

**Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc
Annual Business Meeting (ABM)**

**Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore
Tampa, FL
October 1, 2011**

Official Minutes

Officers in attendance:

Terri Schisler, President
Charlene McCarthy, 1st Vice-President
Sue Ann Pope, Secretary
Aaron Izzo, Region Representative Central West
Malia Johnson, Region Representative Central East
Laurie Harbin, Region Representative South

Officers not in attendance:

2nd Vice President- (Vacant)
Treasurer- (Vacant)
Region Representative North- (Vacant)

1. Call to Order

Terri Schisler, President, called the meeting to order at 12:51pm. The secretary was present.

2. Introductions

The President introduced the Board members present as well as Renatta Cochran, Parliamentarian, and Mike Cano, CART service provider. The President introduced the interpreters: Jodi Raffoul, Chris Costa, Derek Fraser, and Steven Surrency.

3. Adoption of Credentials Report

Membership Chairperson, Mindy Richards reported on behalf of the credentials committee. There were a total of 60 voting members in attendance. It was established that this was at least 51% members registered for the ABM event present for the required quorum. Mindy requested that this be submitted as the official roll of voting members of the annual meeting.

Mindy also gave an update on the membership numbers. We now have 284 certified members, 266 pre-certified associate members, 332 supporting members and 20 organizational members for a total of 902 members.

Motion 2012:13 Move to accept the report of the credentials committee as the official roll of voting members at the annual meeting. Credentials committee. Motion carried.

The president declared a quorum.

4. Adoption of the Standing Rules

Motion 2012:14 The president moved to adopt the standing rules. Motion carried with at least 2/3 voting in favor.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2012:15 The president moved to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

6. Appointments

Without objection, the following appointments were made:

- Minutes Review Committee 2011: Joni Caraway, Beverly Stokem and Sally King
- Head Teller – Aaron Izzo
- Tellers – Sabrina Bell, Laura Belluccia, Lydia Dowe, Yasmine Jennings, Ariana Lee-Fisher, Jessica Lesinski
- Time Keeper: Charon Feild Aurand
- Motions Committee 2010: Anthony Verdeja, Chris Prudhom and Nicole Wise

7. Report on the disposition of the 2010 Motions Compliance Document

The secretary announced that the minutes of the 2010 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) were approved by the Minutes Review Committee. The disposition of the actions on motions submitted at the 2010 ABM can be reviewed in the ABM packet on page 6.

8. Reports of Officers and Directors

All Board members' annual reports are printed in the ABM packet. There were no questions from the members regarding the reports. These reports will be filed as submitted.

9. Committee Chairperson Reports

Annual committee reports from the Chairpersons of QA, EIE, Membership, LAC and PDC are also in the ABM packet.

Seeing no discussion of the committee reports, they will be filed as submitted.

10. Special Orders:

- a. Nominating Committee Report and Floor nominations
Laurie Harbin, Nominations Committee Chair, announced the current slate of nominees.

1st Vice-President -- vacant

2nd Vice-President -- vacant

Treasurer-- vacant

Secretary—Sue Ann Pope, NIC

Regional Representative North – Sandra Roche' Sanders, CI/CT

Region Representative Central East --vacant

Qualifications of any candidate to serve on the board of directors are from the bylaws as follows:

All Board positions-

- All members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of the Corporation (FRID) and the RID, and be Florida residents.
- All candidates for the Board of Directors shall have been voting members in good standing of the Corporation (FRID) or another state affiliate of the RID for at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to candidacy.

- Directors shall not concurrently serve as an elected officer on the board of any other state RID organization or on the national RID board.

Executive Board- (President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer)

- The elected Executive officers must hold a valid certificate from the RID, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.

Region Representatives

- The representative must live in the region they represent (this is not in the bylaws as amended though it has been the requirement stated.)

b. Elections

The President asked for nominations from the floor.

For the position of 2nd Vice-President, nominee was: Reinaldo (Rey) J. Vega, CDI

For the position of Treasurer, nominee was Kenneth Houghtaling, III, NIC, QA3

Seeing no other floor nominations for any of the open positions, nominations were closed at this time. Each nominee present had the opportunity to speak. The individuals nominated in advance had their bios posted for members to review prior to this meeting.

- 1st Vice-President- There are no nominees at this time. The Board will appoint someone to serve in the interim until the next ABM.
- 2nd Vice-President- Rey Vega was nominated for the office of 2nd Vice- President. The members voted. The president declared Rey Vega as 2nd Vice-President.
- Treasurer-Kenny Houghtaling was nominated for the office of Treasurer. The members voted. The president declared Kenny Houghtaling as Treasurer.
- Secretary- Sue Ann Pope was nominated for the office of Secretary. The members voted. The president declared Sue Ann Pope as Secretary.
- Regional Representative North – Sandra Roche’ Sanders was nominated for the office of Region Representative North. The members voted. The President declared Sandra Roche’ Sanders as Region Representative North.
- Regional Representative Central East – There are no nominees at this time. The Board will appoint someone to serve in the interim until the next ABM.

The President congratulated the new officers who will begin their new duties at the close of today’s event.

11. New Business

a. Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

No nominations have been submitted prior to the meeting today. After discussion, it was noted that this is an unfortunate oversight of members in attendance who intended to make a nomination and that the DSA is a vital component of the ABM event.

Motion 2012:16 Move to allow nominations for the DSA at this time and to commence voting and announce a winner.

Distinguished Service Award (DSA) - Nominated for the DSA were Sharon Caserta and Charlene McCarthy. Their recommendations were voiced aloud by the individuals submitting the nominations. Voting was taken by ballot and the winner by majority was Charlene McCarthy.

b. Pat Seger QA Scholarships

Two scholarships for QA screening fees were awarded. The recipients were Marcy Albright and Hope Deihl.

12. Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04pm.

Sue Ann Pope
Secretary, October 01, 2011

Approved on: _____December 8, 2011_____
(Date)