

# Maine RID Board Meeting

Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

6:00-7:40pm

Location: GBSD Tandberg Conference Room & Northern Tandberg Conferencing location.

In Attendance: Maura, Cid, Nick, Kristin, Danielle Albee (Student Rep Candidate), Margaret Haberman (member) **\*No quorum present for voting, see Addendum.**

## Meeting Agenda

### 1. Elections:

- Bylaws state that elections were supposed to be held in April.
  - “A call for nominations shall be made to the membership no less than 60 days (via electronic and USPS mailings) prior to an election.” -MeRID Bylaws
- Initial request for nominations will go out by this Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> (Post & email)
- Lisa Trainor has shared the ballot template used in last year's board election.
- Board will shorten nominations period for this election to 2 weeks for nominations submission
- Nick & Alyssa will contact nominees to see if they're interested.
- Ballots need to be mailed out with 30 days to submit a vote
- Must inform election winners within 14 days of the close of voting.
- Non-Executive Board Members.
- An announcement for the MeRID general membership meeting at Meryl's Conference (Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>) should be included with the mailed paper ballots (paper slip flyer/reminder).

### 2. Student Representative Position:

- Currently 2 individuals interested, one of them, Danielle Albee attended this meeting.
- In choosing the student rep should MeRID Membership, MeRID Board or USM decide?
  - Will follow-up with this discussion via board email vote.
- How do we solicit nominees from USM?
- Should not be the ASL Club President, no consistent president in charge of the ASL Club and too much additional responsibility for them.
- Nick would like to make a motion to change the Student Rep position into a yearly turn-over position. Will follow up with other board members via email vote.
- Term Idea: Vote for student rep could happen in spring (May), the term could start in Fall at the beginning of the new school year (September).
- Possible role: to solicit interested candidates to replace student rep at the end of their one year term; students who will be continuing on for at least another year and who express interest.
- Application Process Idea: Student could write two essay questions regarding their interest in the Student Rep position on the MeRID Board.
  - Maura will follow-up with other board members about this via email.
- Need to determine a date for applications to be due, and decision for the board.
  - Possibly applications due one week before the June board meeting.
- We need the Student Rep role to be more defined, current Bylaws are vague about this.
  - Act as a Liason between local ITP (USM) and the MeRID Board.
  - What can the student bring to the board?
  - Fundraising Experience? Ideas?

- Will follow up with board via email about a vote to get a quorum for executive board to pick a Student rep.

### 3. State Licensure for Interpreters:

- Conrad Strack and PEP NET have shifted their focus to another topic and have since abandoned the idea to pursue changes to the licensure laws.
- Currently, no group/organization has taken the leading role on enhancing the Maine laws.
- Board meeting in Bangor seemed to show a lot of support for making changes to the licensure laws to enhance them.
- Can establish sub-committees (north & south?) to discuss how to reach out the the state of Maine to find out their views on licensure laws.
- Susan has expressed interest in being involved or leading a sub-committee to manage this.
- Need to identify state-wide stakeholders and get an idea of their views & perspectives.
- Need to figure out the timeline for bill submissions for the state of Maine.
- Will need statistics and information regarding statewide support for law changes.
- MeRID could lead an online Poll to get an idea of state-wide perspective on this topic.
  - This duty can be given to a sub-committee, Susan will head the sub-committee.
- Background of current law (Margaret Haberman):
  - Current laws were a compromise between Maine stakeholders and hospitals because some powerful stakeholders did not want to limit the pool of statewide interpreters.

### 4. MeRID General Meeting:

- Date & Location: June 27<sup>th</sup> @ Meryl's Conference?
  - Maura will confirm with Meryl Troop.
- Date Change? If need be? July 21<sup>st</sup>? Used for board turn over transition meeting.
- August Meeting canceled? Can determine at a future board meeting.
- Next Meeting Date: Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00-8:00pm.
- USM graduates have received a free one year MeRID membership in the past.
  - Not an official policy yet, Will need a board vote to approve.
  - Maura will follow up with other board members via email vote.

### 5. Brenda Cartwright Bangor Workshop Wrap-Up: (Margaret Haberman)

- Overall good workshop & positive feedback.
- Some members felt it was identical to the Sorenson sponsored workshop in Portland @ USM.
- Communication about interpreting services should be improved: Volunteers or Paid?
- Finances: Either broken even, or profited. Can follow up with Sarah Littlefield about numbers.
- Interpreters for future MeRID sponsored workshops may benefit from establishing a flexible policy regarding cancelation fees.
  - Goal: to allow for Deaf community members to sign up for the workshop in advanced or at the door without limiting their ability to do so.
- Board should plan around interpreting needs for the workshop and develop a way to compensate them.
  - Stipend? Hourly? From workshop profits?

6. MeRID Bylaws:
  - Not approved by national RID. Should consider submitting them to the national office.
  - Unsure if a Deaf MAL is a necessary position since a qualified Deaf interpreter/member can be hold any position on the board.
    - Possibly added during the last (unapproved) revision of the bylaws by the previous board.
  
7. RID Region 1 Conference:
  - Conference is still happening regardless of difficulties and delays.
  - Maura has emailed conference chair(s) to express interest in Hospitality, no response.
  - MeRID is uncertain whether or not to be involved due to the current disorganization.
  
8. Maine Center on Deafness Request:
  - MCD Board wants Facundo Element to come to Meryl's Conference to host workshop series.
  - MCD is requesting funds from MeRID to support the workshop.
  - No financial breakdown given to MeRID as of yet from MCD board.
    - Contribution is due on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Possible Motion: \$200/\$250 donation, will discuss with other board members via email vote.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**7:40pm**

**\* Addendum: No quorum in attendance. Voting on the following issues took place via email quorum.**

- #1 TLC request
- #2 Building the Comunidad October weekend
- #3 CDI course sponsorship
- #4 Deaf Culture Festival Sponsorship
- #5 Be the change award- I need suggestions
- #6 Donation to 2014 Region 1 Conference.

### **Discussions for Next Time (parking lot):**

- Professional Development/Workshops:
  - \* Presenters: SAW (Shane Westmoreland), David Evans?  
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)

**Minutes By: Nick Dionne**