

# Maine RID Board Meeting

Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Location: GBSD, Tandberg Conference Room

6:00-8:00pm

In Attendance: Maura, Cid, Kristin, Polly, Vicki, Lisa, Sarah, Nick, Alyssa, Mary, Susan (via Skype)

## Pre-Agenda Items:

- Region 1 is being encouraged to donate to a paralyzed interpreter with a tragic story.
- Susan suggests setting up a fund or scholarship for interpreters facing hardships.
- Lisa: Motion to post a link to the interpreter's online fund raising page on MeRID Facebook,  
**MOTION PASSED.**
  - Will be checking with Alyssa & Jillian on how to post to the MeRID Website.

## Agenda:

### Approval of minutes from November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

- Mary asked to clarify the Recording Secretary position (Nick? Other nominees?)
- Lisa clarified the summer voting process and how it was handled.
- November meeting minutes will be approved at January board meeting.

### Reports:

#### Membership Update (Alyssa):

- 78 Total MeRID Members.
- New MeRID membership form drafted, corrections discussed.
- Will become the template for all MeRID boards hereafter.
- Will not offer a pro-rated fee, \$35 is affordable enough all year 'round.
- Need to solidify a better membership roster, need to send an updated copy (annually) to national RID to update their affiliate chapter records (as per Spring Meeting)

#### Financial Update (Sarah):

- Quickbooks has been updated up until June 2013.
- Sarah will clarify if there is a separate account for Sunshine & Silver Lining Fund, bank states all funds are rolled into one account.
- Money from the walk around Back Bay is in the Silver Lining Fund.
  - \* Any money donated on that day was rolled entirely into Silver Lining Fund.
- Lisa: if funds are donated for a specific charitable fund it must legally go towards that fund, cannot roll into one account (for future donations)
- Maura: "Theresa Thibodeau Fund" was once established, has since disappeared, why?
- Treasurers report was given, board to review finances.
- Lisa: Website scholarships advertise for awards that we may not have enough incoming funds for. Should we change it?

#### Recording Secretary Update:

- All other write-in nominees have turned down the position.
  - \* Nick Dionne has accepted the position (official today),

Student Representative position is now vacant, can be filled;

- Student Rep can have a dual role as Social Media Correspondent.

- Alyssa & Polly: Supports having a separate position for Social Media Correspondent,
  - \* Rationale: An interpreting student may not have enough experience or understanding of MeRID (yet) to be in charge of social media corresponding.
  - How to fill the position? Who can fill it? **DISCUSSION TABLED.**

Social Media Correspondent position, **DISCUSSION TABLED.**

Group Health Insurance (Lisa):

- Lisa called Anthem Blue Cross – Blue Sheild, Lynn Ascedo (representative)
  - As of January 1<sup>st</sup> Obamacare does not allow group policies to form.
  - If insurance is set up through the marketplace as an individual, you can qualify for a subsidy & tax credit.
  - Lisa will seek more clarification and information for the January meeting.

MeRID Website Update:

- \* Lisa: Motion to create an ad-hoc committee (3+ people) to develop a plan for the MeRID Website and have information ready for the February meeting, **MOTION PASSED.**

Discussion:

- Do the sub-committee members need to be executive MeRID board members?
- Can post information to recruit members who may be interested in working on the website ad-hoc committee.
- \* Friendly Amendment - Susan: Committee should also include discussion on history of current website and research of other affiliate chapter websites.
- \* Motion to nominate Alyssa as chair of the MeRID Website ad-hoc committee, **MOTION PASSED.**

Workshops:

How do we make MeRID more visible?

- Interpreter Nights Out (INO)
- Suggestion for each board member to take on 1 month of the year to plan a community event to promote MeRID visibility.
- Possible MeRID Board retreat to discuss topics in-depth.
  - \* 1-day retreat vs. 2-3 day retreat.
- Webinars to connect with members across the state, ex) “CEUs on the Go”.
  - \* Can utilize Tanberg Conference System across the state.
- Invite members to the public MeRID board meetings.

How do we promote in-person workshops versus online webinars?

- Organize one big in-person workshop/event to set the tone for MeRID members and encourage future involvement & interest in MeRID.

Topic Ideas:

- Insurance & Business Aspect of Interpreting.
- Ella Lentz still owes MeRID a workshop for canceling (flight already paid for).
- Betty Colonomos, always a popular presenter (re-visit Target Switch Workshop?)

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**Minutes By: Nick Dionne**