

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

**Wyndham Hotel Westshore
700 N. Westshore Blvd. Tampa, FL 33609
October 20, 2013**

Official Minutes

Officers in attendance:

Vicky Fales, President
Charlene McCarthy, 1st Vice-President
Rey Vega, 2nd Vice-President
Sue Ann Pope, Secretary
Nancy Osborn, Region Representative North
Danielle Porter, Region Representative Central
East
Terri Schisler, Immediate Past President

Officers not in attendance:

Treasurer- (Vacant)
Region Representative South- (Vacant)
Region Representative Central West- (Vacant)

1. Call to Order

Vicky Fales, President, called the meeting to order at 8:03am. The secretary was present.

2. Introductions

The President thanked FAD for allowing FRID to collaborate in partnership for the space for today's meeting. The President introduced the Board members present as well as Steven Surrency, Parliamentarian, and Tammy Milcowitz from ACS, CART service provider. The President introduced the interpreters: Dalton Amici, Carol Downing, Andrea Smith and Anthony Verdeja.

3. Adoption of Credentials Report

Membership Chairperson, Rosalba Russo reported on behalf of the credentials committee. There are a total of 22 voting members in attendance. They are 16 Certified and 6 Pre-certified members. It was established that this is 100% of the members registered for the ABM event present which is at least 51% for the required quorum. Rosalba requested that this be submitted as the official roll of voting members of the annual meeting.

Motion 2014:12 Move to accept the report of the credentials committee as the official roll of voting members at the annual meeting. Maker: Credentials committee. Motion carried.

The president declared a quorum.

4. Adoption of the Standing Rules

Motion 2014:13 The president moved to adopt the standing rules. Motion carried with at least 2/3 voting in favor.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2014:14 The president moved to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

6. Appointments

Without objection, the following appointments were made:

- Minutes Review Committee 2013: Mindy Richards, Shannon Simon, Lori Spangler
- Head Teller – Rosalba Russo
- Tellers – Christina Alonso, Heather Bower, Alecia Castro, Zoey Davis, Annarelis Marquez, Ava Rogers, Holli Tempe
- Time Keeper: Danielle Porter
- Motions Committee 2013: Terri Schisler, Shannon Simon, Nicole Wise

7. Report on the disposition of the 2012 Motions Compliance Document

The secretary announced that the minutes of the 2012 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) were approved by the Minutes Review Committee. The disposition of the actions on motions submitted at the 2012 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. With the vacancy of the Treasurer position, the bookkeeper's financial reports are also included as an addendum. Note: Congratulations and thanks are in order to Nancy Osborn as Conference Chairperson in 2012 and her Conference committee, on a fiscally profitable conference for the first time in many years. The President noted an error in her own report regarding the year notated. The Secretary will make that correction. 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 the Pre-Certified Support and Development Committee (PCSD-ad hoc), Interpreter Regulation Committee (IRC), Membership Committee, Meetings & Events Committee and the Certification Maintenance Program (CMP) are also in the ABM packet. The Bylaws Review Committee (ad hoc) report was accidentally omitted from the ABM packet and will be projected during that agenda item discussion. There were no reports submitted by the QA, EIE or EMI Committees. 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.

1st Vice-President – M. Charlene McCarthy
2nd Vice-President – Carol Downing
Treasurer—vacant-NONE
Regional Representative North – Nancy Osborn
Region Representative Central West- Sarah Harris
Region Representative South- Jenna Cassell

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 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: Bradley Dale, CDI
Rey Vega spoke on behalf of the nominee and his qualifications.

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- M. Charlene McCarthy, interim incumbent, was nominated as 1st Vice President. The members voted.
The President declared M. Charlene McCarthy as 1st Vice-President.
- 2nd Vice-President- Bradley Dale and Carol Downing were nominated for the office of 2nd Vice- President.
The members voted. The votes were tallied by the Head teller.
The president declared Carol Downing as 2nd Vice-President.
- Treasurer-there were no nominations for the office of Treasurer. The Board will appoint an interim Treasurer to serve until the 2014 ABM elections.
- Regional Representative North – Nancy Osborn, interim incumbent, was nominated for the office of Region Representative North. The members voted.
The President declared Nancy Osborn as Region Representative North.
- Regional Representative South – Jenna Cassell was nominated for the office of Region Representative South. The members voted.
The President declared Jenna Cassell as Region Representative South.
- Regional Representative Central West–Sarah Harris was nominated for the office of Region Representative Central West. The members voted. The President declared Sarah Harris as Region Representative Central West.

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

- c. Bylaws edits- Rey Vega, Chairperson of the Bylaws Review Committee (ad hoc), submitted the reported findings of necessary edits to the Bylaws. The report was projected and reviewed by the attendees at today's meeting.

Motion 2014:15 Move to accept the Bylaws edits as submitted. Maker: Bylaws Review Committee .No discussion. Voting: All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

d. QA/EIE screening systems

Motion 2014:16 Move that FRID cease offering the QA/EIE testing effective immediately. All tests that have been given will be evaluated and feedback given. FRID will allow those already scheduled to complete their tests. Maker: member, Daniel Holscher/2nd: member, Lori Spangler.

Discussion. Amendment: Maker: member , Charlene McCarthy/2nd: member, Shannon Simon.
Amendment: Maker: member, Linda Horton/2nd: member, Daniel Holscher. Voting: All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried as amended.

- e. Member questions-alternative testing options
Terri Schisler reported about the current status of the Interpreter Regulation Committee (IRC) and licensure bill efforts. The results of this year's legislative session and the success/failure of the Interpreter Regulation Bill could potentially impact testing, credentialing and licensing in Florida.

BREAK 10:05-10:20am

11. New Business

- a. Motion to allow FRID members to post announcements on the FRIDNews Google Group themselves.

Motion 2014:17 I move that FRID expand the function of the current online communication, Google Group, to allow members the ability to post to the group under the following guidelines. Maker: member - Amanda David/2nd:member-Rose Coman. Voting: All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- b. Motion to amend Bylaws to be congruent with today's previously carried motions.

Motion 2014:18 I move to add to Article III, Section 2B, Membership, the requirements for Deaf members to qualify as a pre-certified member, as stated in the Board approved policy on the website, with the editorial changes needed to remove the QA/EIE references as appropriate. Maker: member-Terri Schisler/2nd:member- Shannon Simon. Referred to Bylaws Review Committee.

- c. Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

No nominations have been submitted prior to the meeting today. The members in attendance agreed that the DSA is a vital component of the ABM event. Two nominations were made and accepted from the floor. Shannon Simon nominated Terri Schisler and spoke to her deservance of the award. Terri spoke that she was honored but had received this prestigious award last year. Terri nominated Nancy Osborn and spoke about Nancy's dedication, generosity, professionalism and many other reasons for her deservance of the DSA for 2013. The members voted. By unanimous decision, Nancy Osborn was awarded the 2013 Distinguished Service Award.

- d. Scholarships

A new scholarship was established in honor of Shannon Simon and the many years of her dedicated service to educational interpreters.
The first ever Shannon Simon EIPA performance test scholarship was awarded to D. Jill Byerly.

The Shirley T. Herald Rid scholarships were awarded to: Amber Gillespie- NIC written and Nicole Bihlmayer-NIC performance.

Congratulations to these recipients in their quest toward national certification.

12. Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59am.

Sue Ann Pope
Secretary, October 20, 2013

Approved on: _____ 3/1/2014 (by Board) _____
(Date)