

Metro General meeting Minutes

March 21st, 2005

Interpreters: Marybeth Imsho and Gina Puma

Meeting began at 7:10pm

Presidents Remarks

- Christina (president) opened meeting, welcomed everyone and explained the format for meet and Greet Support Forum Gathering
- As members signed in, were given an index card in order to write one interesting fact abt themselves. One goal during the meeting was to share this fact with at least one person.
- Meet and Greet break out groups (20min) a time for members to get to know each other, chat and have fun.
- Support Forum break out groups (20min) Switch groups and set up by years of experience

Announcements: RID National News

- RID strongly encourages its members to become members of NAD
- RID would like members to consider applying to be on one of RID's committees. You can find more info in the committees' section of the RID web page; committees' section is on the right. Applications must be in to RID Board secretary by June 15. Appointments begin after the national conference
- Hotel space is going fast at the conference site. The Marriot Rivercenter is no longer able to extend the special RID group rate, however the Marriot Riverwalk, located across the street has agreed to offer a special rate to RID members. There is very limited space left. Make reservations now if you plan on attending the conference. Call 1-800-228-9290 for registration and mention the group Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
- Code of Ethics Review Committee has completed a final draft of the new Code of Professional Conduct. Please watch for that in your e- mail boxes and on the RID website. Your vote is important

Other Announcements

- Next DIRC Meeting will be on April 14th from 5:30-7:30 located at the OMRDD building at 75 Morton St. in Manhattan just off Hudson St. Topic still being worked out but it will be related to Deaf and hearing interpreters whose parents are Deaf. The facilitators will be Lewis Merkin and Molly Wilson
- If you want to get metro RID-Bits see C.Q.
- Ray Hoffman- acupuncture services available. Contact him at 917-655-1509 for more info.

- Marybeth adopted a baby from China. Nicole, Denise, and Christina are pregnant
- Mani Garcia will be performing again, if interested contact him for tickets
- Jody Gill is interested in forming an organization for interpreters who work with Limited English Patients in the medical setting. She will be having a panel discussion in May, more info to follow
- There is still space in the Peer-to-Peer Mentoring workshop on April 8 and 9. It is worth .9 CEU's.
- City Tech is having a workshop on May 7th from 9:30-4pm on Repetitive Injury Prevention

The general meeting closed with a discussion abt how members felt abt the meeting and what they would like to see in the future. Some suggestions were to have the levels of experience in the various groups mixed next time. Perhaps to discuss specific topics, have a facilitator in each group and note taker in order to share info abt group discussions. Melanie and Christina then read facts from all the cards and members tried to guess who was who.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meggan Berley