**Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc**

**Annual Business Meeting (ABM)**

**Valencia College East Campus**

**701 N. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando FL 32825**

**October 3, 2015**

**Official Minutes**

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| **Officers in attendance:** |  |
| Vicky Fales, President  Carol Downing, 2nd Vice-President  Carrie Moore, Secretary  Terri Bugler, Treasurer  Nancy Osborn, Region Representative North  Amanda McGreggor, Region Representative West |  |
| **Officers not in attendance:**  1st Vice-President (Vacant)  Region Representative Central (Vacant)  Region Representative East (Vacant)  Region Representative South (Vacant) |  |

1. **Call to Order**

Vicky Fales, President, called the meeting to order at 8:25am.

1. **Introductions**

The President thanked everyone who gave their time today in preparing for today’s meeting. The President introduced the Board members present as well as Rafael Trevino, Parliamentarian, Anthony Trujillo, CART provider, and interpreters Kenneth Houghtaling and Lani Crosby.

1. **Reports of Officers and Directors**

All Board members’ annual reports are printed in the ABM packet. The Secretary displayed the ABM packet to allow participants to review. The President allowed participants time to read through each report. Seeing no discussion of the officers' reports, they will be filed as submitted.

1. **Committee Chairperson Reports**

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

1. **Adoption of Credentials Report**

Membership Chairperson, Stephanie Tucker, reported on behalf of the credentials committee. There are a total of twenty (20) voting members in attendance. They are sixteen (16) Certified and four (4) Pre-certified members. It was established that this is 100% of the members registered for the ABM event present which as at least 51% for the required quorum. Stephanie requested that this be submitted as the official roll of voting members of the annual meeting.

**Motion 2016:01** 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.

1. **Adoption of the Standing Rules**

**Motion 2016:02** The president moved to adopt the standing rules. Motion carried with at least 2/3 voting in favor.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 2016:03** The president moved to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

1. **Appointments**

Without objection, the following appointments were made:

* Minutes Review Committee 2015: Beverly Stokem, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Mike Tuccelli.
* Head Teller: Stephanie Tucker
* Tellers: Andrew Blackton and Cindy Wisthoff
* Time Keeper: Amanda McGreggor
* Motions Committee 2015: Beverly Stokem, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Anthony Verdeja.

1. **Report on the disposition of the 2014 Motions Compliance Document**

The secretary announced that the minutes of the 2014 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) were approved by the Minutes Review Committee. The disposition of the actions on motions submitted at the 2014 ABM can be reviewed in the ABM packet on page 6. The secretary reported on actions from the Bylaws Committee on two motions referred to the committee. A third motion was referred back to the Board for review. Therefore, two pending motions were brought back before the membership for vote.

1. **Old Business**
2. Motion originated at the 2014 ABM, was referred to the Bylaws committee for review and brought before the membership for vote at the 2015 ABM.

**Motion 2015:10** Move that FRID Regional Representatives be removed from FRID bylaws by 2016. Maker: member, Bradley Dale/2nd: member, Adam Ledo. Referred to committee. Discussion. Call for vote. Motion failed.

1. Motion originated at the 2014 ABM, was referred to the Board for review, and brought before the membership for vote at the 2015 ABM.

**Motion 2015:13** Move to revise the current Communication Policy to state that any presenters at a FRID meeting/conference whose communication mode preference is ASL will not be interpreted unless requested in a timely manner. Maker: member, Adam Ledo/2nd: member, Terri Bugler. Discussion and rationale. Call for vote. Motion failed.

**Amendment to Motion 2015:13** Insert “may or may not choose to have voice interpreting services provided for their workshop” in place of “will not be interpreted”. Maker: member, Anthony Verdeja/2nd: member, Sharon King. Discussion. Call for vote. Amendment failed.

1. **Special Orders:**
   1. Nominating Committee Report and Floor nominations

Carol Downing, Nominations Committee Chair, announced that there were no nominations received prior to the ABM. The current slate of positions up for election are:

President

1st Vice-President

Regional Representative East

Region Representative Central

Region Representative South

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.)
  1. Elections

The President asked for nominations from the floor. For the position of President, the nominee was Adam Ledo. Adam accepted. For the position of 1st Vice-President, the nominee was Anthony Verdeja. Anthony accepted. For the position of Region Representative South, the nominee was Tara Roth.

Seeing no other floor nominations for any of the open positions, nominations were closed at this time.

* President – Adam Ledo. The members voted. The President declared Adam Ledo as the new President.
* 1st Vice-President – Anthony Verdeja. The members voted. The President declared Anthony Verdeja as 1st Vice-President.
* Regional Representative East – Seeing no nominations from the floor, the position will remain vacant. It will be advertised and an appointment will be made by the President with Board approval.
* Regional Representative Central – Seeing no nominations from the floor, the position will remain vacant. It will be advertised and an appointment will be made by the President with Board approval.
* Regional Representative South – Tara Roth was nominated for the office of Region Representative South. The members voted. The President declared Tara Roth as Region Representative South.

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

1. **New Business**
2. Motion to change term limits for Board of Director positions.

**Motion 2016:04** Move to change the term length of all Board of Director positions to two (2) years, rotating terms. Maker: member, Adam Ledo/2nd: member, Nancy Osborn. Referred to the Board for a Bylaws Review.

1. Motion to change requirements for Region Representative positions.

**Motion 2016:05** Move to revise the membership requirement to be a Region Representative to say “must be a current FRID member”. Maker: member, Adam Ledo/2nd: member, Megan Fogt. Referred to the Board for a Bylaws Review.

1. Motion to change term limits for Region Representative positions.

**Motion 2016:06** Move that the duration of service on the FRID Board change to two (2) year terms with the opportunity to serve three (3) consecutive terms for the Region Representative position. Maker: member, Amanda McGreggor/2nd: member, Carol Downing. Referred to the Board for a Bylaws Review.

1. Last August at the RID Biennial Conference in New Orleans, there was an announcement of a moratorium on national testing until further notice. RID will provide a risk analysis report to its members and affiliate chapters by November 1.
2. Deaf Awareness Day will take place in Tallahassee on January 21, 2016. Everyone is encouraged to go and meet with legislators to support FRID’s position on interpreter regulations.
3. The President’s Award was presented to Sharon Conserta for her ongoing effort in working with legislators in Tallahassee on interpreter legislation and amending the deaf children’s Bill of Rights.
4. The Shirley T. Herald Scholarship Award was presented to Holli Tempe for the NIC performance exam.
5. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Anthony Verdeja for his contributions to the interpreting profession.
6. On behalf of the current FRID Board, Carol Downing presented a gift of appreciation to outgoing President Vicky Fales.
7. In closing, the President gave special recognition to the following people who have contributed to FRID and been an inspiration to the organization over the last several years: Nancy Osbourne, Linda Horton, Randy McDavid, Dr. Carol Dunstall,
8. An invitation was extended for participants to stay for the afternoon workshop with Babetta Popoff.
9. **Adjournment**

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.

Submitted by Carrie R. Moore

FRID Secretary