

PARID Annual General Membership Meeting
May 5, 2007
Days Inn Penn State – State College, PA

The annual General Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania Registry of the Interpreters for the Deaf was held May 5, 2007, at the Days Inn Penn State in State College, PA. President Cindi Brown called the meeting to order at 8:50 am after determining that a quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting (May 6, 2006) were approved as corrected. The standing rules were approved.

PARID Board Member Attendance:

President	Cindi Brown	Present	District 1	No representative	
Vice-President	Cindy Allen	Present	District 2	Cary Thompson	Present
Treasurer	Melanie Holmes	Present	District 3	No representative	
Recording Secretary	Brian Smith	Present	District 4	No representative	
Corresponding Secretary	Beth Setley	Present	District 5	Melissa Reihart	Present
PSAD Liaison	Jeff Yockey	Absent	District 6	Jessica Bentley-Sassaman	Present
ODHH Representative	Sharon Behun	Present	District 7	No representative	
			District 8	Nichole Wade Megan Meiris	Present Present

33 individuals attended. 32 voting members were present.

Motion # 2007 – 25. That PARID approve the standing rules for the May 2007 General Meeting. **Rationale:** Procedural in nature. **Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00. Pauline Bittinger/ Andrea Dressner. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2007 – 26. That PARID approve the minutes of the previous general membership meeting (May 6, 2006) as corrected. **Rationale:** Procedural in nature. **Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00. Sharon Behun / Pauline Bittinger. **Motion Carried.**

Executive Officers’ Reports

President’s Report – Cindi Brown, CI and CT

President Brown presented a year in review report of the activities of the PARID Board

- The PARID Board has updated the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- The PARID Board has organized files and prepared for electronic document storage.
- The PARID Board submitted a proposal to RID regarding 501(c)(3) Status for PARID District Chapters
- The PARID Board has been working to ensure compliance with RID affiliation requirements.
- President Brown appointed Marc Holmes as the Newsletter Editor.
- PARID (Becky Nice) coordinated the interpreters for the July 2006 PSAD conference held in Philadelphia.
- ODHH Library
- Act 92 – Educational Interpreting
 - PARID Representatives attended SBE Roundtable Meetings

- President Brown attended the SBE Public Hearing on April 11, 2007.
- PARID submitted written testimony to SBE regarding the draft of the Chapter 14 regulations.
- President Brown attended some of the ODHH Advisory Council Meetings.
- PARID provided an RID and EIPA Testing Opportunity on May 5, 2007.
 - 23 RID Exams were proctored
 - 15 EIPA written exam were proctored.
- SWAP Program – Tara Potterveld
 - 16 WWWorkshops were borrowed.
 - 11 CEUs were earned.
 - PARID purchased the educational interpreting CD package from Signs of Development.
- CMP Sponsor – Stephanie Ellison
 - PARID processed 56.65 CEUs.
- NIC Knowledge Exam Workshops were presented.
- CDI Training
 - The Pennsylvania CDI Training Initiative has been completed in Allentown.
 - The Pennsylvania CDI Training Initiative part II has been scheduled for July in Pittsburgh.
- PARID members coordinated the Audio Visual Equipment, Business Meeting, CEUs, Interpreters, and Website for the Region I conference in Rhode Island.
- The PARID Board is working to make a promotional video for 2009 RID Conference.
- Committee Updates
 - Educational Interpreting
 - Members were appointed by President Brown
 - The committee provided input to the PARID Board regarding the regulations for educational interpreters.
 - Fundraising
 - Legislative
 - Mentorship
 - The development committee developed a mentorship program and presented it to the PARID Board.
 - The implementation committee will begin work to implement the mentorship program.
 - Policy and Procedures
 - Professional Development
 - Public Relations

Treasurer’s Report – Melanie Holmes

• Current Totals (3-31-07)	
Citizen’s Bank Certificate of Deposit:	\$ 2,500.00
Citizen’s Bank Savings Acct:	\$ 10,537.91
Conference Acct:	\$ 1,765.22
<u>Citizen’s Bank Checking Acct:</u>	<u>\$ 9,733.76</u>
Total	\$ 24,536.89
<u>CDI Funds</u>	<u>\$ 4,752.07</u>
Actual PARID Balance	\$ 19,784.82

- **Fiscal Year 2006 – 2007**

Starting Balance	\$ 13,675.98
Income	\$ 15,796.98
Expenses/	- \$ 19,739.20
Total	\$ 9,733.76

Membership Report – Beth Setley, CI and CT

- **Current Membership Demographics:**

81	Educational interpreters/ transliterators	29.3 %
123	Freelance interpreters/ transliterators	44.6 %
6	Government	2.2%
4	Legal	1.4%
3	Medical	1.1%
4	Business	1.4%
17	Students	6.2 %
4	Referral Agency	1.4%
8	Teacher of the Deaf	2.9%
1	Parent of Deaf Child	.4 %
25	Other	9.1 %
276	Total	100.00 %

- There are 53 new members (19.2%).
- All but 27 members are dual members with a local district chapter.

District Reports

District 2 – Cary Thompson, CT

- GPRID has 86 members
- Board Members:
 - President
 - Fran Whiteside until September 14, 2006
 - Joanne Lengle-Sharer, 1st V.P. took over as President until end of term, December 2006.
 - Jessica Knoche – as of January 18, 2007
 - 1st Vice President – Cary Thompson
 - 2nd Vice President – Virginia Getz
 - Secretary – Roberta Lebedda
 - Treasurer – Yvonne Davila
- Workshops/Trainings
 - The Community College Program is still running.
 - Michael Canale presented “Preparing for the Performance Tests” (9-9-06).
 - Joanne Lengle-Sharer presented “Legal Chat” (Oct 2006).
 - Dr Mathos, Carol Horowitz, & Ed Post presented “Mental Health Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People in Allegheny County” (11-9-06).
 - Crom Saunders presented “Getting Dramatic about Interpreting” (2-17-07).
 - Cary Thompson presented “Protecting your Hands” (May 2007).
- Scholarships

- A fund was set up for scholarships specifically for RID testing thanks to Michael Canale and his workshop.
- Forms are available for members in good standing to apply for no more than \$50 toward any workshop, with a limit of one request per calendar year.
- Fundraisers/Socials
 - Pirate Tickets were sold (game was 9-20-06).
 - A Comedy Night was held with Crom Saunders & Keith Wann (2-17-07).
 - A Softball Game vs GPCCD is scheduled for this summer (Aug 2007).
 - A Mystery Theater is being planned (early 2008).
- Website – Currently used for large percent of communications
 - <http://gprid.htmlplanet.com/>
 - Surveys – Used online to see if enough interest to pursue grants
 - Forms – Membership & Scholarship available online
 - Announcements – Meeting Info, Workshops, etc
 - Discussions – “Encounters with Reality: 101 Interpreter Scenarios” with permission from Brenda E. Cartwright and other Interpreter issues or areas of interest
- Currently
 - GPRID will host a raffle for two members to attend the 2007 RID Conference in San Francisco.
 - GPRID is working with a University of Pittsburgh Medical Student who is doing a project about how to improve Doctors and Interpreters working together for the benefit of the Deaf patient through ongoing interviews and surveys.

District 5 – Melissa Reihart, NAD IV and CT

- SCPARID has 49 members
- Executive Board Members as of July 2006 are as follows:
 - President : Annie Hardway
 - Vice President: Allison Carr
 - Secretary: Allison Sniedman
 - Treasurer: Gloria Myers
 - District Rep: Missy Reihart
- Workshop Training:
 - December 2, 2006 Best Western Inn and Suites in Middletown, PA. Debbie Olson, CI/CT was the presenter. The workshop focus was on taking the interview/performance part of NIC test. There were 17 participants and a total of 0.45 CEUs were awarded.
 - September 8, 2007, location TBA. Michael Canale will present “Applied Discourse Analysis”
 - October 27, 2007. location TBA. Cindy Allen will present “Record-Keeping 101: Computerized Invoicing and Record Keeping for Interpreters.”
- Incentive Program
 - SCPARID is in the process of developing an incentive program that will reward interpreters for being a member, serving on the board, and attending workshops.
- Liasons
 - SCPARID has invited different organizations, ie. ODHH, PSAD, etc. to provide liaisons to our meetings to provide feedback and ideas to our local chapter.

- Website
 - SCPARID is in the process of developing a new website.

District 6 – Jessica Bentley-Sassaman, M.A., CI, and CT

District 6 May 2006 – April 2007: Jessica Bentley-Sassaman

- Quarterly Meetings
 - June 3, 2006
 - September 13, 2006
 - December 6, 2006
 - March 13, 2007
 - Upcoming - June 7, 2007
 - Upcoming - September 11, 2007
- Trainings
 - CDI workshops: The CDI Informational Forums began in Allentown
 - NEPARID partnered with PARID to lay the groundwork for the informational forums and in-depth training for individuals desiring to become Certified Deaf Interpreters. The Allentown group concluded their training with a written test preparation workshop on April 29, 2007.
 - Cindy Allen’s NIC knowledge test preparation was held on April 28 in Williamsport.
- New Executive Board Members voted in on December 6, 2006
 - Jessica Bentley-Sassaman replaced Stephanie Ellison as President
 - Pamela Piehota was elected as Vice President (position was vacant)
 - Brenda Bozinko replaced Pamela Piehota as Corresponding Secretary
- NEPARID Members on PARID Committee
 - Marty Andras is a member of the PARID Mentorship Committee
 - Pam Piehota is a member of the PARID Educational Interpreting Committee
- Membership
 - NEPARID has 39 members. 23 are voting members.
 - I would like to thank the members who keep NEPARID alive and running, without great members who donate their time and attend meetings, we would not have had such a great year!

District 8 – Nichole Wade – CI and CT

- Elections were held in November. The positions elected were 1 co-president, vice president, and recording secretary. The board members are:
 - Co-presidents – Megan Meiris & Nichole Wade
 - Vice President. John Nice
 - Corresponding Secretary – Adrienne Carwheel
 - Recording Secretary – Karen Staller
 - Treasurer – Deb Meiris
- Cindi Brown moderated a discussion of the future of SEPARID where the membership gave feedback.
- SEPARID approved \$100.00 to support testing run by PARID.
- SEPARID approved \$200.00 to support PARID’s general meeting and workshop.

- SEPARID has a new webmaster, Denise Kirby. She has re-designed and is running the site.

Other Reports

ODHH Representative – Sharon Behun, CI and CT

- ODHH Director, Sharon Behun answered member questions regarding Pennsylvania Act 57 of 2004 and Pennsylvania Act 92 of 2006.

RID Region I Report - Rachel Coppelli CI and CT

- The RID member at large position is the only contested race for a board position.
- 25 members of RID have the Ed:K-12 (EIPA) designation. This will be increasing as testing is continuing. As education of this status continues more individuals will be achieving it.
- The 2006 Region I Conference was held in Providence, RI. A small profit was earned.
- The new RID website is not only a website it is an Association Management System. This new system will allow the RID national office staff to better perform their duties.
- Strategic Challenges for the organization
 - Increased involvement of Deaf members
 - Dual Membership Verification
 - Routine cost and benefit analysis of members dollars for services
 - Clearly defined membership voting and
 - Future organizational growth
- Follow up on motion from last general meeting.
 - RID approved seven new member sections that were formerly called Special Interest Groups
- The 2007 RID Conference will be held at the Marriott San Francisco August 3-8, 2007. See the RID website for the schedule.
- The 2009 RID Conference will be held August 1-6, 2009 at the Marriott Center City in Philadelphia

Pennsylvania Court Interpreter Program

The Pennsylvania Court Interpreter Program required by Pennsylvania Act 172 of 2006 is up and running. Interpreters who are on the Pennsylvania Court Interpreter Program contact list will be notified of the required training when it is available.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

- Election of Officers
 - President – Cindi Brown elected by acclamation
 - Vice President – none elected
 - Treasurer – Maggie Brady elected by acclamation
 - Recording Secretary – Melanie Holmes elected by acclamation
 - Corresponding Secretary – Missy Reihart elected by acclamation
- Board Member Appreciation

Motion # 2007 – 27. That PARID thank Cindy Allen for her years of tireless service as Vice President. In addition to a letter of thanks, Cindy will receive a complimentary 1 year PARID membership and registration to the next annual meeting/workshop. **Rationale:** Cindy Allen served PARID for many years as district 6 representative and vice president. This is an appropriate way to thank her for her service. **Fiscal Impact:** TBD. Stephanie Ellison / Tammi Sullivan. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2007 – 27. That PARID thank Elizabeth Setley for her years of tireless service as Corresponding Secretary. In addition to a letter of thanks, Beth will receive a complimentary 1 year PARID membership and registration to the next annual meeting/workshop. **Rationale:** Elizabeth Setley served PARID for two terms as corresponding secretary. This is an appropriate way to thank her for her service. **Fiscal Impact:** TBD. Nichole Wade/Bud Schrader. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2007 – 27. That PARID thank Brian Smith for his years of tireless service as Recording Secretary. In addition to a letter of thanks, Brian will receive a complimentary 1 year PARID membership and registration to the next annual meeting/workshop. **Rationale:** Brian Smith served PARID for two terms as recording secretary. This is an appropriate way to thank him for his service. **Fiscal Impact:** TBD. Andrea Dressner/Missy Reihart. **Motion Carried.**

Announcements

- 2006-2007 PARID members and interpreters who reside in Pennsylvania who earned their first certification were recognized.

Lori Carlson – CT

Maria Elia – CT

Kym Renee Funk MacKilligan – NIC

Kelly Hausman – NIC

Sandy Hohn – CT

James Howsare – NIC

Janice Kosakowsky – CT

Brian McHale – CT

Audra Ronzano – NIC Master

Susan Smith – CT

Fred Way – CT

- 2006-20067 PARID members and interpreters who reside in Pennsylvania who earned a subsequent certification were recognized:

Cindy Allen – CT

Jessica Bentley-Sassaman – CI

Joan Berman – CT

Allison Carr – CT

Stephanie Ellison – CT

Deborah Gates – CT

Virginia Getz – CI

Kelli Grant – CI

Marc Holmes – CI

Justine Jones – CT

Nancy Kriek – CI and CT

Joan Stone – CT

Upcoming Events

- 2007 National RID Conference – August 3-8, 2007, in San Francisco, CA.
- Mental Health Workshop – June 19-23, 2006 in State College, PA
- The 2009 National RID conference – August 1-6, 2009, in Philadelphia, PA
- Upcoming PARID meetings are to be announced

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:45am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Smith, Recording Secretary