

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

**Jacksonville Marriot
Jacksonville, FL
October 21, 2012**

Official Minutes

Officers in attendance:

Terri Schisler, President
Sandra Roche', 1st Vice-President
Rey Vega, 2nd Vice-President
Sue Ann Pope, Secretary
Kenneth Houghtaling, Treasurer
Nancy Osborn, Region Representative North
Laurie Harbin, Region Representative South
Danielle Porter, Region Representative Central
East

Officers not in attendance:

Region Representative Central West-(Vacant)

1. Call to Order

Terri Schisler, President, called the meeting to order at 8:36am. The secretary was present.

2. Introductions

The President introduced the Board members present. Due to the unexpected absence of Renatta Cochran, Parliamentarian, the President introduced Brenda Walker-Prudhom, RID President, who assisted in the proceedings in place of the parliamentarian. The President introduced Vicky Johnson, CART service provider. The President introduced the interpreters: (alphabetically) Dalton Amici, Tony Bray, Gary Campbell, Chris Costa, Steven Surrency and Ben Zapata.

3. Adoption of Credentials Report

As a representative for the Membership Chairperson, Charlene McCarthy reported on behalf of the credentials committee. There were a total of 105 voting members registered for the conference. There were 57 voting members in attendance at the ABM. In concordance with the Bylaws of the organization, it was established that this was at least 51% present for the required quorum. The President requested that this be submitted as the official roll of voting members of the annual meeting.

Motion 2013:15 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 2013:16 The president moved to adopt the standing rules. Motion carried with at least 2/3 voting in favor.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2013:17 The president moved to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

6. Appointments

Without objection, the following appointments were made:

- Minutes Review Committee 2012: Joni Caraway, Beverly Stokem and Sally King
- Head Teller: Rey Vega
- Tellers: Amanda McGreggor, Amy Konopa, Corey Wys, Dawn Varner, Kiva Bennett, Krystina Gerke, Laura Bellucia, Myra Richardson, Tamy Taylor, Tracey Todd
- Time Keeper: Lori Spangler
- Motions Committee 2012: Mark Jones, Chris Prudhom and Shannon Simon

7. Report on the disposition of the 2011 Motions Compliance Document

The secretary announced that the minutes of the 2011 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) were approved by the Minutes Review Committee on December 3, 2011. The disposition of the actions on motions submitted at the 2011 ABM can be reviewed in the 2012 ABM packet on page 7.

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, EMI, CMP and the adhoc, QA/EIE Transition Committee 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
Sue Ann Pope, Nominations Committee Chair, announced the current slate of nominees.

President-- Vicky Fales, Deborah Gibson
1st Vice-President--Jamie Aranda, Kenneth Houghtaling
Regional Representative North -- no nominations
Region Representatives South -- Laurie Harbin (incumbent), Rosalba Russo
Region Representative Central East -- Danielle Porter (incumbent)
Region Representative Central West -- Grace Behr, Tim Tracy

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.

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 to the audience. The individuals nominated in advance had their bios posted for members to review prior to this meeting.

- President- Vicky Fales and Deborah Gibson were nominated for the office of President. The members voted by ballot. The ballots were tallied by the tellers and reported by the head teller.
The President declared Vicky Fales as the new President.
- 1st Vice-President- Jamie Aranda and Kenneth Houghtaling were nominated for the office of 1st Vice- President.
The members voted by ballot. The ballots were tallied by the tellers and reported by the head teller.
The President declared Kenneth Houghtaling as 1st Vice-President.
- Regional Representative South –Laurie Harbin and Rosalba Russo were nominated for the office of Region Representative South. The members voted by ballot. The ballots were tallied by the tellers and reported by the head teller.
The President declared Laurie Harbin as Region Representative South.
- Regional Representative Central West- Grace Behr and Tim Tracy were nominated for the position of Region Representative Central West. The members voted by ballot. The ballots were tallied by the tellers and reported by the head teller.
The President declared Grace Behr as Region Representative Central West.
- Region Representative Central East- Danielle Porter was nominated as the unchallenged incumbent for Region Representative Central East. Seeing no objections, the President declared Danielle Porter as Region Representative Central East.
- Region Representative North- There were no nominees. The Board will appoint someone to serve in the interim until the next ABM.
- Treasurer- Being that Kenny Houghtaling is now 1st VP, the Treasurer position becomes vacant. Terri explained the criteria recommended for a candidate to fill the Treasurer position. 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

The following motions from the membership were presented, discussed, researched and voted upon.

Motion 2013:18 I move that FRID cease the effort to find another entity to administer the QA/EIE.

Maker: Shannon Simon/2nd: Christie Evens. Motion carried.

Rationale: No financial cost to cease the effort.

1. Allow organizational efforts/ resources to be focused on legislation/regulation activities.

Motion 2013:19 I move that all QA/EIE credentials awarded remain valid for 4 years. Maker: Shannon Simon/2nd:Christie Evans. Motion carried as amended.

Rationale: No financial impact. Loss of revenue due to people not taking the QA/EIE who might have due to expiration of the credential before 6/30/2015.

1. Provide a full 4 years validity period for all QA/EIE candidates.
2. Provide a date certain for the expiration of all QA/EIE credentials.
3. Provide a window of time (6 ½) years for hiring/employing agencies/ entities to change work criteria/ payscales, etc. for interpreters.
4. Provides time for interpreters to achieve a national credential.
5. Provides time for interpreters to satisfy eligibility requirements for NIC via the alternative pathway.
6. Complies with the RID mandate and FRID's plan to end QA/ EIE credentialing.
7. Amendment: This will continue the system as it has been running so far.

Motion 2013:20 I move that FRID take on responsibility for providing testing sites for NIC and EIPA in Florida. Maker: Joni Caraway/ 2nd:Jessica Bellinger

Rationale: Will have fiscal impact but not any more than the current commitment.

1. Convenience of testing for Florida practitioners.
2. Increase opportunities for more testing from the current limitations of only 1 site for NIC and 2 sites for EIPA.

President deemed the motion to be out of order. *RONR- "outside of the scope of the organization"

12. Distinguished Service Award

There was one nomination for the DSA. Sandra Roche' read the nomination made by Terri Harding and Sally King which spoke about the exceptional contributions of the individual to the profession and as a leader to the FRID organization. FRID was proud to honor **Terri Schisler** as the 2012 DSA winner.

13. Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32am.

Sue Ann Pope
Secretary, October 21, 2012

Approved on: ____February 1, 2013_____
(Date)