

NYC Metro RID Board Meeting

July 17th 2006

Meeting began at 6:12pm. In attendance- Melanie Girschick-Jina Porter-Meri Sulcer-Amy Rubinger-Christine Quinton-Rachel Nekoukar-Bobbi Barnfather-Dina Marconi-Jeniece Frazier-Lisa Kasamoto and Ed Day

1- Announcements:

a. None

2- Old Business:

a. Mentorship Pilot Program (PMP)-We currently have 14 participants which is the max. Half are from L.I. and half are from NYC. We received \$3,700.00 in financial support from N.E. University-\$1000 from SignTalk- \$1,250.00 from Mill Neck-and \$500 from Metro and \$500 L.I RID. The cost per person for the program is now \$250.00 each. Participants will be able to earn approximately 5 C.E.U.'s. We will be flying in 2 leaders per session and putting them up in a hotel. We will have 3 sessions in L.I. and 2 in NYC. We applied for a grant from RID National but did not get it. If anyone would like more info about our future plans contact Meri at merisulcer@gmail.com.

b. Silent Auction Basket: Our basket is ready and will be delivered by Meggan to the appropriate person at the Region 1 Conference. In addition Candace Broecker-Penn is also donating a basket.

c. PLE: (Professional Learning Experience) As part of our contract with the Lighthouse we provide these workshops for them. Melanie and Rachel will meet in Aug. to discuss the date of the next workshop which will be a basic sign language class.

d. Congratulations Cards: Amy is taking care of sending cards to members when they pass their certification test.

e. Region 1 Conference-affiliate chapter leaders session: Meri, Melanie and Jina will attend the leadership session.

3- Committee Reports:

1- Annual Picnic- MG: It was a cold and windy day the day of the picnic. We had a moderate turn out. The location was hard to find and so next year we will mark the site with balloons making it easier for people to find us.

2- Westchester Party- MB: The theme of the party is Celebrating Us: An evening of fun to Celebrate Who We Are as Professionals and Human Beings on Oct. 14th from 7pm-12pm. Details about location are being worked out but it will be accessible by train and there will also be rides from the train station to the party local. If any interpreter is

interested in performing please contact Barbara at bpfingst@tmail.com.

3- Archives- MG: For \$500 we scanned 900 documents which all fit on one C.D. We will keep the file from 1978 in hard copy as well as old photos from past parties.

4-VRS Committee-DM: We have a diverse committee that is working together via e-mail at this time.

5-DIRC-JP: No report-on break until fall.

6- CMP-DM: Karen Jacob is waiting for paperwork that was sent to the office, pls forward to her home.

7-Membership-CQ: Everything is up to date. We bought more binders and Bram is doing a great job.

8-Newsletter-BB: Next NL will be in Sept.

9-RID-BITS-BB: No Report. Bram is adding 10 new members a day to the e-mail list.

10-PDC-CQ: We think it is best not to set up a strict structure of dates for workshops way in advance in order not to conflict with other organizations activities. Our next workshop will be for interpreters who have been certified for 5 or more years in the fall.

11- Fundraising-DM: Possible dates are Oct. 27th or 28th at Teachers College. Maria is considering 3 performers: Keith Wann, Crom Saunders, and Peter Cook. We will need to pay for airfare, hotel, advertising, travel, meals, etc. Our goal is to raise \$3,400.00. We need to see numbers from past fundraisers and think about what to charge at the door for admission. We would like to establish a set fee for the performers. Maria is in the process of setting up a committee.

12- LTA-DM: Jeff Jaech is the LTA coordinator at Teachers College. Lisa Dennett, Cathy Markland and Melanie Girshick have all administered tests. So far we have given 4 CI and 2 CT tests as well as written tests.

13- General Meeting Interpreters: RN: Marybeth Imsho is working on getting int. for the next general meeting in Sept.

14- Nominations-RN: Cathy Markland will be the nominations chair for our next election.

15- Directory-CQ: Bram is doing a great job.

16- Website-JP: The website wish list has been sent to RN's friend Mike. He will get back to us with a timeline and estimate.

17- Office Manager-JF: Jeniece has investigated the cost of a P.O. box. and has an application. There are 2 different kinds, one with a combination lock and one with a key. The Lighthouse removed our things from our office space and we need to find our stuff. We got our new checks. We need to change our voicemail and put Jeniece's e-mail address on the message.

18- Awards-RN: Christina Trunzo-Mosleh will give Jody Gill the letter she requested.

19-Scholarship-MB: Scholarships of \$175.00 were given to Sam Tallerico, Lusanne Massaro, Christina Trunzo Mosleh, and Lisa Dennett for the Region 1 Conference in Rhode Island.

4-New Business:

a- Voting Process: With our new by-laws we have no process for voting in place. MG is working on an up-date and will solicit feedback soon.

b-Region1 Conference Update: NYC has approximately 36 members registered for the conference.

c- Addendum to By-laws: We would like to add a description and roles of the various board positions to the by-laws or make this a separate book of information that members can look at when they are considering joining the board. We want to find out if we can we give members C.E.U's for being on the board.

d- Sept. General Meeting Agenda: We will discuss the agenda at our August 15th Board meeting.

e- Additional Board Meeting: We have decided to add an extra board meeting in order to discuss the future of RID Metro. It will be on August 15th at 6:30 at the Lighthouse and is open to all.

f- Additional General Meeting: We will have an additional general meeting in order to announce the new board on Nov.9th in conjunction with a workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meggan Berley