



**NYC Metro RID Board meeting agenda
November 14, 2007**

1. Announcements:

- a. President's Council Conf Call-Jeremy Brunson has accepted a job at Gallaudet University meaning he will primarily be in Region II. He will, however, continue to maintain an address in upstate New York and will also continue to hold the position of Region I representative until August 2008 when his tenure is up. There will be a discussion group through email in the near future where this matter will be discussed further and NYC Metro will voice their concerns.
Additionally, the Strategic Planning Task Force's selection process has currently been put on hold. According to National RID, they are looking for more diversity in the members applying for the task force along with a more clear understanding of the goal of this group.
- b. Newsletter-Will be published and sent out after Thanksgiving.
- c. Metro TTYs – Melanie Girshick contacted Lu Massaro and asked if it was ok to donate Metro's two TTY machines on Craig's List. The Board agreed it was a great idea and Lu will contact Melanie to let her know to go ahead with the posting.

2. Old Business:

- a. Mentor opportunity with Lag CC
Maria Micioni reporting: We need to contact those who said they would be interested in mentoring. The mentees will be comprised of recent graduates from an ITP and those who have almost completed their ITP program. Priority in pairing mentees with mentors would first be given to recent ITP graduates and then those who are close to graduating. The goal is for this program to move forward. In order to do so, Metro needs to solicit the participation of certified Metro members to be mentors, then submit that list to Rob Hills so this program could be implemented for the winter semester.
- b. Deaf Board Member position- At our last general meeting we discussed the need for Metro to make more of an effort to do outreach within the Deaf community. The Board had a lively discussion about how to go about this outreach, and many options were discussed including spreading the word at FedCap to those Deaf Interpreters who work there and potentially have a mini-informational session after one of the general meetings in 2008. Maria Micioni suggested getting the word out at our March meeting that our June meeting would have an informational session regarding becoming and working with Deaf Interpreters. We could also ask Debbie Swamback for a possible follow up Professional Development workshop.

- c. Membership dues – As of January 2008, our dues will be ½ of the current price for the full year.
- d. Next Year Meeting Dates/Location: General Meetings will be held March 5th and June 4th (we will follow this meeting with a workshop focusing on Deaf Interpreters) Board Meetings will be held January 23rd, March 19th and May 7th. Locations for both will be confirmed and posted on the Metro RID website
- e. Survey –Jeff Jaech is still waiting to do a further statistical analysis of the survey results. There were a lot of interesting statistics about who comprises our membership.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. Drew Sachs reported that the Newsletter will be coming out shortly after Thanksgiving.

6. New Business:

- a. Pins –Metro discussed giving the pins out for a suggested donation. These pins are, again, Region I pins, not Metro pins.
- b. Nominations-Dani Schuller spoke with Cathy Markland regarding nominations and confirmed the need for a FULL new board as of June 2008. Celeste Owens will be the only current Board member continuing on in her position. Nominations will be accepted at the general meeting on March 5th.
- c. Youth Sub-Chapter of MetroRID- Lu Massaro received an e-mail from a newer member who suggested having a “youth” sub group of Metro RID. Everything mentioned in the email seemed to parallel what the Associate Membership should be doing, and that member was directed to Meri Sulcer, Associate Rep., to collaborate ideas.
- d. Treasurer’s Report : Kat Dudina was asked to provide an updated budget for Metro to analyze and see where we might make some changes. A possible big expenditure in the future would be a possible chapter conference, which was discussed at the last general meeting. In addition, there has been some talk of increasing the budget to revamp Metro’s website.