

# Maine RID Board Meeting

Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:00-8:00pm

**(January 2014 Meeting CANCELLED due to inclement weather)**

Location: GBSD Tanburg Conference Room & MDI High School Tandberg Conference Room

In Attendance: Maura, Nick, Sarah, Kristin, Cid, Vici, Mary, Alyssa, & Susan (via Skype)

## Meeting Agenda

### 1. Approval of minutes from Nov 4 and Dec 2 meetings

- Amend December meeting minutes to include “Executive Session: Treasurers report was given, board to review finances” in place of “President will follow up with former president.”

- Maura will give all board members access to the website log on information to upload meeting minutes to the website.

### 2. Reports

#### 1. Website Sub Committee (Alyssa)

N/A

#### 2. Treasurer (Sarah)

- Information at home, can send a summary to board members via email.

#### 3. Secretary report

##### 1. email challenges

- Resolved bounce-back issues, Secretaries will only use one central email ([meridsec@gmail.com](mailto:meridsec@gmail.com)) for all emails and will forward/respond accordingly.

##### 2. New Membership (Alyssa)

- 3 New members, up to 81 total.

- Membership would like to see a short flyer/news letter introducing new board, discussing current projects, progress, etc.

- Alyssa has volunteered to take on the task of organizing a mailed/emailed newsletter.

- Board members will write up a short bio to prepare for the first newsletter and send to Alyssa.

##### 3. Membership Expirations

- Susan: Some northern members aren't sure when their membership expires, when to renew, etc.

- Bring back membership cards for MeRID members?

\* Cards not possible this year, perhaps will be covered by new web interface once established. If not, will bring up more discussion on membership cards.

#### 4. Region 1 Conference

- RID Meetings Manager: David Wagner recently resigned.
- Conference in danger of being canceled due to lack of conference chairs.
- Currently July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wakefield, Mass.
- Should we email the members to mention that the conference is currently uncertain, but still advertise to get involved with affiliate chapters volunteer involvement in conference planning?
- Conference planning begins right after the previous conference, only 7 months.

#### 3. Professional Development/ Workshop/

##### 1. David Evans (May 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>)

- Nick will begin planning David's workshop weekend.
  - \* Will look up the document on how to plan a workshop from google drive.
- Nick will forward David's workshop brochure to board members to look at and review what topics to present and lengths.
- Nice to plan MeRID general meeting at the same time. Saturday or Sunday morning?
- Decide if lunch will be provided or "on your own".
- Sponsorships possible: through Hamilton Relay, Sorenson VRS, MCD, etc.?

##### 2. Ella Lentz?

- Many workshops through spring and summer, perhaps fall?
- Plane ticket already paid for, will look into an opportunity to have do a workshop.
- Can we contact Ella to see if she is willing and if her voucher is still valid though the fall?
- Could we profit from Ella's workshop or break even?

#### 4. Film Festival Sponsorship

\* Motion to sponsor the Deaf Film Festival with the same amount that was given last year. Sarah will check on last year's donation. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### 5. Licensure

- PEP-NET group will be starting discussion on Maine State Licensure for interpreters.
  - If someone wants to change the current licensure requirements it will require a change in the law.
  - Meryl Troop, Conrad Strack, Kristen White (MeRID educational rep) & Maura Nolin (MeRID President) will meet this week to discuss information on how to start working on the law for State Licensure.
6. General meeting date (Maura)
- May 9-11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the David Evans workshop?
7. Next Board Meetings:
- Next Meeting: Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - April Board Meeting: Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>, may be move to Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> to run in tandem with Brenda Cartwright workshop in Bangor.
- \* Perhaps same time as Brenda Cartwright Workshop
8. **Executive Session (7:05pm-7:35pm)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**8:00pm.**

**Minutes By: Nick Dionne**

## **Discussions for Next Time:**

Professional Development/Workshops:

\* Presenters: SAW (Shane Westmoreland, specializes in Mental Health Interpreting, among other topics), Betty Colonomos: Foundations I & II? III & IV?

Board Retreat - sub committee to discuss options and make proposal

Agency Education on CDIs

Work group for standard practice paper/ workshop/ education for interpreters working with outside agencies (VRI/ National spoken language companies)

Time keeper - discussion lasting more than 15-20 min lead to motion or sub committee?  
(Alyssa)

Social media chair, perhaps this falls into place if when we decided to do something with the website - to be lumped in with the website subcommittee (Alyssa)

Standard Practice Paper for working in Maine (something lisa mentioned at the first meeting)  
- sub committee (Alyssa)

Do we have a professional development chair? (Alyssa)

Policy and Procedure Manual - sub committee to update information and share with Board/  
Membership.