



**NYC Metro RID Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2007**

1. Announcements:

- a. **General Meeting Location** – St. Elizabeth’s will be the location for the general meeting October 24th (thank you Celeste!)
- b. **President’s Council Conf Call** –This was the first Region I President’s Council conference call with new Region I Rep Jeremy Brunson. One of the many items discussed was the fact that Region I Presidents agreed back in the beginning of the year to order Region I pins (different from conference pins) and Jeremy (who is currently housing these pins) thought each chapter could buy the pins and use them for fundraising purposes for Region I (potential 2010 Region I Conference??). It was agreed that Metro RID would purchase pins and “sell” them for a suggested donation at our next general meeting and Drago workshop.

2. Old Business:

- a. **National Conference/Community Forum-** The four hour business meeting was successful in working its way through a limited amount of motions. One motion that was passed proposed a moratorium on all efforts from RID to include or recognize individuals holding credentials outside RID until guidelines are set (proposed and voted on by certified members) for such inclusion. In addition, many motions suggested changes in wording of the bylaws.
* As for the community forum: the room was filled to capacity. The meeting was video taped and The National Consortium of Interpreter Trainers (North Eastern University) is making this videotape available to every ITP across the country.
- b. **Website-**Rebecca will be prepared at the general meeting to summarize the results of the search for a website consultant. We really want to ensure full accessibility for the Deaf/Blind community. We will ask membership how they feel about increasing the budget for the website (currently set at \$830.00) in order to accomplish everything we’d like to.
- c. **Metro RID Survey** – Rebecca will be entering the data into a “Survey Monkey” type database shortly
- d. **Mentor opportunity with Lag CC** – We had one person sign up to be a mentor. Therefore, we will run the article that Dani wrote again. The idea behind the mentorship is that a “mentee” would be paired with a seasoned interpreter and they would be in contact approximately 2-4 times a month via phone, email or in person. We will announce again the need for mentors at the Metro General meeting and Lu will make copies of Dani’s article and ask to distribute it at

Sorenson, to the Board of Ed interpreters, etc. Dani will also post the article on DHIS' NYC news webpage.

- e. **Organization Social?** – Everything is currently on hold for the event.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. **ESAD**-the full board meeting will take place at the end of October in Buffalo. They are seeking recommendations from organizations on who would be an ideal candidate to sit on the Interagency Council. If Metro RID can recommend a few people in the field of deafness and expertise in interpreting, it would be most helpful.

- b. **CMP** : nothing new to report other than we passed the audit

- c. **LTA** :

Total performance exams administered in 2007:

CI - 5

CT - 4

NIC - 10

As of today, all available appointments for performance exams through mid-January are booked. The written exam will be held at TC on Saturday, December 1, 9:00-1:00. The deadline to submit applications for the written test are due to RID by October 6. Application forms are published in the RID Views and are available online at http://rid.org/Written_test_app.pdf.

As usual, anyone interested in becoming a local test administrator (LTA) should contact the RID National Testing System office at nts@rid.org or (703) 838-0030 V, (703) 838-0459 TTY. Compensation for administering exams can be deferred to pay for membership fees, RID products, or national conference registration fees.

- d. **Nominations**: Dina is unable to extend her Director at Large position past December 31, 2007, so Cathy Markland is willing to fill the Director at Large position for the remaining 6 months of the term. In the by laws, it states: "In the event of a vacancy of any position nominations to fill the unexpired term may be made by the Nominations Committee of by Members in good standing. During this period of vacancy, the President shall have the right to select a voting member in good standing to serve as Acting Director of Officer." The term will run from January 1 through June 30th. The nominations for the Board have to happen 6 months prior to voting. Dani will also be resigning from her position at the end of this Board's term so will need to be replaced as well.
- e. **PDC** – Unfortunately Debbie Swamback will no longer be chair of the PDC as of the end of this Board's term (June 30th, 2008) but she will continue with DIRC. The next workshop will be "Working with Transgender Individuals" held by Drago Renteria on October 27th. For the general meeting, Debbie Swamback is looking to see if we could hold a discussion after the general meeting about what happened at the IDP/DML community forum at the San Francisco RID Conference. That discussion is still in the planning stages and will tentatively be

held by Lynette Taylor and Lewis Merkin. There was also a discussion regarding the possibility of having a workshop on working with Deaf/Blind individuals.

5. New Business:

- a. **Recognition of Interpreters(congrats/condolences)**-From the Board Meeting in May and the last General Meeting held in May, we agreed that for any event warranting recognition and/or condolences, Lu will send a card out on behalf of Metro RID and Janice will be asked to post the news in Metrobits and the newsletter. It is imperative that someone lets Janice know and also lets Lu know in order for the event to be announced and a card sent.
- b. **Deaf Board Member position**- During the National Conference, Lu Massaro discussed with various individuals the want/need for a Deaf Board Member position and proposed this as an option for Metro's Board. Because Metro will be sending out a survey shortly, and some questions are geared toward who our membership is, we decided to table this discussion until after the survey results came back, as well as further discuss this at the next general meeting.
- c. **Membership dues** – National RID currently prorates their membership dues for people who join after a certain date, and Metro wanted to discuss doing the same. So, for members that join after January 1st, 2008 through June 30th, 2008, their dues would be cut in half. This item will also be brought up during the general meeting for further discussion.
- d. **Next Year Meeting Dates** - October is the last scheduled general meeting, and November is the last Board meeting scheduled- the last 6 months of this Board's meeting dates are undecided. The Board agreed that Wednesdays were great to continue meeting. Lu Massaro said that she would look at her calendar and email everyone some options. We need to make sure that Cathy has enough time for the nominations committee to prepare and also have meetings to set up the next Board appropriately. Lu suggested January/ February and then May (for General Meetings) and will contact us with suggested dates to meet (once the timeline for nominations is solidified).
- e. **Board Meeting Minutes** – Rebecca asked if the Board would like a copy of the 'rough' minutes she types in order for them to approve them before she edits them for the membership. It was agreed that the Board would only review and vote on the copy that would be sent to the membership.
- f. Congratulations Christina Trunzo-Mosleh on the birth of her twins!