

Maine RID Board Meeting

Monday March 3rd

6:00-8:00pm

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

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

Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from Nov 4th, Dec 2nd, & Feb 3rd meetings.

- Deadline for edits and changes will be this Friday March 7th.

2. Update on David Evans Workshop weekend (Nick)

- David is willing to be flexible with MeRID in terms of presenter fee and one-way flight; would be staying in New England the week of May 12th-16th to attend ETNA.
- MeRID will save on overnight accommodations since David has requested to stay with a friend in Southern Maine during the weekend he presents.
- Workshop topics have been offered and picked and a tentative schedule for the weekend has been drafted. Negotiating and finalizing topics with David now.
- Pricing options for single day registration and full weekend packages have been estimated. Presenter fee and other miscellaneous fees have also been estimated.
- Can host MeRID general membership meeting the same weekend to increase numbers for a quorum.
- Could split the Saturday workshop into two 4-hour workshops to allow for more flexibility.
- Sunday May 11th is Mother's Day. Could we lose registrants because of this?
- Considered eliminating a Sunday workshop. (Fri & Sat. Workshops only)
- We need to advertise clearly whether or not ASL/ENG Interpreters will be offered or if we are strictly hosting the workshop(s) in one language or the other.
- Board is uncertain that the remaining 2-month period is not enough time to advertise and obtain the numbers of registrants needed to run the workshops, in addition to graduation and Mother's Day conflicts.
- Motion: To postpone the David Evans workshop to a later date. MOTION PASSED.
- Perhaps host a webinar in May as a replacement for the David Evans workshop to satisfy any last minute CEU needs for members (as long as it doesn't conflict with MCD's Facundo Element presentation).
- Nick will contact David to request availability for a possible future weekend to present in Maine.

3. MeRID Newsletter (Alyssa)

- Draft is complete and in the final stages of review/editing.
- Will keep “older” logo this newsletter, will revisit the idea of the “newer” logo.
- Deadline for feedback/editing on the newsletter will be this Wednesday March 5th, will go to print on Friday March 7th.

4. Request from MCD (Maura)

- Want to bring an enrichment experience to Maine through Facundo Element activist organization.
- 3 day workshop in May/June
- MCD wants a variety of volunteers from different local organizations, including the MeRID board to be involved in the planning meetings.
- Lisa & Sarah are willing to be involved as representatives from MeRID.

5. Maine Deaf Film Festival Donation:

- Motion: To donate \$100 to the 2014 Maine Deaf Film Festival. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Region 1 Conference Update (Maura)

- Susan & Nick expressed interest in MeRID offering to be the chair(s) of Hospitality/Registration for the conference.
- Will follow up with Region 1 Coordinators to express interest and discuss arrangements and volunteers.

7. Brenda Cartwright workshop in Bangor (Maura)

- Planning is going well.
- MeRID will host the April board meeting there on Saturday April 12th after the workshop.

8. MeRID Facebook Update (Lisa)

- MeRID Facebook page will transition from a “personal” account to a “business” account so that members could “Like” the page instead of sending a friend request.

9. Treasurer's Report (Sarah)

- Last year no donation was made to the Maine Deaf Film Festival. Suggested a motion be made to choose an amount for this year's festival.
- Ella Lentz does not owe MeRID a workshop/flight to Maine. No record/exchange of finances between MeRID and Ella Lentz.
- Sarah will be completing the 501C form for MeRID Taxes in the next few weeks.

10. Membership Secretary Report (Alyssa)

- 3 new members - Total members: 84.
- Starting to investigate options for new website interface for members.

11. State Licensure & State Laws

- Maura and Kristen will meet with Conrad Strack on Monday March 4th to begin discussion on this subject and how to proceed.

12. Standard Practice Paper Proposal (Lisa)

- Is there a way to develop a Standard Practice Paper for Maine interpreters working with out of state agencies.
- Develop a sub committee?
- During a general membership meeting should we offer an open discussion for MeRID members to discuss this topic further?
- Some interpreters struggle with self-advocating with out of state agencies.
- Can we host a workshop to develop a Best Practices document for working with in-state v.s. out of state agencies?
- Lisa will research options for business practices regarding this topic to discuss at the Aril board meeting.

13. General Membership Meeting

- Need to pick a date and time. (2 hours?)
- Treasurer, Member at Large & Southern Rep will have vacant positions this year. Student member position is also currently vacant.
- Need to develop a nominations committee.
- Motion: To host the MeRID general membership meeting the same day as Meryl's Conference: June 27th, 2014. MOTION PASSED.
- Call for Nominations need to be mailed out by April 27 (no less than 60 days before general membership meeting).
- MeRID Board Member terms are currently not matching the bylaws.
- Can do a email/mail blast to inform members that MeRID would like to make an executive decision to “flip” the odd & even years for board turn over in the bylaws. Will have to go out as soon as possible and before the April meeting.
- Motion: To send a referendum to dual MeRID members to “flip” Section 5 B & C in the bylaws, which currently state the executive board will turn over on odd years and the non-executive board will turn over on even years. MOTION PASSED.

14. Next meeting date: Due for April 7th, will postpone meeting until Saturday April 12th.

Discussions for Next Time (parking lot):

- 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 (Susan)
- Work group for standard practice paper/ workshop/ education for interpreters working with outside agencies (VRI/ National spoken language companies) (Lisa)
- 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)
- Do we have a professional development chair? (Alyssa)
- Policy and Procedure Manual - sub committee to update information and share with Board/ Membership. (Maura)
- Look at the bylaws and consider amending the board terms (odd & even years need to be switched).

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8:04 pm.

Minutes By: Nick Dionne