

Maine RID Board Meeting

Monday March 6th, 2015

6:20-7:52 pm

Location: GBSD - Tandberg Conference Room.

In Attendance: Maura, Cid, Nick, Polly, Ann, Dan & Anna (via Zoom), Margaret (via phone)

Absent: Fred, Sarah, Alyssa, Danielle

Meeting Agenda

By-laws Edits: (Polly)

- * Dan, Margaret & Polly worked on the last parts of the bylaws edit since the board retreat.
- * Went through the content and tried to modify outdated language/concepts (red color).
- * Organization and formatting of information has been enhanced (no votes necessary).

Examples:

- Voting Members: If members live in other states they cannot vote without a Maine License.
- Dan: Suggests we remove "Certified" from "supporting member" qualifications.
- Removed the need for "membership cards" since they're not requested any longer.
- Ann: Suggests we follow suit with other surrounding local chapters from New England.
- Purpose: "...of the interpretation of American Sign Language and English and the transliteration of English." (to be edited by board & membership)
- Annual Dues: Consolidated information that was previously spread throughout the bylaws.
- Language was enhanced and consolidated during the first 40 mins of the meeting.

Betsy Reifman Leadership Award:

- 3 Nominees: Ann Swope, Anna Perna, Jill Andrews.
- Survey Monkey will be sent to all board members decide and finalize the winner
Winner will be announced at the general meeting (as per website voting procedure).

Board voted on what the winner's award includes

MOTION – Ann: Winner of the 2015 Betsy Reifman Leadership Award will be awarded with a free registration to a MeRID Sponsored workshop of their choosing.

Anna seconds. 6 in favor. 0 opposed.

MOTION PASSES.

David Evans Workshop Weekend Report: (Nick)

- Workshop weekend went very well, great feedback from many attendees.
- MeRID made a good profit from the workshops (will confirm with Treasurer's report).
- Certificates of Completion were emailed instead of printed (\$50-\$60 savings).
- Nick will write an article for his reciprocal contribution to the MeRID Newsletter.
 - * Previously approved for a \$100 MeRID Scholarship, pending reciprocal contribution.
- David Evans has expressed interest in coming back to Maine in the future (2016?)

Minutes By: Nick Dionne

David Evans Workshops - Financial Report (Nick)

Costs Incurred:

Presenter Fee:	\$2,600
<u>Airfare (RT):</u>	<u>\$465.70</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,065.70

Total Income by 3/6/15: \$3,735.00

Total Weekend Income: \$5,550

Total Profit: **\$2,484.30** (Minus Expenses: **\$2,420.68**)

Expenses Incurred:

- Workshop Signs (copies) – Staples: \$15.38
- Coffee Supplies – Walmart: \$15.66
- Coffee Creamer – Hannafords: \$5.58
- Coffee By Design - \$12 & \$16

EXPENSES ROUGH ESTIMATE: \$64.62

Newsletter: (Alyssa Absent)

- In progress, waiting on completion of articles and financial report from board members.

Website Update: (Alyssa Absent)

Website format has been created and midway through completion.

Link to new website preview will be sent to executive board members.

General Meeting:

- Saturday May 30th (Secretary will send out a “save the date” email)
- Looking for an affordable meeting location in Augusta: perhaps Disabilities Center?

Policies & Procedures Manual:

- MeRID Website has current Policies & Procedures Manual (work in progress).
- Margaret & Nick are still working on documenting motions from previous meeting minutes.
- Discussion has been temporarily tabled.

Upcoming Professional Development:

- Need Legal trainings for both SC:L certified terps and others interested in legal interpreting.
- Chris Tester, CDI from NYC could come to Maine, present one day on legal interpreting.
- Educational Interpreting is a necessary topic, could do a 3 day weekend.
- Would like to bring back the ASL immersion.
 - * Pine Tree Camp in Rome, Maine could be a good, affordable central location
- Maura will email Pine Tree Society to reserve camp time incase this plan moves forward.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM

Minutes By: Nick Dionne

Parking Lot

(items to be addressed during upcoming meetings)

- 1. Workshops: Next Step, New Ideas?**
- 2. Fund Raising Ideas**
- 3. Official Maine RID Logo**
- 4. Elections**
- 5. Policies & Procedures Manual**