

Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

Special Board Meeting –Summary Minutes

Teleconference Call 6-9pm, December 4, 2011

Roll call: T. Schisler, R. Vega, K. Houghtaling, S.A.Pope, L.Harbin, S. Roche' Sanders

This meeting has been arranged to discuss two topics which were on the agenda for the November 13th meeting but were not addressed due to time constraints. These are time sensitive matters and the new board needs to be made aware of all the recent activity this past year as well as make some decisions regarding the forward movement of the two committees related to these matters.

1. IRC- The Interpreter Regulation Committee has two members so far and with the guide of the President, Terri Schisler, they are getting brought up to speed on the current situation. The Interpreter Regulation bill, SB942, has been submitted under Senator Wise with Gary Leiffers as the legislative consultant. It will go to the committee floor soon. The focus of concern for tonight's discussion was the language used in the bill as it references the definitions of several terms relating to the interpreting profession and the Deaf community. This involves input from the current IRC, the previous LAC(Legislative Action Committee), FAD, RID's GAP and has connections to the language used mutually by other interested parties such as FCCDHH and the TASA bill which will also be submitted by FAD this year. A spreadsheet of the variations of definitions used previously and some amendments from FAD was reviewed. After discussion, the following was decided.

MOTION 2012:20 Move to accept the definitions of *deaf*, *hard-of-hearing*, and *sign language* as amended and submit to FAD for approval to be included in the regulation bill, the TASA bill and to replace the FCCDHH statutory language. S.A.Pope/ L.Harbin Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. FCB Transition- Due to the mandate from RID, FRID must no longer be directly involved in the QA/EIE screening processes and they must be turned over to a regulating entity such as the FCB (Florida Certification Board) by June 2015. The board became aware of this matter in October 2010 and proposed a 4 year timeline to RID, which they accepted. The QA/EIE transition committee has been established and needs more members recruited as soon as possible. The goals, profile and a timeline for activity pertaining to this issue need to be developed by this committee. Changes to testing must be voted on by the members and surveys or other tools need to be drafted by the transition committee to gather members' feedback. The board would like to have a solid report of activity and a plan to propose to the members by the October 2012 conference event.

Currently FRID has between 900-1200 members during a year with @300 holding QA/EIE levels. There are @ 400 certified interpreters in Florida, @300 are FRID members.

Sue Ann Pope, Secretary

Approved: _____ January 14, 2012_____