

NYC Metro RID General Meeting Minutes

May 24th, 2005

President Christina Trunzo-Mosleh called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10pm. Welcomed members and introduced interpreters Lorraine Gold-Appel and Diane Bostic. Board members were introduced, standing rules were reviewed and meeting format explained.

President's Report/RID National News:

1. RID national encourages members to apply for committee positions. Information is on the RID web page in the committee section. Applications need to be given to the RID Board secretary by June 5th. Appointments begin after the national conference.
2. Code of Ethics Review Committee has completed a final draft of the new Code of Professional Conduct. If you have not yet voted please contact Melissa Bowhay at the National Office at 703-838-0030 ext. 202 or via e-mail at membership@rid.org so that you can cast your vote.
3. The Region One Conference will be Friday July 21-Sunday July 23rd, 2006. Save the date! It will be at the Marriott Hotel in Providence, RI. There is still a need for members to join committee's, especially fundraising! For more info contact Sam Tallerico, our Region One Conference Secretary. Pins were sold during the general meeting for \$5.00 each in support of the upcoming conference.

Committee updates/reports:

1. The next general meeting will be on July 23rd in NYC from 10-4. There will be a workshop lead by Laura Hoffman and Hinde Nessonbaum entitled, Know Thyself: An Exploration of the Interpreter's mind. Come and explore each other's interpreting processes by learning how to ask specific questions that guide us to further self-discovery. Check our web site for more info.
2. Look out for Ballots concerning the By-Law changes. For the full-proposed by-law changes check the web site at www.nycmetrorid.org.

Announcements:

- The board will be visiting Interpreter Training Programs in the NY area as outreach to future interpreters. We will present on who we are, what we do, member benefits and how to become involved.
- Lorraine Gold-Appel graduated last week from WCC, go Lorraine!!!

- Please fill out the survey presented by The Interpreter Education Project at CUNY/LaGuardia and Northeastern University to support their effort to get a grant for the 2005-2010 cycle.

- Barbara Bunker-Pfingst recently received her B.A. degree, CONGRADULATIONS!!

- Diane Bostic will be taking her RID performance test on June 3rd, lets all think of her and send out good energy that she passes!

- Mani Garcia's little girl is almost walking, has 4 teeth, and is starting to say a few words.

- Our thanks to Arlene Rice who so willingly offered Fanwood for our meeting, and to Christine Iannone who helped with all the details.

Discussion of By-Law changes:

Lisa Dennett lead a discussion abt the proposed By-Law changes. Members were able to ask questions pertaining to these changes.

Breakout Support Groups:

Participants had the opportunity to join one of 3 groups. The topics were: Team Interpreting, Sticky Situations that Arise on the Job, and the new Code of Professional Conduct. After we spent about 40 minutes in the groups we reconvened as a whole and shared information with each other. There was a lot of discussion about teaming, such as: if you find your team process is breaking down it is a good idea to ask for a break for the team, leave the room and try to work it out. Teaming means that we are both responsible for the message and it isn't about time. Teaming also means that if I am doing a job on Mon's and someone else is doing the same job on Fri.'s it can be very helpful to share information with each other. It was clear from this brief discussion that members are interested in having a workshop on teaming.

Some members feel the new Code of Professional Conduct does not have enough substance.

In terms of sticky situations one issue that was shared is how to handle it if you find out that an interpreter is talking about you behind your back. It was suggested that you approach that person directly in order to work it out.

And lastly, many agreed that we would like to have more support type forum gatherings where we can all come together to vent, share and grow as a profession.

Respectfully submitted,
Meggan Berley