the VIEWS from June 2007 to April 2008.

Achievement of First Certification

Christine Cynthia Adzema – NIC and Ed:K-12
Kathleen Bennett – Ed:K-12
Karen Berretta – CI, CT, and Ed:K-12
Lisa Bowles – NIC
Adam Buck – CT
Suzanne Dunleavy – CI
Ryan Goldman – NIC Advanced
Mark Hartley – Ed:K-12
Whitney M. Higgins – NIC
Melanie Holmes – CT
Charity Johnson – CI and CT
Paul T. Klucsarits – CT
Bonnie Leidy – CI and CT
William Murphy – CI
Paul Panusky – NIC and Ed:K-12
Sandy Shaika – CI
Brian Smith – Ed:K-12
Marilyn Sterner – Ed:K-12
Sharon Umlauf – NIC
Deborah Warshauer – CI
Kathy Zimmerman – Ed:K-12

Achievement of Additional Certification

Jessica Bentley-Sassaman – Ed:K-12
Margaret M. Brady – CI
Lisa Richards Breckinridge – CT
Rose Breinich – CI
Adam Buck – Ed:K-12
Pamela Cosper – SC:L
Tracy Cummins – CT
Pam Dymond – CT
Greta Fairbanks – CT
Leah Frey – CT
Elisha Hall – CT
Lynette Jones – CT
Megan Lavoie – CI
Roberta Lebedda – CI
David Piehota – Ed:K-12
Pam Piehota – CT
Tara Potterveld – SC:L
Melissa Ankrum Reihart – CI
Swainee Rosario – NIC
Daniel B. Swartz – SC:L

Local Chapter to Sub-Committee Transition Update

Last year, the RID board of directors passed a motion directing “affiliate chapters to convert all local chapters to sub-committees by July 1, 2012 and to direct the national office to engage in each of the activities necessary to implement this action.” The PARID board decided to be proactive on this issue and held discussions at district chapter meetings to solicit member input about what the structure should look like here in Pennsylvania. The PARID board has compiled the comments and sent them onto the RID Region I Representative. Members will be updated on the status of this transition as events occur.

Some members have expressed concern regarding the upcoming local chapter to sub-committee transition. The concern most often expressed relates to the sub-committee’s funds and the accessibility of those funds. PARID has no intention of taking any of the funds that currently belong to the local chapters. These funds will be transferred to PARID’s name. However, they will be kept in the PARID account as a line item for the sub-committee. This means that they will be earmarked specifically for the sub-committee’s use. PARID will not be using these local chapter funds. The PARID board is now beginning the process of developing policies and procedures to ensure that the local chapter funds remain available to the sub-committees. If you would like to assist in this process, contact Cindi Brown at president@parid.org or 570-784-1749.

The local chapter to sub-committee transition will also require changes to the PARID bylaws. If you would like to assist in revising the bylaws, contact Cindi Brown at president@parid.org or 570-784-1749.

PARID Motions

Motions passed by the PARID Board from November 18, 2007 to February 23, 2008

Motion # 2008 – 01. To approve the board meeting minutes from August 18, 2007 and November 17, 2007 as read.

Rationale: Procedural in nature. **Fiscal Impact.** \$0.00. N. Wade / B. Schrader. **Motion carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 02. That PARID create informational business cards. **Rationale:** To promote the organization and make information related to interpreting more accessible. **Fiscal Impact:** Approximately \$35. N. Wade/ A. Hardway. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 03. That President Brown investigate general liability insurance to cover all PARID and local chapter functions. Then, President Brown should purchase the insurance if it is less than \$1000. **Rationale:** To provide general liability insurance for all PARID sponsored events. Having liability insurance is required by some of the facilities that PARID and its local chapters use for events. **Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$1,000. N. Wade / B. Schrader. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 04. That PARID reimburses Cindi Brown for her mileage expenses for attending events on behalf of PARID from October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 in the total amount of \$81.08. **Rationale:** This adheres to the approved policy regarding PARID board member reimbursement for travel expenses. **Fiscal Impact:** \$81.08. J. Bentley-Sassaman / A. Hardway. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 5. That PARID allocate \$5,000 towards the PARID Mentorship Program Fund. **Rationale:** The PARID Mentorship Program is needed and is inline with our mission statement. **Fiscal Impact:** \$5,000. J. Bentley-Sassaman / A. Hardway. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 06. That PARID cover the remaining cost for the Carla Mathers legal workshop in July 2008 not exceeding \$2,000. **Rationale:** Providing this workshop aligns with our mission statement. **Fiscal Impact:** \$2,000. N. Wade/ B. Schrader. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 07. That PARID provide up to 2 pages in each PARID newsletter for the local chapters to use beginning July 1, 2008. **Rationale:** Using one newsletter for the entire state will end the redundancies that are currently present in the local and state newsletters. **Fiscal Impact:** Minimal coping and postage. N. Wade / A. Hardway. **Motion Carried.**

Announcements

Changes to the VIEWS

Beginning this summer there will be changes to the VIEWS. RID will now be sending the following publications:

1. The VIEWS will be published quarterly and include a greater range of content focused on the profession and field of interpreting.
2. A monthly e-update that focuses on the news from RID and RID affiliate chapters.
3. A bi-weekly “Interpreting in the News” email that will compile news stories and press releases from news outlets around the world as they pertain to interpreters and the Deaf community.

Mailing items to PARID

When mailing your membership form, mentorship program application, conference registration form, or other items to PARID, it is extremely important that you address the envelope exactly as it is advertised on the form you are submitting. Failure to include the complete address as listed will result in the mail being routed incorrectly and a delay in PARID receiving and processing it.

Professional Development Opportunities

Check the PARID website for a current listing of workshops available around the state. The SWAP program is also available for earning CEUs at home on your own time.

Legislative Update

Educational Interpreting Regulations

The final Chapter 14 Regulations were published in the PA Bulletin, June 28, 2008 issue. The link to this issue is: <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol38/38-26/1244.html>. The Chapter 14 Regulations detail the requirements for educational interpreters in the K-12 setting in Pennsylvania. The Chapter 14 Regulations do not apply to interpreters in the post-secondary educational setting or public charter or cyber charter schools. Chapter 711 Regulations apply to public charter and cyber charter schools. The final Chapter 711 Regulations were published previously. Both the Chapter 711 Regulations and Chapter 14 Regulations pertaining to educational interpreters are the same. These final regulations take effect **July 1, 2008** and are as follows:

§ 14.105 Personnel.

(B) Educational Interpreters. An educational interpreter is an individual who provides students who are deaf or hard of hearing with interpreting or transliterating services in an educational setting.

- (1) To serve as an educational interpreter, an individual shall meet the qualifications in paragraph (i) or (ii) and (iii):
 - (i) Achieve and provide evidence of a score of 3.5 on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) for the appropriate grade level to which the person has been assigned.
 - (ii) Be a qualified educational interpreter or qualified transliterator under the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator Registration Act (63 P.S. §§ 1725.1 - 1725.12) and its implementing regulations.
 - (iii) Provide evidence of a minimum of 20 hours of staff development activities relating to interpreting or transliterating services annually.
- (2) The Board, in consultation with the Department, will review the EIPA score requirement every 2 years.

Court Interpreting Requirements

The Court Interpreter Certification Program in Pennsylvania is in a time of transition. The training for court interpreters has begun. The training will be held at various locations across the state in 2008. The 2008 training and testing schedules are now available on the following website: <http://www.courts.state.pa.us/index/InterpreterProgram/programCalendar.asp>.

Provisional Registration – HB1596

House Bill 1596 (HB1596) is a proposed amendment to Act 57. HB1596 is a proposal to allow for a provisional registration for recent graduates of interpreter training programs. On June 25, 2008, the PA House of Representatives unanimously passed HB 1596. This bill will now proceed to the PA Senate. You can view HB 1596 on the PA House of Representatives webpage (www.legis.state.pa.us). Updates will be sent to you when they become available.

Act 57

The Act 57 Regulations have been sent to the Independent regulatory review commission (IRRC). The IRRC reviews and finalizes all regulations for Pennsylvania. There is no time line for completion of the regulations.

Announcements (Continued)

PARID Mentorship Program

The deadline to apply for the PARID Mentorship Program is **July 11, 2008**. The applications, program description, and FAQs are available on the PARID website at www.parid.org. Apply now for this great opportunity!

SERVPA (State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Pennsylvania)

SERVPA is an online system to register volunteers in Pennsylvania who are interested in responding to or assisting with a disaster or other emergency. This registry keeps track of volunteers' skills and credentials so when a disaster or emergency occurs, Pennsylvania already has a prepared list of individuals who are willing to assist. For more information go to www.serv.pa.gov or contact the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness, Carolyn K. Ellison, MHA at cellison@state.pa.us or 717-346-0640.

PA Bar Association Sign Language Interpreter Fund

The Pennsylvania Bar Association has established the Sign Language Interpreter/CART Fund to reimburse attorneys who pay for sign language and/or CART interpreters to communicate with clients or potential clients who are deaf or hard of hearing. More information can be found at: <http://www.pabar.org/public/committees/disabili/Sign%20Lang.pdf>

PARID Mentorship Program

The PARID Mentorship Program will begin with a training on September 12, 13, and 14, 2008 in Camp Hill, PA. The presenter for the training is Stephanie Winslow from Sign Language Specialists in Missouri. Following this training, protégés will receive a pre-work evaluation from Sign Language Specialists. The protégés and mentors will then be paired together to work for a 4-6 month period. At the conclusion of the mentoring the protégés will be provided a post-work evaluation by Sign Language Specialists.

Protégés and Mentors are encouraged to apply. The program will be cancelled if there are not enough participants. More information is available on the PARID website or by calling one of the numbers listed below.

717-475-5127 or 570-784-1749

Mentorship@parid.org

Www.parid.org

CALL FOR: 2009 PARID Conference Committee Volunteers

2009 PARID Conference

May 1-2, 2009

State College, PA

Volunteers are at the heart of association work, and the 2009 PARID Conference committee members are no exception. Our strength is a result of the time and effort provided by those who volunteer to serve their colleagues and to further the profession and the association. If you want to become part of the 2009 PARID Conference Committees, now is the time to let us know. Our goal is to have volunteer groups that represent the diversity of backgrounds, experience and demographics of our community. Please, take a few minutes to sign up now. We look forward to hearing from you!

To apply: Send a letter of interest to Nichole Wade conference@parid.org

- Committees will be filled starting immediately, so get your information in as soon as possible.
- The committees will be composed of varying quantities of members. Committee chairpersons and committee members must be a member of the PARID.
- Committees will be required to provide reports of their activities. Work will generally consist of online, e-mail and conference call communication.

Professional Development Committee: This committee is responsible for evaluating all presenter proposals and making recommendations to the Conference Chairperson. This committee will also coordinate all of the workshops on-site.

Registration Committee: This committee is responsible to distribute, collect, and process all registration forms and to staff the registration desk on-site.

Interpreter Coordinator: This person is responsible for collecting and evaluating all interpreter applications and developing and recommending an interpreter schedule to the Conference Chairperson. This person will also coordinate all of the interpreters on-site at the conference.

Support Staff Coordinator: This person is responsible for collecting and evaluating all support staff applications and developing and recommending a support staff schedule to the Conference Chairperson. This person will also coordinate all of the support staff on-site at the conference.

Local Chapter Information in the PARID Newsletter

Beginning with the next *PARID News* Issue (Fall 2008), 2 pages will be provided for each district to place news, announcements, and articles in the newsletter. The PARID Board made this decision at the board meeting in February with the following goals in mind:

- Publishing all information in one state-wide newsletter will cut down on the amount of newsletters and redundancies that members receive allowing them to focus more attention on what they do receive.
 - Local chapters/districts will be advertising/writing to a state-wide audience at no cost to them. PARID will continue to pay the cost of the newsletter copying and postage. This is a cost savings to the local chapters/districts!
 - All members and chapters/districts using one newsletter will foster more cooperation and unity among the local chapters/districts.
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CALL FOR: 2009 RID National Conference Committee Volunteers

2009 RID National Conference

August 1-6, 2009

Philadelphia, PA

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If you want to become part of the 2009 RID National Conference Committees, now is the time to let us know. Our goal is to have volunteer groups that represent the diversity of backgrounds, experience and demographics of our community. Please, take a few minutes to sign up now. We look forward to hearing from you!

To apply: Please send an electronic copy of your resume and a letter of interest to Clay Nettles at admin@rid.org. Please specify if you are or are not a voting member of an affiliate chapter in your letter of interest. Committees will be filled starting immediately, so get your information in as soon as possible.

The committees will be composed of varying quantities of members. Chairs of committees must be members of the RID national organization. Sub-committee members are not required but are encouraged to be members of RID. Committees will be required to provide a monthly report of their activities. Work will generally consist of online, e-mail and conference call communication.

Program Committee This committee will be in charge of evaluating all presenter proposals and making recommendations to the national office. They will also be in charge of recommending a keynote speaker.

Entertainment Committee This committee will be in charge of making recommendations for all conference-related entertainment including the opening ceremony, banquet ceremony and any entertainment during the week.

Volunteer Recruitment Committee This committee will be in charge of recruiting volunteers to help the national office run on-site registration and running the banquet registration at the Help Hut throughout the week.

Silent Auction Committee This committee will be in charge of getting donations from various businesses for a silent auction at the conference. They will also be responsible for recruiting members to run the silent auction during the week and to tally up the winners in the end.

Welcoming and Accessibility Committee This committee will gather and provide information to enable conference attendees to enjoy their visit to the conference city, including but not limited to: local places of worship, restaurants, health clubs, accessibility information, etc. The committee will gather local deaf and interpreter-related information such as directions to the local deaf club and a list of activities they may be holding, a listing of deaf schools in the area for tours and similar information. This committee will also be in charge of making recommendations on physical accessibility as well as language accessibility for conference participants. It will be in charge of researching the different types of transportation available to RID members during the conference week and their prices. Additionally, it will be in charge of recruiting volunteers to pick up/drop off VIPS at the airport. Furthermore, this committee will advertise the conference to international interpreting organizations and agencies, work to assist interested parties in obtaining visas to attend the conference, financial support and housing.



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PARID

Philosophy, Mission, and Goal Statements

The *Philosophy* of PARID is that excellence in the delivery of interpretation/transliteration services among people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and people who are hearing will ensure effective communication. As an affiliate Chapter of the professional association for interpreters and transliterators, PARID serves as an essential arena for its members in their pursuit of excellence.

It is the *Mission* of PARID to provide state and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the profession of interpretation and transliteration of American Sign Language and English.

It is the *Goal* of PARID to promote the profession of interpreting and transliterating American Sign Language and English.

PARID is an affiliate chapter of the Registry of the Interpreters for the Deaf.

