

MERID General Meeting August 11, 2011

Introducing new members: Evah Hellewell, Kelly Fitzgerald, Amy Dodge, Tajaray Ferland the student rep, Shelly, Elizabeth Smith (educational rep), Sarah(northern rep)

-RID business meeting nic – a, m, changing now so there will no longer be NIC levels

Meryl CEU – must post on website 30 days before event if want to plan event for CEU's , for best results plan for 45 days ahead fo schedule. SO, Meryl can send the appropriate paperwork, forms and let you know if you are missing anything. Meryl will then send to RID board to approve the workshop for CEU's. RID will post on website, so it is important to allot enough time for members from different states who may be interested in joining workshop/ IF you want to use MERID money for a workshop must go through board approval process

Judy – one goal of this meeting is to build on RID at the state level. Talk about why people should join ME RID. Work on more involvement of community members. Board/merid members get together to plan and develop different ideas.

Grace - Find out more about who would be interested in what. Maybe develop survey for workshops people would be interested in.

Meryl – whats up with northern maine? How can they be more involved.

Judy – Bangor area, swet up more workshops, interpreting courses up northern area, USM this year bought a special telephone to be able to have conference calls. Maine test many interpreters for EIPA, Romy does performance test, Judy does the written, however looking for people to step up and take on different months for testing. If people have EIPA already and would like to help the testing process it would be much appreciated.

For the written test all the volunteer would have to do is be in the room while person takes it.

Romy and Judy will train people to administer tests. Can set up testing site at ASL lab. Please contact Judy or Romy if you are interested.

USM is approved for lab and computer area for test takers.

Most of the people taking the EIPA are from instate. Some people come from Vermont or mass, Deaf people will come from tri state area to take the tests. Everyone should take test when they feel comfortable to do so.

State laws changing regarding legal interpreting. After Jan. 1st must have SC:L, NIC and Me interp license to do legal interpreting. IF have SC:L consider taking on testing supervisor position.

(Back to discussion of NIC levels)

Members complained about different interpreters getting Masters level NIC recent grads of ITP NAD developed the levels of interpreting. However, members of RID have complained about the levels. Testing process will be NIC 1 – educational NIC 2 – medical. New test will be two levels By 2013 will present the test to RID meeting will bring new NIC

RID wants to be aware of different peoples expertise in interpreting so if there are memebers that call in qith questions, they can forward on your information if you are willing. EX. Foreign sign language interpreting experience.

We need new ideas, we plan on having a fall general meeting. IN the fall lets discuss what do people want, how to re-energize MeRID.

What goal do you want/see forMeRID. What is happening for interpreters where do you see interpreting in the next five years.

When are we going to see a change in the laws that says interpreters must be certified as well as license.

There is a push for spec. ed test. We need to try and approach that.

We should be requiring people to be certified for spec ed. And follow up with their skills. The law

was created a long time ago and needs to be improved.

Who will enforce the law? Do we need a committee? What do we do about that issue.

We need to approach the licensure process and discuss the qualifications for that.

Maybe we need a committee to contact licensing office, or have a meeting, discuss, to check on them. People do not check up on interpreters.

- Meeting congratulating different folks on the Performance, medical and specialty certificates.

- Here in Maine special team interpreting, level of community and respect different from other states.

- Also in other states CDI process different, many interpreters in other states do not want to work with CDI's.

Congratulations to the graduates, special congratulations next meeting

Sept. 10th Deaf Blind celebration for people who practice SSP etc. all are welcome.

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