

Metro General Meeting Minutes
July 23rd, 2005

Meeting began at 10am

Welcome: Christine Iannone, standing in for president, Christina Trunzo-Mosleh, gave thanks to Sarah Bartow and Pam Maynard for securing the space for our meeting. Thanks to the PDC, Christine Quinton and Debbie Swamback, and to our board for making sure all ran smoothly today. Workshop following business meeting run by long time metro members, Laura Hoffman and Hinde Nessonbaum, entitled: Know Thyself: An Exploration into the Interpreter's Mind.

President's Report: Thank you CI for representing NYC Metro at the National conference. Congratulations to long standing member and past president Lewis Merkin for winning the Judie Husted Leadership Award for Region 1. This award recognizes an interpreter from each region who has shown commitment to the profession as a role model for present and future interpreters. Lewis was honored for his tremendous contributions to the interpreting and Deaf community as well as his work on local and national levels within RID. Congratulations Lewis!

For the good of the order: Melanie Girshick announced that the vote to change the by-laws passed. We need to set up an Ad Hoc Guidelines Committee. If interested please contact Melanie at melaniecict@yahoo.com.

Announcements:

- * MG asked membership to start thinking of nominations for next year's board. There will only be 2 people from this year's board staying on.
- *Susie Morgan- a motion at the National Conference passed to set up a task force between RID and the American Association of the Deaf-Blind. The task force will focus on issues related to interpreting for Deaf-Blind people and for the future development of a certificate for Deaf-Blind interpreting.
- * In the future each time the Views are printed there will also be department publications. In the past this was called SIGS.

*Workshop at Helen Keller National Center entitled: Interpreting Techniques for the Deaf-Blind Population. Aug.20-23rd. For more info visit: www.hknc.org

NAOBI-NYC Presentation: President, Kathleen Taylor gave an informative presentation about NAOBI. The next NYC chapter meeting is on Sept. 9th at NYC College of Technology, 300 Jay St. rm-A235, Brooklyn, NY 11201. 6pm-8:30pm. For more info you can call 718-390-7444, or e-mail NAOBINY@aol.com. NAOBI is actively involved in providing professional growth opportunities to African-Americans/Black interpreters. It provides support, networking, outreach and educational workshops. NAOBI is open to all people regardless of race. Anyone can become a supporting member and attend meetings and conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

Meggan Berley, Secretary