

NCRID GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 22, 2007
Charlotte, NC

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Whisenant (President)
Jennifer Boyd (1st VP)
Tzena Keyes (2nd VP)
Kelly Hodgins (Secretary)
Kim Barden (Treasurer)

Interpreters: Stacy Tingler, Barry Elkins

I. CALLED TO ORDER at 1:50 p.m.

II. QUORUM – Tzena Keyes announced that a quorum is established

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. RECOGNITION

V. WELCOME

VI. REPORTS

A. President

1. Membership forums: there were 7 forums across the state in every region where we had a chapter. The agenda included a history of the organization and then a time of questions and answers. The highest attendance was in Morganton. The following is a list of the most common responses that came up at the forums.
 - a. Major topic at the forums was mentoring. Members wanted to know how to find mentors and wanted the NCRID to help in this area.
 - b. ITPs and Graduates: there were lots of questions on how to bridge the gap from graduation to becoming a professional in the field. Members stressed establishing a relationship with ITP students prior to and after graduation.
 - c. The board is now offering a one-year free NCRID membership to ITP graduates to help encourage the relationship.
 - d. Educational Interpreters: how to help educational interpreters become and stay involved in NCRID. We have a working relationship with Rachel Ragin and are working on enhancing our relationship to further encourage educational interpreters.
 - e. GenXer's: There is a generational gap and NCRID wants to know how genXers want to be involved.
 - f. Do you need to be on the board to be on a working committee? No, you do not need to be on the board.
2. POW WOW: now that we have collected this information, this powwow is the next step. We need to gather information from other organizations and how we can work together.
 - a. gathering of various organizations that serve deaf and hard of hearing
 - b. learn about each other
 - c. how can we work together more
3. Past President Summit: we want feedback from previous presidents to brainstorm where we are heading.
 - a. gathering of as many NCRID past presidents as possible

- b. discuss NCRID past, present, future
- B. 1st VP – CMP
 - 1. RID website has been updated. Due to the update, some CEU information has not yet been posted on line. Everything should be updated by mid-July. If your information is not correct by then, please email Jennifer Boyd and she will follow up on that for you.
 - 2. If you plan to do any PINRAs and/or independent studies please see Jennifer.
 - 3. Amy Smith is replacing Jennifer on the board since she is moving out of town.
- C. 2nd VP – Membership
 - 1. 326 members, 60 editor members
 - 2. Membership applications are being processed. If you haven't renewed yet, on Saturday you will no longer be a member. To be a voting member NCRID, you must be a member of RID.
- D. Secretary: Kelly is leaving after 5 years on the board and Christina Whitehouse-Suggs will take over the last year of her term.
- E. Treasurer – budget/vote
 - a. the current budget was reviewed
 - b. the proposed budget was reviewed, voted on and unanimously passed.
- F. Mentor Program Committee: Mary Crump explained the new Membership Program Fund. Rachel Ragin through DPI has offered some mentor workshops and DSDHH is also working on a mentorship program.

VII. MOTIONS PROCESS: Mark explained the motion process.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. ASL Bill: yesterday the ASL was passed in both House and the Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature. We are the 41st state to do this. It establishes ASL as a foreign language in the schools and universities. The State Board of Education also approved teacher standards for ASL instructors and curriculum.
- B. 2008 Region Conference – August 7-9, 2008 it will be here in North Carolina. It will be in either Charlotte or Raleigh. If you have any interest in participating on a committee please let a board member know.

IX. ADJOURNED at 2:35 by Mark Whisenant