

PARID Annual Membership Meeting

April 25, 2015

Ramada Penn State
State College, PA

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania Registry of the Interpreters for the Deaf was held April 25, 2015, at the Ramada Penn State in State College, PA. President, Jessica Adams, called the meeting to order at 09:04 after determining that a quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The standing rules were approved.

Board Member Attendance:

President	Jessica Adams	Present	District 1	Vacant	
Vice President	Lori Milcic	Present	District 2	Danielle Filip	Present
Treasurer	Maribel Escarfullery	Present	District 3	Vacant	
Recording Secretary	Gloriana McElheny	Present	District 4	Vacant	
Corresponding Secretary	Kelly Deibert	Present	District 5	Gina DiFiore-Ridolph	
Immediate Past President	Cindi Brown	Present	District 6	Vacant	
PSAD Liaison			District 7	Vacant	
ODHH Liaison	Sharon Behun	Present	District 8	Suzanne Dunleavy	Present

Note: A quorum consists of at least 3 individuals whose positions are in bold print from the left column and at least 2 of the District Representatives from the right column in the table above.

Interpreters: Steve Phan, Christina Whitehouse-Suggs

Motions made during this meeting:

Motion 2015-19: to accept the standing rules

Rationale: procedural in nature

Fiscal Impact: none

Moved/Seconded: Sharon Behun/Danielle Filip

Motion 2015-20: I make a motion that the PARID investigate the possibility of opening a CD or other financial investment that would allow the organization to earn a better return of interest on the savings account.

Rationale: According to the PowerPoint, we earned \$.19 interest on approx. \$34,000 in savings from year 2014 to 2015. This action would allow PARID to build their savings in interest earned, to provide more opportunity for PARID members.

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Moved/Seconded: Lori Fisher/Brian Smith

Motion Passed.

Motion 2015-21: That PARID establish a page on the PARID website that highlights the Ruth Saunders Distinguished Service Award criteria. This page will be updated as the award cycles continue. Suggested completion time is June 2015.

Rationale: This action will allow the members an opportunity to see past and present recipients of this award. RID has a similar award with a page on its website.

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Moved/Seconded: Brian Smith/Suzanne Dunleavy

Motion Passed.

Motion 2015-22: a) That PARID make a motion or resolution to be proposed to RID for discussion at the business meeting at the 2015 National RID Convention. This would pertain to the issue of the NIC test and how it is affecting PARID. b) Substitute motion: That PARID send a representative to the forum regarding NIC Testing at the 2015 National Conference to address PARID's concerns and how the NIC test pass rate is affecting interpreters in PA. c) Amendment: "...affecting interpreters in PA and suggestions from RID brought back and disseminated to all PARID members to improve the pass rate." d) Amendment: "That PARID send a representative liaison to the forum...interpreters in PA." e) Amendment: "That...liaison to the forum...testing Certification Committee Professional Discussion...PARID's concerns and about how...interpreters." f) Final motion: That PARID send a liaison to the Certification Committee Professional Discussion at the 2015 RID National Conference to address PARID's concerns about how the NIC test pass rate is affecting interpreters."

Rationale: a) This action would help to promote the excellence of interpreting within the state of Pennsylvania. This action would also assist those who are entering the field after college graduation. b) see above c) addition needed d) Liaison means information will be passed back and forth. We are concerned for all interpreters, not just those in PA. e) grammar f) see a

Fiscal Impact: TBD, all

Moved/Seconded: a) Kathryn McNamara and Tess Fosse/Tamika Parker and Sharon Behun b) Brian Smith/Tess Fosse c) Ashley Bennett/Kathleen Eisaman d) Maribel Escarfullery/Tess Fosse e) Adrienne Bosch/Gloriana McElheny

Motion Passed.

Motion 2015-23: to adjourn the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting.

Rationale: procedural

Fiscal Impact: none

Moved/Seconded: L. Micilc/K. Eisaman

Motion Passed

Board Member Reports

President – Jessica Adams, CI & CT

- Introduced Board members, talked about vision of PARID, benefits to membership
- Region I Conference 2016
 - Will be held in Pittsburgh and hosted by PARID!
 - Dates and exact location forthcoming
- Ruth Saunders Distinguished Service Award
 - The Ruth Saunders Distinguished Service Award recognizes an outstanding PARID member who has made a major contribution in his/her area of expertise and has influenced the profession on local and state levels.

Vice President – Lori Milcic, CI & CT, QMHI

- will be looking at past motions to make sure we are in agreement

Treasurer – Maribel Escarfullery, NIC, Ed:K-12

\$ 44,077.15	Checking Acct
\$ 34,020.25	<u>Savings Acct</u>
\$ 78,097.40	Total Assets
\$ 5,212.51	CDI Funds
\$ 4,659.75	Mentorship Funds
(\$ 410.24)	Conference Funds
\$ 591.10	District 1 Funds
\$ 4,350.05	District 2 Funds
\$ 3,254.45	District 3 Funds
\$ 155.00	District 4 Funds
\$ 14,726.48	District 5 Funds
\$ 6,985.67	District 6 Funds
\$ 5,048.84	District 7 Funds
\$ 13,473.83	<u>District 8 Funds</u>
\$ 20,049.96	General Fund Balance

- Fielded questions about savings account, line item breakdowns
- Fielded questions about how to conduct a workshop in a district

Corresponding Secretary – Kelly Deibert, NIC, Ed:K-12

- Membership Demographics by Membership Category

Associate	53	14%
Certified	228	60%
Organizational	4	1%
Student	84	22%
<u>Supporting</u>	11	3%
Total	380	100%
- Membership Demographic by Job Setting

Business	98
Community/Freelance	152
Education K-12	105
Education Post Secondary	104
Government	56
Legal	29
Medical	122
Video (VRI and VRS)	48
Other	50
- Membership Demographics by District

District 1	2
District 2	65
District 3	21
District 4	5
District 5	78
District 6	37
District 7	36
District 8	108
Out of State	27

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee – Maribel Escarfullery, NIC, Ed:K-12

- Encouraged members to join the Fundraising Committee

Professional Development Committee - Lori Milcic, CI & CT, QMHI

- Many ways to earn CEUs through PARID: PINRA, workshops, SWAP program

CDI Committee – Gloriana McElheny, NIC

- PARID has recently decided to establish a CDI committee. We believe Deaf Interpreters are vital colleagues and want to extend to them the opportunity to be further involved with PARID. Once the Board has drafted the official committee documents, we will be putting out a call for committee members.

Mentorship Committee - Kelly Deibert, NIC, Ed:K-12

Public Relations Committee - Danielle Filip MBA, NIC-Advanced

Conference Interpreting Committee Gina Difiore-Ridolph, B.S

Educational Interpreting Committee - Gina Difiore-Ridolph, B.S

Board Liaison Reports

ODHH

- Fielded Act 57 questions
 - agencies are not being held accountable for the interpreters following this
 - Act 57 “exception number 5” “wavier form” is just for nonregistered interpreters. Does not indicate certification.
 - only time nonregistered interpreters should be used with that form is when Deaf person specifically requests it!
- Fielded questions on interpreter registration profiles
 - if you notice errors in your profile, contact us!
- Hiram G Andrews Library in Johnstown – has materials on interpreting, deaf culture, etc for interpreters to use
- OVR SSP Training
 - OVR was awarded a grant and are running a statewide Deaf-Blind SSP training program
 - to date 56 people have trained, 42 have their names on a registry, 17 Deaf-Blind have indicated interest in services

New Business:

- See motions above

- Elections
 - Brian McHale district 7
 - Ashley Benett district 3

- Brian Smith statement - See attached
 - district reps are encouraged to hold local forums etc
 - conferences – if we are informed of them we try to go
 - update of what is happening on website – members do not feel communication is happening well

Announcements:

Achievement of First Certification

Chanty A. Kheshgi, NIC
 James Helisek, NIC
 Lizbeth Berlin, NIC
 Logan Showalter, NIC
 Simone Morrison, NIC

Achievement of Additional Certification

Maribel Escarfullery, Ed:K-12
 Lynn Dittmar, OTC
 Ashley Robinson, NIC

Upcoming Events

- PSAD Conference August 6 - 9, 2015 King of Prussia, PA
- RID National Conference August 8 – 12, 2015 New Orleans, LA
- Region I Conference 2016 Pittsburgh, PA

Upcoming PARID Board Meetings:

- August 22, 2015 - District 5
- November 14, 2015 - Online via GoToMeeting
- February 2016 - Online via GoToMeeting
- April 2016 at conference - District 6

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 (see Motion 2015- 23)

Respectfully Submitted,
 Gloriana McElheny, Recording Secretary, NIC