

These General Membership Meeting minutes are being posted pending approval from a membership committee soon to be appointed.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 21, 2008
EMBASSY SUITES, GREENSBORO, NC

Meeting called to order 12:31

Motion to approve 2007 minutes Connie Jo Lewis/Second Linda Linfors/Passed

President's state of the organization address

- I. Financial shortfalls of the 2007 NCRID conference along with subsequent audit. All bills paid and NCRID name not tarnished in any way.
- II. Revamping of conference procedures and new policy/procedure manual beginning with the 2009 conference (Asheville) where the NCRID Board has more involvement and the responsibilities of the Local Chapters is reduced.
- III. Board positions are discussed as well as the recent turnover of personnel and the vacant secretary position.
- IV. NCRID Financial matters
 - a. Mark Whisenant in his role as president attended a workshop on Affiliate Chapter management at the 2007 RID Conference. Many states were represented and the discussion was lively. The non-profit 501(c)(3) status was discussed at the RID level. Since RID has non-profit status, NCRID is covered, but not the Local Chapters. Information learned at the workshop encouraged Mark to research our own 501(c)(3) status. The application copy was requested from the Treasurer and could not be produced. Further research led to the discovery that NCRID's 501(c)(3) application was never completed. The only way that Local Chapters will be covered as non-profit is if all donations are solicited under the NCRID name and not the individual Local Chapters.
 - b. In 2006, NCRID created an audit committee to complete an internal audit of our finances (completely unrelated to the 2007 conference). The conclusion of this committee was that the current system was lacking. We then restructured duties for deposits, balancing checkbooks and bank accounts, and signing checks. It was also proposed that we hire a professional bookkeeper for NCRID (which was also strongly suggested at the 2007 RID conference workshop). In January 2008, the audit was completed with all available financial statements and receipts entered in the new QuickBooks program.
- V. Long range plans
 - a. Goal One: Regional Forums (completed in 2007) were held to hear the membership's vision for the future.
 - b. Goal Two: Meetings with sister organizations (Deaf Blind Association, Vocational Rehabilitation, and other organizations serving similar consumers)

- c. Goal Three: Past Presidents Summit so as not to let all that expertise go to waste.
 - d. Information from these three goals will be put into a 1-3-5 year plan to make sure that NCRID proceeds into the future well prepared.
- VI. Membership Report: 307 members including 23 life members and 34 complimentary memberships for ITP graduating seniors.
- VII. CMP Report: 115 workshops offered CEUs, 13 PINRA, 3 Accredited Course of Study, and 2 Independent Studies were awarded. New paperwork has been distributed to the Local Chapter presidents to share with their members for use beginning today. The requirements for workshops, advertising, certificates, and evaluations are clearly spelled out. Amy Smith mentioned that the Region 2 Conference has not yet advertised General Studies or Professional Studies for their workshops.
- VIII. Financial Reports for 2008 are distributed to the membership: a Statement of Financial Position and the 2008-2009 Budget. Motion to accept the reports Judith Labath/Second
- IX. Questions asked:
 - a. MidState donated \$500 matching for the mentoring fund. Has that been deposited? (Mary Crump) Yes and it has been earmarked for the Mentoring fund.
 - b. How much reserve money can an entity have and still be considered non-profit? (Pat Hauser) That is a question for the bookkeeper, and we are researching the answer.
 - c. I think that the NCRID Board should adopt the state rate for reimbursement for out-of-town travel mileage and meals. (Nancy Laitinen) Currently the Board is reimbursing Board members \$.125/mile. That is currently lower than the 'charity rate'. (Amy Markin) Motion to reimburse the NCRID Board at the charity rate for meetings and state rate for meals and lodging - Judith Labath/Second Debbie Batts/Passed.
- X. Region 2 Report given by Connie Jo Lewis, current region 2 Representative.
 - a. Connie Jo is not running for re-election, the new representative will be Lisa Schaefermeyer of Florida.
 - b. The Region 2 conference will be in Raleigh this year, July 31-August 2. The agenda for the conference has been changed, please check the website for updates.
 - c. Performance tests for CI, CT, and NIC will be offered at the conference, Please sign up soon if there is an interest as there is only 30 slots for the test.
 - d. The Strategic Planning forum will be held first thing in the morning. This is a great forum to share your ideas for the future of the profession.
 - e. It was motioned and passed that Local Chapters using the RID name must be dissolved by July 2012. All monies held by the LCs must be turned over to the Affiliate Chapter, but can remain restricted funds. ACRC is creating guidelines for this dissolution.
- XI. Election results (Contested position nominees each spoke on their own behalf):

- a. President: Mark Whisenant elected by acclamation (motion Nancy Laitinen/Second Linda Linfors/passed)
- b. First VP/CEU: Nominees Jennifer Boyd and Susan Lanier. Jennifer Boyd elected.
- c. Second VP: Tzena Keyes elected by acclamation.
- d. Treasurer: Nominees Leah Noe and Pat Strider. Leah Noe elected.
- e. Secretary: Nominees Antwan Campbell and Mary Crump. Mary Crump elected.
- f. Board Member at Large/Parliamentarian: Nominees Antwan Campbell and Mary High. Nancy Laitinen spoke on the behalf of Antwan Campbell in his absence. Mary High re-elected.
- g. Board Member at Large/Newsletter: Nominees Janet Beattie and Susan Lanier. Susan Lanier re-elected.
- h. Board Member at Large: Pat Strider elected by acclamation.

General membership meeting adjourned at 14:12.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leah A. Noe