

NCRID BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2005
Greensboro, NC

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Jo Lewis (President)
Mark Whisenant (1st Vice President)
Kathy Elkins (2nd Vice President)
Kelly Hodgins (Secretary)
Kim Barden (Treasurer)
Earl Elkins (NC Council on Deafness, Foothills Pres)
Jennifer Boyd (BML-Conference Liaison, NCAD rep)

Trenda Smith (TRID President)
Susan Lanier (Coastal RID)
Tzena Keyes (LSRID President)
Sandy Tomlinson (NCEdiTOR)
Judi Labath (Mid-state rep)
Interpreters: none
Visitors: none

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Meeting came to order at 10:25 a.m.
- B. RID philosophy and mission statement was read by Kathy Elkins

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES with corrections Connie Jo (M) Tzena Keyes(S)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA with additions by consensus

IV. OFFICER REPORTS:

- A. Secretary – none
- B. Treasurer – budget discussion
 1. fundraisers – yankee candle **TABLED** until June to talk to new presidents regarding dissemination, coordination, and scheduling.
 2. newsletter – electronic version will be in color to entice more people to choose the electronic version.
 3. professional development training is being offered at every local chapter for everyone to take advantage of. That is what membership fees pay for. **ACTION ITEM:** Jennifer Boyd will head the design of the board for the convention to show members what the board/chapters are offering. **ACTION ITEM:** Each President is to submit all workshop dates and subjects from the last board meeting to Jennifer Boyd for the display at the convention.
 4. the budget for next year was discussed and revised.
- C. 2nd VP –
 1. currently 60 members have renewed for the next year or were already honorary members. An E-terp will be sent out reminding people to renew prior to the convention since there is only a 2 hour window at the convention.
 2. **ACTION ITEM:** Mark will add prorated information to the website.
 3. Some members misunderstood the prorated fee and believe that they are members paid through June 2006. **MOTION 05/14/05/01:** I move to accept those members who joined from January 1, 2005 through May 31, 2005 as voting members for the current membership year be changed to non-voting membership status that will continue through the 2005-2006 membership year. They will be given the option to pay an

additional \$10 by June 1, 2005 to be moved to voting status. Kathy Elkins (M) Earl Elkins (S) **PASSED** unanimously

4. **ACTION ITEM:** Kathy will amend the application form for clarity of the prorated policy and dual membership.
5. **MOTION 05/14/05/02:** I move to pro-rate voting and non-voting membership dues for the time period of January 1st through May 31st to be \$15 voting members and \$10 non-voting members. After May 31st, membership is renewed for the next membership year at the regular price. Kathy Elkins (M) Earl Elkins (S) **PASSED** unanimously.

D. 1st VP

1. please reiterate to everyone that all CEU paperwork must be received prior to the 30 day deadline
2. an error was detected in how the board removed Jay Penuel in the November board meeting and was rectified in April. Jay has submitted a letter of resignation to the board dated November 15, 2005.
3. Conference Committee Report:
 - A. NCRID 81 registrations, NCAD 25 registrations
 - B. Keynote: BJ Woods
 - C. Rachael Ragin will be there as well
 - D. Make reservations for the hotel for the conference. The special rate ends May 27th.

E. President:

1. Senator Jacumin contacted Connie regarding a letter Mary Lanaville sent to him. She discussed licensure issue with him and referred him to the licensure board.
2. Connie showed the new Region II pin she will be wearing at the convention.
3. A student attending a national tennis tournament requested support from the RRC to attend. Valerie McMillan sent it so us for consideration. **ACTION ITEM:** Chapter presidents will bring this issue back to their local chapters and collect funds if people want to donate.
4. VRS is educating the FCC about qualifications regarding interpreters who work for VRS. VRS is governed by FCC so licensure does not apply to a VRS site that is set up in NC.
5. Dual Membership regarding affiliate chapters influencing national policy is a concern when people voting as an AC member are not RID members. RID is discussing this issue. It is a policy of RID that chapter members who are allowed to vote or make recommendations be an RID member as well.
6. Region II State Chapters are being encouraged to pay one dollar per member to Region II for the Region II conference.
7. **ACTION ITEM:** Rhonda will work with Jennifer regarding the board display at the conference.
8. NCAD discussion
9. Demographic study will be done so we can learn more about our membership. **ACTION ITEM:** Kathy will send Connie the demographic file on current membership.

V. **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

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- D. **ACTION ITEM:** Presidents remember to bring your baskets for door prizes.
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VI. RACHAEL RAGIN: she was unable to attend, but sent an E-mail to the board. We discussed educational interpreters issues and Rachael's E-mail.

- 1. Revisions to the initial policy clearly states that 2 and 4 year degree people must pass the EIPA or an acceptable test, according to Rachael's E-mail.
- 2. Rachael and Pat have been working on comparing other state tests with these requirements to see if it meets DPI requirements.
- 3. We need to be listed among the stakeholders as well as students and parents.
ACTION ITEM: Tzena will write a letter to Connie regarding her position on the licensure board and how she can add valuable input to the state board policies. Connie will insert this information into her letter to the school board.
- 4. **ACTION ITEM:** Kim will share her concerns with Connie before she writes the letter.
- 5. **ACTION ITEM:** Connie will ask the state board the following in her letter: a) what part of the IDEA is being used for funding? B)why are the parents not listed as stakeholders? C) why aren't stakeholders being contacted? Connie will also ask for a list of educational interpreters and cued speech transliterators in order to contact them regarding training opportunities. She will also mention how terminology is being misused.
- 6. Kim's county is not recognizing the licensure board as an authority.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Action Items from 2/19/05 meeting:
 - 1. article submitted
 - 2. article submitted
 - 3. seed money requested
 - 4. Presidents have not yet sent Kim the year end report.
 - 5. the printing costs included the June newsletter
 - 6. It is a year-to-date report
 - 7. Budget committee is still working on it
 - 8. it was deposited
 - 9. check was sent
 - 10. if a member needs more than a \$50 stipend, they can request money from Region II. **ACTION ITEM:** how to apply for stipends for Region II.
 - 11. already put in the newsletter
 - 12. Mary has been very busy, so Connie postponed this.
 - 13. SLICES information is found below, letter D
 - 14. Nancy was grateful that we are paying her registration
 - 15. Kim and Tzena sent long term goals, not everyone.
 - 16. Jennifer went to the meeting on April 30th
 - 17. the state credit union will not give us an account. Will check other banks
 - 18. check sent
 - 19. letter sent to SERID
 - 20. we received Gold Membership recognition
 - 21. will implement this for next year.
 - 22. sent out a request, but have not heard anything **ACTION ITEM:** Judi LaBath and Mark will work on the brochure in time for SERID convention.

B. Newsletter/Electronic: Both a hard copy and electronic copy will be sent for the next newsletter. August's newsletter will be electronic unless otherwise requested.

C. SERID:

1. received special permission to hire interpreters out of state
2. Mark will be our representative at SERID.

D. SLICES:

1. Mentoring is needed throughout the state
2. SLICES has been very successful in Minnesota.
3. total cost for training: approx. \$4,520
4. Maybe DSDHH, DPI, PepNet, etc might want to partner with us in terms of cost.
5. Rules to be a Mentor:
 - A. RID certification or NAD 4 or 5 certification, National Cued Speech Certification or State Level 4 or 5
 - B. Licensed by the NCITLB (because it is a professional standard)
 - C. 5 years professional experience, interpreting or transliterating
6. We have decided to hire SLICES for August 6th and 7th, 2005.
7. To attend mentor training, individuals must have:
 - a. RID certification or NAD 4 or 5 certification, National Cued Speech Certification or State Level 4 or 5
 - b. 5 years professional experience, interpreting or transliterating
8. **ACTION ITEM:** Mark will advertise to RRC centers and Rachael Ragin regarding the SLICES mentoring program.
9. **ACTION ITEM:** Mark will contact UNC-G to find a location for the mentoring workshop.
10. We will call it: NCRID Mentorship Program
11. Cost for 12 hours of workshop: \$60 for Members of NCRID, \$90 for non-members
12. **ACTION ITEM:** Mark will contact UNC-G about staying in the dorms.
13. **ACTION ITEM:** Trenda will send Jennifer the information so she can make a flyer.
14. **ACTION ITEM:** Trenda will contact SLICES for the additional info needed.
15. **ACTION ITEM:** Mark and Trenda will make all the logistical arrangements for the speakers.

E. RID conference: Rhonda, Connie and Trenda are attending.

F. Mentoring Grant Program – see Connie's report

G. Mass production of CD's – tabled until next board meeting

H. Those that missed the one board meeting due to the hurricane, will still have their registration paid if that was the only board meeting missed. Passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Yankee Candle Fundraiser: **TABLED** until next board meeting.

B. 5 & 10 year plans: Goals committee: Mark, Connie, Jennifer, Sandy, Susan, and Kim. **ACTION ITEM:** Everyone send NCRID's Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) to Mark by June 3rd in order to write our 5/10 year plan.

C. Blue Cross and Blue Shield is offering a workshop called "NC Healthy Communities Institute" training we can attend for free. Mark and Connie are attending. Sandy, Susan and Kim might attend. A \$150 check will be sent to reserve our spot. It will be refunded after the training.

D. NCRID is hosting the RID board at the 2006 conference: NCRID will pay for a room for them to meet at the hotel.

- E. Website: we need software to update the website. It costs around \$80. The board approved buying this software. **ACTION ITEM:** Kim will write a check for Mark to get the software he needs.
- F. Last 2 years accomplishments for RII caucus at RID: **ACTION ITEM:** Chapter Presidents send Connie and Jennifer what we have accomplished the last 2 years.
- G. Newly certified people in NC: Connie will send newly certified members a letter and interpreter decal. **ACTION ITEM:** Connie will buy decals.
- H. Letters to SBE and RID/EIPA talks: discussed under Rachael Ragin Section VI.

IX. REPORTS:

A. NCAD Rep:

- 1. they want more collaboration for the convention planning
- 2. they would like our members to attend the banquet
- 3. they would like to negotiate the dates and locations of the convention
- 4. SIT team will be available for any questions regarding services provided and how they are working together.
- 5. made \$500 donation to SERID
- 6. concerned about ENCSD sign skills of the teachers and other issues. They will be talking to Cindy Bennett about their concerns.
- 7. Next board meeting, Thursday night before the convention

B. DSDHH Rep:

- 1. Pat Stivland presented a workshop about the EIPA that had little turn out from the educational interpreters.
- 2. Clarified that licensure CEU's must be RID sponsored.
- 3. Convenience contract now Approved Interpreter List (AIL).
- 4. **ACTION ITEM:** Jennifer will ask about delineating between interpreters who have a license and certification vs. a license and no certification (grandfathered in) be represented in the pay scale and jobs they are able to do.

C. Licensure:

- 1. HS1507 is the new bill that has been introduced. It addresses issues that were sent in. Grandfathering is a non-issue. It is over. The provisional license was expanded to allow QAST from other states to come in, allow out-of-state interpreters to work at conferences, those with 200 hours and experience, etc.
- 2. Licenses are getting ready to be mailed out.

D. Mid-state, 5 Points, Foothills, Land O'Sky, Coastal, TRID, ENCRID: see newsletter

E. Historian: not in attendance

F. NC Editor:

- 1. EIPA will be in October, not in May.
- 2. Educational Interpreters lacked professionalism at the latest state sponsored workshop. (talking)
- 3. NCEdiTOR will have a meeting next week.

G. Possible Future Presenters: Roger Williams, Mike Rizzolo

X. ADJOURNMENT: 3:30 p.m.

XI. NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 17, 2005, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Embassy Suites in Greensboro at the conference