

**North Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf  
Heritage Green, Greensboro, NC**

January 26, 2008

**Board Members Present:**

Mark Whisenant, President	Catherine Johnson, BML Historian
Susan Lanier, BML Newsletter	Judith Labatt, Midstate President
Danette Steelman-Bridges, Foothills Pres.	Leah Noe, TRID Pres.
Debbie Batts, ENCRID Pres.	Amy Smith, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP/CEU Coordinator
Tzena Keyes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Membership/LSRID Pres.	

**Visitors Present:**

Stacy Wilson Bollinger

**Board Members not in attendance:**

Mary High, BML Conf. Liaison	Sandy Tomlinson, Coastal Pres
Kim Barden, Treasurer	Five Points President

- I. Call to order, welcome and introductions (10:12 am)
- II. Reading of RID Philosophy & Mission (Steelman-Bridges)
- III. Minutes from October 2007 Board Meeting – Review/Discussion/Approval
  - a. Discussion of modification (not modified) and Region II dates verified  
*Motion 01:26:08:01 to approve, (Batts/Smith - passed)*
- IV. Changes to agenda
- V. General Announcements / Visitors
  - a. Visitor from Foothills
- VI. Closed Session (10:25 – 12:39)
- VII. Reports
  - a. President – body of report in agenda. Newsletter layout not yet completed but anticipated to be ready to send by first week of February. Anyone willing to help is welcome. Active recruitment for newsletter layout position suggested.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> VP - a disk with RID CEU forms and workshop checklist is distributed to Chapter Presidents. Reminder to all Chapter Presidents and local members responsible for acquiring CEUs that if the information is sent to Amy by email and a confirmation by Amy is not received within a few days to please contact Amy again as follow-up to be sure the original CEU information was received. Since Amy took over the CEU position, 10 PINRAs were applied for, \$300 was deposited, and NCRID was chosen for a random CEU audit. A letter was received from RID (and NCRID has already replied that we have received notice) requesting a review of the CEU records from 2005 through 2007. The requested information is due to RID by March 15, 2008. Help is requested in filling out some of the forms as Amy is new to the position and Mark has prior experience. The information that Pam Jones is no longer with RID was brought up, as well as

the fact that assistance has been brought into RID to speed up the processing and posting of CEUs.

- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - 274 current members and 23 life members. The “recent graduate” complementary membership has been very popular. Many of the cards have been returned. Tzena requests that next year, she be the one to choose the color of the cards distributed for tracking purposes. Some other issues of membership are as follows:

- 1. receiving \$5 checks for NCEditor membership but nothing about NCRID membership. Tzena has replied to these people with a letter asking for proof of NCRID membership. If no proof is forthcoming, she will return the checks.
- 2. receiving a list of NCRID “members” whose membership money has been deposited locally through dual membership, but these members are not RID members and therefore should have paid the non-voting membership price. For this and other reasons, dual membership is not progressing as smoothly as hoped and there is a difficulty in matching the appropriate membership level/category to the price paid.

d. Secretary – no report

- e. Treasurer – (report given by Mark Whisenant) – SECU bank statement is distributed to the Board for review. The SECU account can be viewed on line by the President. The signators of the account are currently Mark Whisenant and Christina Suggs, which will be changed shortly. Four Board members are due mileage checks from last meeting and Mark will write the checks today as well as the postage check since he has the checkbook with him.

- f. Board Members at Large/newsletter – to get back on schedule, the newsletters should come out in Aug/Sep, Oct/Nov, Jan/Feb, and May/June. After the Presidents special issue, we should be back on track.

g. Chapter Presidents

TRID – Thank you to Mark and the Board for including the TRID link to website, and announcement is made that the EIKA (written test for the EIPA) will be offered in Fayetteville beginning March of 2008. Also, TRID asked once again about the status of the Region II refund. Mark stated that he will mention it at the next Region II conference call.

COASTAL – Sandy Tomlinson is not here as she was hit by a car by a student in the school parking lot! Our thoughts are with her as she is home recuperating.

Susan gave a brief report on the Education Task Force in Sandy’s absence.

## VIII. Old Business

a. Action Items/Follow up – continued until next board meeting

- b. Bookkeeper/Audit – Mark will contact Kim Barden to obtain the books needed for an internal audit in preparation for the hiring of the bookkeeper. The bookkeeper is located in Greensboro and although Mark is on the audit committee, he is not in Greensboro often. Mary Crump has agreed to deliver the books to the bookkeeper once we receive them from Kim and the internal audit is completed. After the internal audit is completed, a report from the Audit is

expected to define the duties of the bookkeeper. The Board will then look at the Treasurer's position as described in the By-Laws and see if changes are needed.

- c. Secretary Position – Leah Noe has provisionally agreed to take this position if the TRID Board members do not have a problem with her holding a dual role of Secretary and TRID President. As Jennifer Boyd is back in North Carolina, she may be interested in taking a Board slot. Catherine Johnson and Leah will work out the details of covering the Secretary position.
- d. Board Positions – Reminder that all Board positions are up for election this year.
- e. Region II – new date: July 31 – August 2, with a proposed Meet and Greet on Thursday evening and the Banquet on Saturday. Anyone who wants to play a part in the planning of the Region II Conference, please contact the individual committee chairs listed in the latest issue of the VIEWS. Conference is to be held at the Sheraton in downtown Raleigh.
- f. Stakeholder meeting – continued until next meeting/on hold.
- g. NCEditor – The change of the National Editor SIG to a member section and how the effect is transferred to the state and local level is briefly discussed. Since she is a NCEditor Board member, Leah Noe will send a reminder to Kim Barden that we are waiting on her research and response from RID Editor

#### IX. New Business

- a. Discussion ensued regarding the interpreters achieving EIPA 4.0 and passing the EIKA receiving a full NC License. The NC Interpreting and Transliterating Law was written to recognize RID Certification and Certified by RID as meaning the same thing – both being eligible for a full license. Possible future discussion needed on whether or not a test designed for educational interpreting making someone eligible for a full license (generally used for community interpreting) is an issue of concern.
- b. NCRID Mini-Conference to be held in late June. The Embassy Suites of Greensboro is the likely place. Judith Labatt will contact Peter Sturfaci (our contact at the hotel) and see what weekends are available. Current thinking is that a one-day workshop will be offered with reserved/specially priced hotel rooms for those participants traveling some distance. Ideas discussed are a Saturday workshop: 10-12 training; 12-2 general membership meeting and elections; 2-4 training and to hold an Audit Committee meeting and a Board meeting the Friday evening before. Local presenter ideas include Pat Stivland, Keith Cagle, or Anna Witter-Merithew. Mark will research some presenters from Gallaudet and Judith will research a presenter she knows from Illinois. The Board will plan this one-day event.
- c. CAIN Letter – A letter was received by the Board (through Mark) from Sam McCord representing CAIN (Carolina Advanced Interpreters Network) requesting more advanced workshop for seasoned interpreters. Mark in his role as President responded with a thank you for the input for future workshop ideas and a request to please notify the NCRID Board when their next meeting will be held so we can send a representative or attend the meeting as individuals. The point is also made that this group can sponsor and plan workshops on their own and NCRID would be happy to advertise them.

- d. NCDBA – Debbie Batts distributed a letter regarding the conference at Atlantic Beach on March 13-16. The letter was a request for donations and Debbie made it known that NCDBA is holding a call for interpreters and SSPs and are looking for donations both monetary and for the silent auction. The SSPs are provided two meals, but rooms must be paid for by the SSPs themselves. Sign students are welcome. Any volunteers can contact Debbie via email at [dbatts@wilsoncc.edu](mailto:dbatts@wilsoncc.edu). *MOTION: 01:26:08:02 I move that NCRID donate \$500 to the North Carolina Deaf Blind Association annual conference (March 13-16, 2008) in Atlantic Beach, NC. The monies will be earmarked for scholarships for deaf-blind participants. (Steelman-Bridges/Labatt - passed)*
- e. Accountability of positions representing NCRID – Despite requests, the NCRID Board has not received any reports from the NCRID Rep on the Licensure Board. Another, firmer request will be made for reports on the meetings. From the notes of the Membership Representative of the last Licensure Board meeting, an issue regarding “Site Translations” was brought up by the NCRID Representative. Site Translation is not and never has been an NCRID issue, nor has it been discussed at any Board meeting of NCRID. As Connie Jo brought up the recommendation (in her role as NCRID Rep), it gives the appearance of site translations being an NCRID issue. This event has brought to the Board’s attention a separate issue of a representative’s accountability to the NCRID Board. The role and responsibilities of an NCRID representative are discussed as well as recourse if we are dissatisfied with the rep (for example, the NCRID/Licensure Rep is a 3-year term). Guideline for representing NCRID in any capacity will have to be laid out very clearly and is to be discussed at a future board meeting. Representatives on the Licensure Board are nine total: NCRID, NCAD, NCRID/Educational, SHHH(HLA), Oral Interpreter, Cued Language, DSB, DHHS, and Deaf Educator. Representatives of NCRID on other Boards include the Education Task Force and the NCAD Board. Clarity on the role of an NCRID rep is needed.

Announcements

- a. Upcoming Events – will be emailed to Susan by Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> for inclusion in newsletter
  - b. Miscellaneous
- X. Meeting adjourned 3:26pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Leah A. Noe

Next meeting: TBD via NCRIDBoard yahoo group