

MERID Board Meeting- Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Myers

June 22, 2008

9:30-11:30

Gray, Maine

New Business:

1. Introductions- Introductions included welcoming new officers Jillian McLaughlin, President, and Lisa Masure, Vice President. Others present: Regan Thibodeau, Debbie Myers, Carol Garland, Rebecca Damon, Luce Aubry, Roseanne Ryerson, Stacey Bsullak, Meryl Troop and Tracey Frederick.
2. End of the year update/annual report needs from Stacey- reviewed with treasurer and secretary.

New Pres. and V.P. offered to take over moderation of the Yahoo Group.

3. Board Retreat – tentatively scheduled for Oct 4 & 5, in conjunction with the next general meeting.
4. Dates for next 4 Board meetings-
 - a. Wed. Sept 24 6:30-8:00 pm (via conference call)
 - b. Sat – Sun Oct 4 & 5 Board Retreat (Southern Maine)
 - c. Sun. Jan 11 6:30-8:00 pm (via conference call)
 - d. Sat April 11 11:00 – 5:00 (Bangor area) -11:00 – 12:45 Board Meeting, 1:00 - 5:00 General Meeting and workshops
5. Dates for next 2 General meetings w/workshops
 - a. Oct 4 or 5
 - b. April 11 - 12 noon-5 pm (later changed to 11am-5 pm)
6. Luce brought up the issue of a potential conflict of interest when recruiting interpreters for conferences and workshops. The board will develop a protocol around this.

Policy (?): Board members may not interpret for Maine RID hosted workshops, unless all other means have been exhausted, in order to avoid a perceived conflict of interest.

7. Coordinator:

- a. Meeting organizer – In the past the representatives from the designated regions were responsible for securing locations for General and Regional meetings.
- b. Workshops - ???

It was decided that reps would take turns organizing meetings and workshops as before.

8. Board Roles

- a. Medical
- b. Legal
- c. Educational
- d. Community – North
- e. Community – South
- f. Student Rep

This item was skipped over since there are no new people in these positions..

9. Newsletter – Roseanne is willing continue with this responsibility.

10. Web site- there was a discussion about requiring a member log-in.

- a. Coordinator - Luce
- b. Updates (frequency, cost, timeliness) – will be provided by Luce
- c. Minutes- will be posted on the website after each meeting

11. Sub committees- committee leaders will be recruited at the general meeting.

- a. Silver Lining Fund- ME RID will have a table again at the Deaf Culture Festival. This year's theme is "Revitalizing the Deaf Community" and will focus on giving back in different ways to benefit those in need in the Deaf community.
- b. Legislative, Professional Development- Stacey is considering taking over Ann's position as CMP coordinator and doing professional development as well.
- c. Events planner- there was discussion- some for and some against having an events planner.

12. Professional Development- see above

13. Reimbursement Formulas to be revisited:

- a. Mileage- we are dropping mileage reimbursement for now and using conference calls as much as possible.
- b. Workshops
- c. Regional and National Conventions

14. Recruitment- It was decided to give retiring member Lois Morin a lifetime membership to Maine RID. Sherry Walrath has been granted a lifetime membership to Maine RID when she retired.

15. Membership Badges- a suggestion was made to offer laminated combo license/membership card as a member benefit. Much discussion about what the card would look like with no final decisions made yet.

The meeting adjourned around 11:45 am.