

MERID Board Meeting
1/11/2009
Minutes

Present: Regan, Jillian, Meryl, Luce, Roseanne, Deb, Lisa,

Procedural note: Make formal motions.

1. Website and feedback –

Luce recommends that she be involved meeting w/ web designer for membership section
(Vote) Compensation/Thank you to our volunteer designer - 10 mins

Luce moved we give a \$500.00 gift certificate to Andrew Perkins

Regan seconds it; **passed** unanimously (Lisa abstained since Andrew is her son)

(Vote) Security Designer Initial Fee- Jillian met with Colby Libby, security designer. He needs specific list of tasks before giving us an estimate. Luce said the renewal page and payment page both needs to be secure because of personal info. Jillian will find out cost for this initial step. **Tabled for now pending information**. We will probably go with Pay Pal for payment.

2. Member Updates/Review and status of goals from October retreat: 30 mins

Sarah - New Interpreter Discussion Group

- for next six months the group will meet at MCD. She will do article for newsletter. She hasn't done much yet toward student recruitment.
- CEU's- Sarah would like to provide CEU's. Re: CEU's, it is strongly recommended that CEU's are given occasionally, not for every meeting. Sarah senses that the majority of attendees have been members; not many non-members so far. •
- (Vote) on Non-member Fee – Rational: member benefit & terps will be needed... Members had varied opinions regarding the issue of CEU's, cost, non-member vs member fees. Jillian would like to continue discussion on yahoo group. Luce suggested that in order to maintain the feel of a support group, that it does not function under the auspices of RID. **The discussion was tabled for now.**

Luce – Policies and Procedures Manual

- Luce sent out a compilation of the policies and procedures she found; Luce volunteered to also look at the P&M info that Cid had and merge the two. There were one or two discrepancies that will be discussed as Luce goes through it.
- Meryl expressed her appreciation to Luce in going through all of the old minutes, etc. She suggests that the manual be categorized by topic rather than following a chronological timeline.
- Luce is ready to help w/ Pay Pal when website is ready. Luce would also like to talk about NH co-sponsoring the legal training.

Deb

- will have an entry in the upcoming newsletter; idea- have a brief column w/ Q and A section. Luce will send a few questions to Deb and members seem to liked the idea of a question/answer format.
- Deb will also contact Vicki and get together with her to work on an education interpreter info packet.

Roseane

- newsletter deadline for submission of articles is this Thurs. Roseane asked if people would like a special issue of the Newsletter dedicated to Betsy Reifman. Luce mentioned that it would be hard to add to or top the memorial service. Neither Meryl nor Roseane have received responses. It was decided that Meryl would contact Margaret Haberman to write a brief and put it in the member spotlight section, and that Meryl would contact John Shattuck to get the blurb that was posted

Regan

- is rescheduling a Deaf interpreter group meeting. People seem to be slow to respond or resistant to join Maine RID. An issue that will be discussed is role playing different scenarios. The “Deaf Interpreter Forum” has not really grown due to some miscommunications. Regan’s goal is for this group to be up and running again.
- Regan found info on “The Hand Guy”. Jillian asked her to contact him about presenting after the general meeting in April. Regan suggested that he would probably present for 2 hrs and maybe we could find someone else to do a presentation on a topic related to physical/mental wellness.
- The monthly 2 hour brown bag workshops will be put on hold until spring, when Jillian and Regan will try to start this up.

Lisa

- Fundraising- Lisa has put this on hold. Jillian encouraged Lisa to continue focusing her energy on the website until it is up and running.
- **Website:**
 - Luce, Jillian, Lisa, and Sarah are on the technology update group; Meryl will work on the historical section. Deb and Vicki will assist on Educational Interpreter section. Luce suggested that we should have someone updating library section as we buy new materials.
 - Lisa is taking classes on PHP and HTML so she can help maintain the website when Andrew is gone

Meryl

Licensure changes:

- OLR says that there are no problems and no documentation that proves the need for changes to the law to increase hours. Regarding DHHS; educational interpreting, etc, Lisa suggests that we document situations. Meryl talked about the fact that training that has been provided to 3,000 DHHS workers to practically no avail
- Licensing: Suggests we document when unlicensed or unqualified interpreters being used. There is a two-year time frame for new legislation. Meryl will collect the stories. She will also bring the topic to ASL news.
- Meryl is working on 2 workshops; tax preparation workshop this Thurs, Meryl will be resending at National RID conference and she and her co-presenter would like to do the workshop locally first, either in Conn. or Maine.
- Meryl is planning a Scrabble tournament-either as a fundraiser or social/education time. The event will be held at USM Student Center.H.

Vicki

- ordering educational materials for library. Vicki needs to reassess what educational interpreting videotapes are needed for the library

3. Betsy Reifman Leadership Award

Jillian decided to skip this item because we have made good progress on website. Regan said that Danny Winship is interested in working on a website icon w/ a pic of Betsy. She will contact him about this.

4. Next General Meeting – where to hold it? Brunswick Library?

Board decided to hire interpreters for this meeting.

Jillian will get terps. Date: April 11, 11 am- 5 pm.

5. Upcoming Workshops (terps provided/needed?)

A. Foundations II

B. What to do with "R"

C. Legal in Sept

D. Demand Control

E. \$5 Series - Judy - 2/24 and 3/24 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Jillian will be there on 3/24, and Regan and Sarah on 2/24 to do registrations, etc.

F. (Vote) - Purchase LCD projector – **tabled**

6. MERID Positions – upcoming vacancies - Specialty reps, Northern Rep, secretary, treasurer

A. CEU Coordinator - still need someone...Regan suggested Shawna Grant, Luce suggested she would consider doing this when her term ends in June.

B. Member-at-Large

C. Northern

D. Secretary (?)

7. Next Items for Board

A. PPM

B. Workshop contract – revision

C. Interpreter Policy - How to reimburse Board members for interpreting?

D. MERID Library

8. New Business

Charlene Bisson will be sent a blooming potted plant from Maine RID- her mom recently passed away.

Jillian will be sending items for further discussion through yahoo group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20