



**NYC Metro RID Board meeting agenda
July 18, 2007**

Attendees: Dina Marconi, Dani Schuller, Lou Massaro, Maria Micioni, Rebecca Friedman, Kat Dudina, Meri Sulcer

1. Announcements:

- a. Region I Rep –Region I AC Presidents participated in a conference call with the Reg I Rep candidates, had their resumes to review, their letters of interest as well as the notes that were taken during the interviews with the National Board. After this extensive process, Jeremy Brunson was chosen as the new Region I Rep.
- b. Scholarship Drawing- Unfortunately, Meri Sulcer, winner of one of the four scholarships to the National RID conference, is unable to attend. This left a spot open for another winner, who was chosen at the Metro Board Meeting on July 18th. Congratulations *Corrie Pond!*
- c. General Meeting Location-Celeste will be checking to see if St Elizabeth's is available for the rest of the dates for our general meetings.

2. Old Business:

- a. National Conference-Because we are a bronze level sponsor, we will be listed in the program book, listed in the Views as one of the sponsors, receive one banquet ticket, a ticket to the reception in the Presidential suite, a banner with our name on it, and badge ribbons indicating our sponsorship level.
- b. Website-Rebecca will contact a few people with specific requirements and get bids to see how much an update would cost. Lu and Kat will contact other chapters regarding Deaf Blind accessibility. Kat will do research as well.
- c. Beth Israel update-A meeting was held on July 9th with the Greater New York Hospital Consortium. Many of the hospitals were receptive to issues and concerns that were raised from the Deaf community and coordinators for interpreting services. Unfortunately, there was not full representation from Beth Israel who is currently looking to move to using VRI for all of their services.

5. Committee Reports:

PDC-Drago's workshop is scheduled for October 27th at the LGBT Center on 13th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues.

Fundraising- Maria Micioni is talking to Peter Cook about an event sometime in the Fall

General Mtg Interp.- Sam Tallerico said he has plenty of names for interpreters for the upcoming general meetings.

Metro RID Bits- The Newsletter will come out late August. Need Coffee Tawk items, announcements, What's on Your Mind & articles from the Conference. There was some "soft bouncing" that seems to be rectified. Hopefully everyone is getting BITS.

6. New Business:

- a. Community Forum in San Fran-Lu sent out an email from Lynette Taylor regarding the Interpreter with Deaf Parents and Deaf Members in Leadership community forum. The goal is to discuss the changes that are occurring in our profession and the impact interpreters are having on the Deaf community. On behalf of our membership, the Board decided to donate \$1500 to the forum to alleviate the costs for holding the forum.
- b. Metro RID Survey – After an initial brainstorming/info gathering meet of interested board members, the compiled information was sent to the rest of the board for perusal. An ad-hoc committee was set up with Lu Massaro, Rebecca Friedman, Celeste Owens. If you have any ideas, please contact the committee as soon as possible. Results are anticipated to be available for the October general meeting..
- c. Mentor opportunity with Lag CC-before graduating, students are required to pass RID's written exam. Meri said she could gather previous students and set up study groups. Additionally, Lu met with Rob Hills regarding setting up a mentorship relationship between community interpreters and interpreting students from schools in the metro area. Lu will contact Rob again to get specifics about how we can make this relationship happen and also ask Janice to announce that we were looking for mentors (must be certified interpreters), who would be available for students. Dani will be the contact person for the interpreters and then she would provide that list to Rob.
- d. Local organization social-Lu had mentioned to Rob Hills that LIRD, NAOBI, and Metro RID could potentially do a social event for the Fall to replace our annual picnic (maybe a bowling night?) Any ideas for the social, please contact Lu.
- e. One new Director at Large will be needed for the new year for 6 months to replace Dina Marconi. Lu will take a look at the Bylaws to see how elections for Director at Large should happen. Dani will contact Cathy regarding the nominations for new Director at Large, which needs to be chosen for January 2008.