

NCRID GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 17, 2005
Greensboro, NC

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Jo Lewis (President)
Mark Whisenant (1st VP)
Kathy Elkins (2nd VP)
Kelly Hodgins (Secretary)

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Meeting called to order at 4:20 p.m.
- B. Board members introduced

II. HISTORIAN REPORT: Rhonda

- A. a plea to the general membership was sent regarding pictures of previous conferences, workshops, etc. Please give them to Rhonda Smith or contact her at Terp4jc@yahoo.com
- B. Margie Gilmore mentioned that last years convention pictures are available on the Coastal website.
- C. At any time, feel free to look in the file box.

III. BUDGET REPORT: Kim Barden was unable to attend. Mark Whisenant reviewed it with the general membership.

- A. This years budget is \$3000 more than last year due to the SLICES program we are sponsoring.
- B. \$1 per member line item is for the Region II conference
- C. We are looking at many various fundraising options to provide training opportunities for members
- D. Electronic Newsletter: we are trying to move to an electronic newsletter instead of a paper newsletter. It costs about \$3 per newsletter to print and mail. You will need an Acrobat Reader (free download) to read the newsletter on your computer. Any person who is new or renews, he/she will automatically get an electronic newsletter. Only those that request a hard copy will get one. Membership dues will not be lowered at this point so that those funds that would have been spent on newsletters can be spent on providing workshops. The newsletter might be able to be accessed on the website if a members only section can be added.
- E. NCEdiTOR is joining the CMP program.
- F. Decals stickers for your car..
- G. Board Expenses Professional Development category is for SLICES
- H. **VOTE TO PASS THE BUDGET** as proposed by the board: Nancy Laitinen (M) Jennifer Boyd (S) **Passed**

IV. CEU/WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

- A. Still looking for a newsletter editor
- B. Purchasing software to update the website ourselves
- C. CEU's processed for FY 2004-2005, workshops: 33, Academic Coursework: 3, PINRA: 4, Independent Study: 2.

V. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- A. Last year 04-05, 257 members plus 27 honorary = 284.
- B. As of June 15, 2005-2006, 130 paid members plus 27 honorary members = 157.
- C. Dual Membership has been a problem. If you have any difficulties with E-terp or your newsletter, contact Kathy Elkins.
- D. Applications can be downloaded from the website or any local Regional Resource Center (RRC).

VI. SECRETARY REPORT: contact Kelly Hodgins via E-mail if you would like a copy of the minutes of the board meeting.

VII. NCITLB REPORT: Jim Sewell, Chairperson

- A. As of June 3, 2005, 221 licenses were issued. Of the 453 requests for applications, 84 full applications issued, 30 provisional, 107 grandfathered, still a number out pending. Grandfathered ones were processed sooner due to the deadline date.
- B. Of the 453 requests for downloads for applications, half were issued, some are still pending due to a technicality such as fingerprint cards.
- C. The board will issue renewal notices that will be sent out in August. Renewals need to be in the office by the end of September. If it is not in the office in September, the license will be lapsed.
- D. The renewal form will be on the website so it can be downloaded.
- E. Send email questions to Jim Sewell at ASLuzer@ec.rr.com.
- F. RID transcripts are accepted as renewal credit proof, as well as a certificate of completion from other activities, along with specific information regarding the workshop.
- G. A computer printed copy of your RID transcript is acceptable.
- H. Mark Whisenant, CMP coordinator, keeps copies of all forms sent into RID for credit. If RID doesn't have it, Mark will. Contact him if there are any difficulties.
- I. October 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005 is the CEU licensure year.
- J. At least one of the two credits must in a "classroom setting" meaning a group, interactive setting.
- K. The dates of licensure issuance will be explained in the NCTLIB newsletter along with all the other things you need to know regarding CEU's and renewal.
- L. By the end of this month, you must have applied for a license and the application be in the office in order to interpret.
- M. You can change your certificate to a small card size for about a \$1 at an office store.
- N. Legislative Changes: on the website, www.ncgov.com, you can see the current legislative bill, HB 1507, that affects the interpreter licensure law. These changes are now in the Senate. Issues such as: interpreters moving to North Carolina, interpreters with 200 hours from the date of application can receive a provisional license, out-of-state interpreters may interpret up to 20 days out of the year for a convention or other large gathering under these changes, CDI provisions were made, penalties for interpreting without a license or breaking interpreting standards were established.
- O. You must have your license number on your business card.
- P. The licensure law does not cover agencies that use unlicensed interpreters. It only covers interpreters/transliterators. If an interpreter is interpreting without a license, report the interpreter, not the agency. An injunction can be filed against

that person to cease and desist. You can call the NCTLIB administrative office and see if any interpreter is licensed.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. NCRID Annual Report:

1. we are currently in the middle of renewal time, but our final number of members were 241.
2. we have been successful in our endeavor to have a licensure law for interpreters passed and implemented.
3. we completed our first ever Yankee Candle Fundraiser and raised \$910 for educational opportunities.
4. we have updated our NCRID logo.
5. NCRID is supporting the SERID conference.
6. We donated money to Margie Gilmore, Tara Thomas and Lynn Dey who are presenting at the RID conference.
7. we are creating a statewide mentoring program with SLICES.
8. we are creating a 5 and 10 year plans to better understand our strengths and weaknesses.
9. we are hosting the National RID Board at our 2006 AC conference.

B. NCRID Future Plans:

1. SLICES mentoring program is being established this August
2. establishing a 5 and 10 year plan that will give us clear objectives and provide us opportunities for grant monies
3. will be hosting the RID board of directors meeting.
4. we are being a letter writing campaign with the NC state board of education to express our interest in their decisions and to support educational interpreters.
5. See what we are doing around North Carolina on our display board.
6. We are going to attend a BCBS sponsored workshop to help us plan our 5 and 10 year plans.
7. Cued speech transliterators are encouraged to join NCRID and we are working on providing training for them. We would like to have a representative attend board meetings to express cued speech transliterators needs.

C. Region II Activities: Susan Piper wanted to attend but was unable to do so.

1. dual membership in the affiliate chapter and RID is encouraged because members affect policies.
2. \$1 per member program: Chapters on a volunteer basis will donate \$1 per member to the Region II caucus. It is not mandatory because of the small membership of some chapters. An incentive program is being established to encourage those to participate.
3. Region II Conference will be in August 2006 in Virginia www.vrid/conference.org If you are interested in volunteering to be a committee member, look at the above website for information.

D. RID National Conference

1. The Code of Conduct will be voted upon.
2. Region II Caucus
3. Region II President's Council meetings

IX. NEW BUSINESS/QUESTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. hand surveys back
- B. Comment: Sam Parker mentioned that NCRID needed to be more proactive in informing the members regarding the licensure law. Licensure needed to be addressed in the newsletter on a regular basis. More time should have been allotted for questions regarding licensure during the conference. More information needs to be disseminated to the membership. Joann Kinsey also stated this.
- C. Comment: Nancy Laitinen did the President's Pipeline and dedicated 8 pages to licensure. The newsletter and E-terp has been active in disseminating the information that was available. Information has been available.
- D. Kathy Elkins: the minutes will be posted on the website so members can read what has been done and ask questions to the board.
- E. The next NCITLB board meeting will be on September 16, 2005 at the VR office on the Dorothy Dix campus.
- F. Mary Crump: Next year is an election year, if you don't like the way things have been handled, step up to the plate.
- G. Housekeeping issues were discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 6:00 p.m.