

Maine RID General Meeting
General Meeting
April 18, 12-2
Payson Smith Rm 306

Jillian and members of the board introduced themselves: Jillian, Lisa, Roseanne, Meryl, Debbie, Sarah, Luce were present.

General goals for the mtg, rundown of agenda.

1. Website -goal to become more secure and be able to pay online for membership, workshops. Jillian feels it is very important to have a professional company host the website and no longer use volunteers. We are researching cost, etc. Handout of wish list for members to fill out.
 - a. Handout of Current Site
 - b. Feedback Form – What would you like?
2. Board Member Updates- reviewed typed reports, opened for questions
Grace Cooney asked- why so many vacancies?

Jillian answered- some terms have expired, some have resigned, and some have become interested in switching roles, and some just need a break.

We need legal rep, secretary, treasurer, medical rep if someone is willing.

3. Board Objectives and Restructure – PPM need to develop consistent practices
Examples- scholarships traditionally have been max of \$100.00 but nowhere in print, board members have staggered terms.

Board reps- thinking instead of regionalized reps, should have two general reps?

Roles, responsibilities should be detailed in PPM

Ex: pres role, committees for food, awards, etc

other ideas- add administrative liason, DB coordinator (CID already volunteered to continue in this role.)

4. Vision for Maine RID – Lisa's brief presentation

Maine RID is not an elitist organization. We need everyone's involvement, to work on community goals and desires. The four purposes are stated on our website. We do very well at two of them, but need to improve on the following:

- 1) promoting the rights of interpreters, clients and consumers, and
- 2) educating the public on the provision of interpreter services and on the ethical standards of the profession.

- 3) Lisa thinks that we should be broadcasting positive news about our organization in local TV, newspapers and other media. This could be used to promote awareness and for RID to become more of a liaison and collaborators with the Deaf community. Lisa feels that our focus is too narrowly focused on interpreting. She is willing to be the public relations coordinator.

Carol Dobson added a comment that we need to be careful about drawing the line between education and advocacy.

Lisa clarified that we should become more of a resource as an organization.

Meryl threw out the idea of having an elected spokesperson because many of us shy away from the limelight.

Judy asked if medical and legal committees were on the board and Jillian added these two Judy is willing to do legal, thinks it should remain separate from legislative.

5. Board Vacancies- Jillian encouraged people who are interested in serving on the board to speak up. The group took 15 min to sign up for any committees they thought they MIGHT be interested in. Board nomination, Public Relations, Memrship Database, Educational Committee, Awards, Volunteer Coordinator , Deaf Culture Festival Committee, PPM, Craft Sale, Legislative Committee, Legal Committee, Prof Dev Committee, Adm Liason, Scholarship Comm, Treasurer, General Member, Secretary, Medical Committee, Board nomination committees and Website Committee.

- a. Treasurer
- b. Secretary
- c. Northern Rep
- d. 2 Board Reps
- e. Student Rep

6. Logo – Regan- group moved to Rm 303 for visual presentation. Showed three choices for design of Betsy R. Leadership Award which will be printed on award recipient's letter and also posted on the website. A lot of discussion about shape of logo- round seal? Or letterhead. Should have two separate or one design for both? Nothing was finalized.

7. Besty Reifman Leadership Award- Jillian drew attention to the 8 criteria. The announcement was read and will be posted in newsletter and on web. Awarded to Margaret Haberman- \$500 toward any workshop and a plant.

8. NEW BUSINESS – Announcements:

Nominations and voting will be done online within the next month.

Jillian reminded members of \$5.00 workshops (next one is next Tues.) and other upcoming training opportunities. Legal training w Carla Matthews will definitely happen.

Grace Cooney mentioned a concern about the high cost of the previously offered legal training. Jillian explained that the cost of the book was inc. before, but people will now be responsible for obtaining their own book.

Luce spoke about: Maine and NH have a reciprocal agreement for cost of the upcoming Demand-Control Schema approach to interpreting. It will focus on Mental Health Interpreting but the knowledge obtained can be applied to all interpreting arenas. The flyer and announcement of location haven't yet been distributed. The training will happen in November 2009. Robyn Dean presenter.

Lois Morin spoke briefly about recently attending a workshop and receiving her Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque/ award. She thanked Maine RID profusely, saying that it was a great honor to receive the award.

Reminder - National Conference August 1 - 6, 2009
Region One Conference: August 13-15 2010

Tina made announcement about Timberfest Aug.13-16. Committee is looking for volunteer interpreters for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Deb Reynolds announced Breast Cancer March (3 mile) in Ptld or Bangor- date TBD

Meryl announced annual conference will be hosted by MCD June 26 at Colby College. Keynote Speaker Mike Harvey, psychologist from Boston, and will have workshops for Deaf community/interpreters,

Also MCD will have a team walking for upcoming Aids fundraiser.

Steve Vance, PT presented about his business Seacost Hand Therapy, South Portland, Maine. Contact number 775-4263