

Maine RID Board Meeting

Monday July 21st, 2014

6:00-8:00pm

Location: GBSD Tandberg Conference Room.

In Attendance: Maura, Cid, Alyssa, Vicky, Sarah, Kristin, Nick, Dan, Margaret (via Face Time).

Absent: Polly, Fred, Susan, Ann.

Meeting Agenda

1. Financial update for FY 14 that ended July 31
 - See breakdown form given by Sarah.
 - Lost money over the year, but came out with profit from various things (memberships).
 - The Learning Center sent MeRID a nice Thank You note for donating money towards their annual conference.

2. Membership Update
 - More members and some expired members (exact numbers unknown at meeting time).

3. Educational Representative Position: VACANT
 - Tracey Frederick has stepped down due to personal conflicts.
 - 2 write-in nominations during voting process: Alyssa Gannon & Stephanie Myer
 - Both have declined the Educational Rep position offer.
 - Anna Perna? (attended a training for Educational Interpreters in Colorado, good candidate)
 - Shannon Locke (not a dual member currently).
 - Can we send an email to solicit for interested members to fill Educational Rep Position?
 - Kristin is willing to stay on for another term if Educational Rep cannot be filled.
 - Anna Perna & Kristin White meet the qualifications and could both be considered.
 - MeRID has historically allowed non-members to have a grace period to become a MeRID member again to become valid to accept a position.
 - **MOTION: Alyssa motions for Nick to contact Anna Perna to ask of interest in becoming the Educational Rep, if declined can offer the position to Kristin White, Cid seconds the motion. In favor: 8. Abstain: 1.**
 - Margaret offered to reach out to Anna & Shannon to discuss the idea of accepting the Educational Rep position. Margaret will follow up with Nick upon contact.

4. Meeting dates / times for Board meetings
 - Will continue with 1st Monday of each month 6:00-8:00pm.

5. "Talk About The Work" Sessions & Professional Development
 - Would like to set up a similar group as Bangor's regularly meeting group by Anna Perna.
 - Could alternate meeting dates with the North and host here in the South.
 - Ann will discuss with the previous Southern Rep (Vicky) to confer on a way to collaborate and host a monthly meeting group.

- Could structure it during the school year to include ITP students.
- Ann is willing to send out a survey sent out to Southern region members and see what topics, dates and times they would like to see.
- Can offer CEUs to reel in members to attend on a regular basis.
- Need to establish ground rules that the CEUs need to be earned and not let the meetings lax.
- Bangor's group succeeds using literature focused on interpreting & linguistics.
- Would Deaf interpreters be interested in attending these groups?
- Board will take this week to solidify dates for ongoing meeting times.
- CEU processing needs to be submitted 30 days or more from the meeting date.
- Topic Ideas: Ethical Decision Making, DC-S, Community Updates, Skill Building, Terminology, CDI-teaming, Legal, Medical, Educational, etc.
- Will re-visit David Evans workshop weekend. October or later (October or November)
 - Nick will take control of this planning process and will be in touch with David.
- Betty Colonomos: Foundations?
 - Could collaborate with ETNA weekends to save money on presenter travel.
 - Tends to stay with Ann Swope while in town, free overnight accommodations.
 - Betty could collaborate with USM to teach during the week after, before ETNA.
 - Ann will contact Judy and Betty to see if anything is already being planned.

6. Parking Lot Items

I. Board Retreat

- Discussion tabled until further needed.

II. Agency education on CDIs

- Bangor Interpreting Agency may need more training on CDIs.
- Small group of CDIs in the North, not much exposure and teaming.

III. Practice Papers, Training, Workshops regarding working with outside agencies.

- Ongoing quality assurance and control issue nationwide.
- Can we get a collaborative opinion from the MeRID membership on their experiences?
- Price fixing is a sticky area which may not remain consistent in a place like Maine.
- General interpreting community cannot control freelance agreements between agencies and unqualified/un-certified interpreters.
- Local chapters of RID do not issue Practice Papers, national RID does.

IV. Time Keeper

- Discussions lasting more than 15-20 minutes will be tabled or given to a sub-committee to discuss further.

V. Social Media: MeRID Website

- Perhaps we can use workshop income to pay for website renovations.
- Website not formatted well to accept documents and postings.
- Website renovation will become a priority during the next fiscal year.

VI. Maine State Licensure

- Margaret will look up the due date for when bills need to be submitted to the state house.
- During Judy Kegl's presidency national RID presented barriers for her to submit a legal bill change because they enforced local chapters not getting involved in legal matters.

- This process is too extensive for MeRID to tackle alone. Need stakeholders involved.
- Bills tend to come back from the state house requiring revision, need to start the process.
- MeRID needs allies and support from the Department of Education.
- Since the process is so extensive, is there a shorter process for amending the law?

7. Educational Interpreters: Supervision & Mentoring

- How can we address this and create a standard for Educational Interpreter education.
- When the state law changed to require licensure, all previous requirements for interpreter professional development was dropped and not enforced.
- Contracted work or hiring through the school district promotes isolation and unclarity of interpreter's role.
- Reinstating the Maine list of educational personnel classification could help alleviate this problem. Could officially designate all interpreters to be classified under the "Interpreter" classification.

8. Susan Boudreau's recent fall

- Will reach out again to see if she would benefit from any financial or personal assistance from MeRID.

MOTION: Sarah motions to send Susan a Hannafords gift card in the amount of \$50. Friendly Amendment: Funds will be taken from the Silver Lining Fund. Ann Swope seconds. In favor: 5. Abstain: 2.

9. Policy & Procedure Manual

- Unclear, ambiguous statements need polishing up.
- Tabled until a future meeting and need.

Additional Items:

1. Email communications with MeRID g-mail accounts.
2. Danielle Albee, need to "officialize" a person.
 - Clarification: Student member is appointed by the MeRID Board, not voted in.
 - Student position has become a 1-year position, by previous MeRID board vote.
3. Next MeRID Board Meeting: Monday September 8th (in place of Septmeber 1st)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53pm

Minutes By: Nick Dionne

Parking Lot (Discussions for next time) :

- Professional Development/Workshops:

* Presenters: David Evans Weekend, SAW (Shane Westmoreland)

Betty Colonomos: Foundations I & II? III & IV?

- Do we have a professional development chair? (Alyssa)

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

- break into two groups - 30 minutes on Bylaws and Minutes. Switch, 30 minutes more.
- Report back- need more time/ work?
- The problem of pre-certified- do we want to change the bylaws to allow pre-certified to be on the Board?

Minutes By: Nick Dionne