



**NYC Metro RID Board meeting Minutes
December 1st, 2006**

1. Announcements:

- a) By Laws Addenda- Past presidents met to discuss what happens if there is no one interested in the president position. The chapter can continue with a steering committee. The addendum has been written but it needs to be voted on by the membership.

2. Old Business:

- a) End of the Year Report- we are still missing some reports- pls. Check in with your committees and hand in all outstanding end of the year reports.
- b) General Meeting 11.08.2006- small turnout, all agenda items were covered.
- c) Emergency Fund- We need to elicit feedback from the membership as to whether or not they support this idea. We would need to determine guidelines.
- d) Website- Committee needs to be established in order to continue to research our options and priorities.
- e) Lighthouse/Metro Location Update- we have moved out of the Lighthouse and need to find a new place to host our general meetings. The new board is considering setting up an ad-hoc committee until we find a new space. Possible locations include “47/American Sign Language /English School”, St. Elizabeth’s, Hunter College, BMCC and the Lighthouse.
- f) EIPA-RID Update- Currently there is a lull in the dialogue, but seems to be some discussion as to who to bring up membership concerns at the National Conference in San Francisco. National RID has signed a contract with Boys Town.
- g) National RID Conference San Francisco- There are many ways for Metro to be involved in the National Conference. We can join committees, donate items to the silent auction, buy adds for the VIEWS, donate money to the conference and attend pre-conference activities.
- h) Region I Conference 2010- we need to think of a way to elicit feedback from our members. One chapter usually takes on the majority of the work so that it is easier to organize. Is Metro interested in doing that? Other options include; we could donate a substantial amount of money and let another chapter host the conference. We can also donate some money and/or take on the responsibilities of organizing the entertainment and activities during the banquet.

3. Committee Reports:

PDC: RN- Request to increase the budget from \$4,000 to \$7,500 for the year and a half. Metro is now hosting 5 to 6 workshops per year. Some

ideas for future workshops include – Bill Moody- International Signs and Drego from Ca. to teach on how to interpret for transgender people.

DIRC: RN- Under consideration is giving interpreters a \$25.00 stipend for providing Interpreting Services during the DIRC meeting and \$100 per meeting so that we can order in food after the meeting.

New Business: Welcome and Congratulations to the incoming board. We now turn the floor over to the first 2007/2008 NYC Metro RID Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Meggan Berley, Secretary