

Maine RID Meeting

April 11, 2010

10am – 2:30pm

Present: Jillian McLaughlin, Vicki Munro-Ludders, Karla Doucette, Roseane Ryerson, Regan Thibodeau, Deb Myers, Ann Swope, Kelly McCormick

General election discussion:

Best practices – What are norms for board member certifications, qualifications, etc.? best practices: seems beneficial to all if the board is mix of experienced and new interpreters.

EIPA Qualifications and RID membership qualifications.

Still editing policy and procedure manual.

- Let Jillian know what is working and what is not regarding board participation:
- More face-to-face meetings wanted – people feel they can be held more accountable for their actions, and be less likely to postpone – have a 1 hour monthly (working) meeting
- Putting the minutes in the newsletter .
- Set up a checklist for Yahoo group of things the board is working on – include reminders for those who have committed to tasks.
- Most people tend to follow/respond to the MeRID Yahoo emails
- Concerns about the board becoming all Portland interpreters – not including other regions. Need to get more northern terps involved.
- Board members are asked to contribute to the newsletter

Website Update:

- Web page problems – trying to release the control from the yahoo servers...
- Don't want to web to be too costly. We keep trying to save money on the website, but it does not seem to be working. It looks like we need to 'bite the bullet' and spend the money for a professional website.

Review of contract from Flyte for the website:

- Currently working with a company called Flyte.
- Jillian is willing to continue with this (the webpage) until its done – even after her presidency is How long is this contract for?
- We need to look carefully at the proposed contract with Flyte – “It seems to say this, but I want details...”
- Google chrome an option?

Ann motions to have professional company finish developing and designing the Maine RID website for up to \$4,500.

Karla seconds. All in favor, Deb abstains – motion approved.

Updates:

Karla:

- Taxes are done
- 1099, need to have the SSN/EIN for anyone involved in workshops who gets paid more than \$600
- Workshop presenter agreement must include this information (SSN or EIN)... Ann has a form (W9?) to email to presenters.
- W9 form to presenter to fill out and give back with that information.
- Is it worth it to pay an accountant to do Maine RID's taxes annually? – Yes.
- **Roseane made a motion to hire a CPA/tax accountant annually to assist in filing Maine RID taxes with board approval (2009 tax year we used Price Financial (Jerome Price) in Scarborough for \$75)**
- **Ann seconds the motion. All in favor – motion approved.**

Kelly:

- Research how to send mass emails from BlackBerry – 5/1/10 update: *done...the only way to send a mass email from my BB is to go through the member list and add each email address individually in order to create a group to send emails to...*

Regan:

- Brown Bag Series more before end of semester – the upcoming meeting (4/14 from 5-7pm) focuses on injuries and working thru pain.
- June meeting (6/9? from 5-7pm) about interpreting with a client with an SSP – how best to serve that client's needs.

Deb:

- Nancy Ordway is planning on setting up a Code of Ethics workshop through Bangor Interpreting Agency.

Vicki:

- “How to” packet about organizing/setting up workshops, credits etc. is completed. Need feedback from Regan and Sarah.

Roseane:

- Membership cards – people want them, not necessarily with pictures, just proof of membership. – will research and report back to board

General:

- Is it possible to videotape workshops so they can be shared with other interpreters?
- If we do end up taping/streaming workshops to share with other interpreters we'll need to create some kind of test/form/evaluation/bubble sheet etc to make sure people paid attention – especially if CEUs are available through the workshop.
-Need to follow RID procedures for setting this up.
- Sorenson agreed to co-sponsor (with MERID) the Betsy Reifman Award via proceeds from a Workshop in May.
- Region 1 has new award - Betsy Reifman Interpreter Educator Award
- The State will be announcing who won contract for RFP soon.

Fundraising ideas:

- Tshirts, tank tops – ‘Got Hands?’ on front; website on back or MeRID logo...
 - have people order them before getting them made to reduce leftovers
 - accept orders at the Deaf Culture Festival and Deaf Film Festival
 - proceeds to Silver Lining Fund