

**Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.
Regular Board Meeting**

**February 13, 2011
Teleconference
Official Minutes**

Board members in attendance:

Terri Schisler, President
M. Charlene McCarthy, 1st Vice-President
Barbara Harris, 2nd Vice-President
Kim Diez, Treasurer
Sue Ann Pope, Secretary
Rachel Hirshman, Regional Representative-North
Aaron Izzo, Regional Representative-West

Visitors:

Interpreters:

Board members not in attendance:

Malia Johnson, Regional Representative-East
Laurie Harbin, Regional Representative-South

Committee Chairs in attendance:

Lisa Schaefermeyer, LAC (5:00- 5:40pm)

1. Call to Order

Terri Schisler, President, called the meeting to order at 4:07pm, at which time a quorum was announced. The secretary was present.

2. Group Norms

Sue Ann read the mission statement, teleconference norms and group norms.

3. Housekeeping

Lisa will be joining the call around 5pm.

Sue Ann will send an 'Action Items' list within 48 hours after today's meeting.

4. Financial Report

Kim gave a summary of the current financial status. The IRS penalties have been waived. A confirmation letter should be received soon.

The NeFRID information has been received.

**Action Item: Kim to contact the NeFRID Treasurer to verify there are no more outstanding funds.

5. Membership

Several members have submitted applications for the Membership Chair position.

With no opposition, **Mindy Richards** was appointed Membership Chairperson.

Terri is continuing to compile a calendar of necessary actions and timelines pertinent to membership and other areas.

In regards to membership rate increases, the Bylaws state that any increase will be a maximum of 10% or \$5 and requires a 90day prior notice to the members.

MOTION: 2011:27 Move to increase annual membership dues for Pre-Certified Associate Members and Certified Members to \$40.

Membership committee. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Action Items:

-- Charlene to get Mindy trained and have membership list ready to submit to RID for the April 1 deadline.

-- Charlene to contact the volunteers who were interested before and see if they still want to serve the membership committee. Let us all know if more people are needed.

-- Charlene to make plans with Mindy for attendance at Silent Weekend and the FAD conference to host the FRID booth.

-- Terri to contact with the people who submitted applications for the membership chairperson position to thank them and try to find other areas they may be a match for service.

6. LAC Update

The LAC submitted a report. Lisa joined the call to update the board of any recent activity. After continued discussion with legislative consultant, Gary Lieffers, his recommendation is to wait until the 2012 legislative session to push the bill. The FAD Board has unanimously voted to support and pay the legislative consultant fee to Gary Lieffers for 2012. Work to be done by the LAC committee may include streamlining the language of the bill to be two pages and include information relating to the TASA Amendment. The board requests any action by the LAC be reported to the FRID board as it occurs.

7. FCB Investigation

At this time, no report has been submitted nor has the FCB Committee Chairperson contacted Kim regarding any action by the committee. As the board representative on that committee, Kim should be included on any correspondence of the committee.

**Action Item: Terri to contact Ali Blaylock, FCB Ad Hoc Committee Chair, regarding progress of work done so far in discussions with the FCB and to reiterate that this is a *committee* effort. (Will inform board of any news.)

8. 2011ABM / 2012 Conference

Several members have submitted applications to serve on the Conference committee. With no opposition, **Jenny Locy** was appointed as Conference Chairperson. All applicants can be considered for the various conference committee positions.

A tentative schedule for the 2011 ABM event has been approved. Dates, themes and presenters are being discussed. Presenter/interpreter documents may need to be revised for the 2011 scaled down event.

Terri has been in contact with *Experient Sourcing* and provided their information to the board for review. They are an event planning company that offers free services to search for hotels/venues that will best meet FRID's needs for the 2011 and 2012 events. The board agreed to utilize this resource for preliminary planning.

**Action Items:

--Terri to contact Shawn Lavoie to move forward with utilizing the services of Experient Sourcing to obtain preliminary hotel proposals.

-- Terri to send the 'call for presenters/interpreters' documents to all board for review and input on changes to meet the needs for this year's event.

--All board to recruit for conference planning committee members. (Will need a Chair plus 4 people)

--All board to continue brainstorming ideas for workshop presenters, entertainment, logo, theme and fundraising ideas for the 2011 ABM weekend and 2012 Conference.

9. FAD Conference / Silent Weekend

Congruent with the established reciprocal agreement with FAD, the board supports FRID attendance at the upcoming 2011 FAD Conference. Also in congruence with the established reciprocal agreement with Mike Tuccelli the board supports FRID attendance at the 2011 Dr. Sign Silent Weekend. It will be planned with Mindy to host the FRID Exhibit table at these events. Any board members who are planning to attend either event are asked to assist in hosting the table at any time they are available.

**Action Item:

-- Sue Ann to get the FRID info binder and table cover from storage and send to the first needed event person.

MOTION 2011:28 Move to sponsor Mike Tuccelli and the 2011 Dr. Sign Silent Weekend, June 23-26, in Orlando, at the \$2000 Coffee Break level. R. Hirshman / S.A. Pope. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION 2011:29 Move to sponsor FAD at the \$2000 level for the 2011 FAD Conference, June 30- July 3 in St. Augustine.

B. Carr / K.Diez. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

6:45pm Charlene left the call.

10. Region Representatives Proposals

At this time, all of the Region Representatives have preliminary ideas for planning events in their respective regions. Some have begun action. The board agreed that this is an imperative year to host professional development events across the state for the benefit of FRID members. For clarity and consistency purposes, Terri will send the 'Call for presenters/Call for Interpreters' documents to all the Region Representatives for review and use in planning their respective events. It was also reiterated as to the importance of getting some new info on the website relating to the Region Representatives' positions and upcoming activity. (Joni Caraway is willing to help Rachel if planning events in the Panhandle due to the size of the North region.)

Laurie has submitted a preliminary request to the board for planning an event in the South region.

MOTION 2011:30 Move to sponsor an exhibit table at the Deaf Awareness Day, April 30 at Wellington Community High School in Palm Beach County for a fee of \$50. T. Schisler / S.A. Pope. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

****Action Items: ALL Region Representatives:**

- Review the presenter/ interpreter contracts for use when planning events in their regions.
- Must have some kind of proposal by March 13 meeting.
- To be scouting for locations in their regions in preparation for future board meetings.
- Make some action forward on the website pages, even if just a picture of themselves and county list, map or anything.

11. Board Meeting Schedule / Locations

The next board meeting is scheduled as a teleconference meeting for March 13, 2011. It is agreed that the May 14 board meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in the Central West region. Aaron has researched some locations and corresponding hotel accommodations for this meeting. More research is needed.

****Action Item:**

- Aaron to find a meeting location/hotel by March 13 for the May 14 Board meeting in Tampa.

12. Minutes

Sue Ann has submitted the minutes from the last meeting to the board for review and approval.

MOTION 2011: 31 Move to approve the January 8, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted. S.A. Pope/ K.Diez. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. New Business

Barbara has agreed to begin an examination of the website for necessary updates and improvements.

The board agreed to select some items for giveaways and sale items for the FRID Exhibit booth at the upcoming events. A company with reasonable prices has been used recently.

****Action Items:**

- ALL board members to brainstorm ideas for the rotating banner on the website home page. (Up to 3 different items at a time)
- Terri to send a website link to begin discussion of items to order for fundraiser/giveaways for the upcoming events.

