

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Empire State Association of the Deaf (ESAD) Conference has been CANCELLED, due to scheduling conflicts!

June 22nd, 2005 – Board Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance:

Christine Iannone, Rachel Nekoukar, Maria Micioni, Diane Bostic

Announcements

- Region One Conference Update – there are still available positions to help out with this conference. Contact Christine Iannone if anyone is interested.
- NYC Metro pins to support region one conference still available – contact Christina Trunzo- Mosleh
- The Empire State Association of the Deaf conference is being held in September, due to scheduling conflicts.
- June 10th, 2005 – NAOBI visit updates...they discussed meeting format and by-laws changes. Kathleen Taylor will speak about NAOBI at July Metro meeting. Metro joined NAOBI as an organizational member.
- Ad was placed in RID conference booklet – as support. Christine Iannone charged it on her credit card, but hasn't received confirmation – she will check on that.

Old Business

- Mentoring series update...Fall meeting was cancelled, but Maria Micioni will talk to Michael Canale about possible funding. 2nd workshop was supposed to be Jeff Jaech, but perhaps Susie Morgan can do one.
- Outreach to ITP's – May 26th, Christina Trunzo-Mosleh and Rachel Nekoukar visited with graduating LaGuardia students to discuss Metro and the benefits of joining. June 21st, Christina was supposed to visit SJI, but this visit had to be postponed. Therefore, either Rachel Nekoukar will discuss Metro when SJI comes to Helen Keller in July, or we will reschedule.
- Outreach to supporting members and organizational members – Diane Bostic and Rachel Nekoukar are still working on the pamphlet. When it becomes more finalized, we will e-mail it to the board for feedback. Rachel brought a sample pamphlet to show to the board, and so far everyone seems to think it looks great.

Committee Reports

- Jeff Jaech at Teachers College plans to set up testings site again, but first he would need to talk to Michael Canale (testing coordinator for RID).
- Fundraising – Maria will talk to Sherry Hicks about planning a show as a fundraiser.
- Scholarship – Checks were sent out and everyone received their awards.
- By-Laws – We are under the assumption Jeniece received them but Christine Iannone will follow up with her to double check.
- Newsletter – Janice needs more news for her “gossip” column in the newsletter

- Website – There was a \$25 upgrade done to our website, which gives us two times more disk space, more RAM, a blog and a guest book. Injury prevention section was added. The board will also need to further discuss scripts for a possible chat room, but we would have to hire someone to run that part of the website.

Treasury Report

- Rachel reminded board members when purchasing items, please use our tax exempt forms – we shouldn't be paying tax on anything!

New Business

- May minutes – approved by Rachel Nekoukar, seconded by Maria Micioni
- New contract with the Lighthouse – Our rent has increased from \$220 to \$640 for next year (but will be \$440 for our two meetings a year). If we have no meetings at all, then we can provide them two workshops a year and we can keep the office space for free. The workshops are usually one hour in length, from 12 pm to 1 pm, and are usually on Deaf awareness or interpreting.
- Donated items to RID's silent auction – Diane Bostic will purchase (about \$50 worth) and will either mail them to the silent auction chair or give them to Christine Iannone who will bring them to the conference. Meggan Berley's husband donated two cookbooks, as well.
- By-Laws ballots - The ballots are currently being mailed. We'll need to plan when to count them – perhaps at the Lighthouse. Christine Iannone will make those arrangements via e-mail discussion.
- July meeting and workshop discussion – The Metro meeting will be from 10 to 11. NAOBI President, Kathleen Taylor will present. Workshop is from 11 am – 4 pm, “Know Thyself: An Exploration of the Interpreter's Mind”, presented by Laura Hoffman and Hinde Nessenbaum. Christine Iannone will purchase snacks, flipchart and markers. Debbie Swambach will handle CEU's. Christine Quinton will check on TV/VCR availability. Laura and Hinde need a point person, Christine Iannone volunteered to do that.
- Maria Micioni asked about a possible donation to the Youth Leadership conference – if we can afford to give a \$100 donation for a deserving Deaf teen to go to the conference....needs to be discussed further with the board.