

Old and New Board
May 3, 1997

Present: Susie, MaryJane, Lynne, Andrea, Donna, Marian and Denise.

UNANIMOUS BOARD DECISION: WE WILL **NOT** MEET AT RICARDO'S AGAIN!

MINUTES:

Minutes of previous meeting passed out and reviewed for corrections/suggestions. Andrea suggested that each topic be stated at the beginning of the paragraph and bolded, and more of an outline format be utilized. Correction: page 1, last paragraph - April had previously spoken with Andrea and expressed a willingness to assist. Page 3 - Helen Young is Grievance chair.

Old Business:

NEWSLETTER:

Jim Merrill is out of town until May 7th. He is on the Publications committee, but has not yet participated in any activities. Along with the newsletter should be a flyer that includes a reminder of membership dues renewal, the 2 new categories of RID membership, and a reminder that dual membership of RID/affiliate chapter is MANDATORY for Certified interpreters. All voting members of AzRID must be members of RID. ASDB has been contacted in the past about producing our newsletter and has already agreed to undertake this project. For the first time, they will need two weeks lead time. Input may be typed, handwritten, or on disk. They will take it from there. Susie in the past has called committee chairs to get articles in the past, and has usually been unsuccessful. **BOTTOM LINE:** This edition must get out ASAP. Currently we have enough information to fill and print the newsletter. A short blurb about the June 7th meeting should be included.

RID CONVENTION:

For the 'ditty bags' at the convention (given to each participant upon arrival) we need 1,000 items that are representative of Arizona. MaryJane will contact Helen Young about possible items, which will be sent with Lynne who will be arriving a few days earlier than the convention dates. She needs to have items by June 7, 1997. Other items may be garnered from MCI (relay) or ACHI, or other sources. Andrea will contact Fran Campbell about the items; if Fran is unavailable, Andrea will contact April. Marian is willing to help.

Lynne will have a room for the duration of the convention and anyone without lodging is welcome to share her room. The convention this year will be a celebration of interpreting "celebrities"; all those who have helped in organizing and putting on the convention will participate in the festivities, which include a parade among other things. All those who have registered will receive a pre-registration for workshops. Andrea informed us that Region V has offered to sponsor an attendee. Andrea suggested ½ registration and ½ hotel (transportation not included) for two people attending, thinking of President and Vice President attending. Our scholarship fund is low, so it is doubtful that any money will be available for stipends to the convention. Discussed possible sources of donations - VCD or ACHI?

Susie has several donations for the silent auction, including two very nice coffee table books about Tucson that were donated by Hughes Missiles.

BYLAWS:

Lynne reported that she is trying to get an original copy of the bylaws so it can be re-done, since the most recently typed one has a few omissions, and the disk containing the info was lost when her backpack was stolen.

PROCEDURE NOTEBOOKS:

Denise will contact Jamie and see about transferring the project to her for completion. All information will be recorded on disk for future modifications.

New Business:

Andrea Deranian has informed the Board that, due to personal reasons, will not be able to assume her position as President. Donna also let us know that she will not be able to take her position as Member-at-Large. Several scenarios were presented as to how to deal with the situation. It was suggested that April and Andrea discuss the situation, since April is Vice President, and she is next in line. We may need to go through the Nominations and Elections procedures again. Several suggestions made about when to open nominations and elections. Lynne cautioned that we need to be careful in this situation to inform members of events occurring so that it is not perceived as the Board taking control of everything. After discussion, it was decided that Lynne will extend her term as President until elections are done in the Fall. Andrea and Donna are willing to be involved in events but they have time constraints. The June meeting will be a forum to announce vacancies on the Board and encourage other members to run for these open positions. Our next general meeting will be June 7, 1997 in Casa Grande.

Lynne suggested that we set up an E-mail contact system and use it to spread the word about the open positions on the Board. When she leaves U of A she will be less accessible by E-mail, and is considering getting a private account. Mary Jane will investigate sources for free E-mail and a modem, which may be necessary. She will let Lynne know.

Donna felt that there is an overwhelming amount of work to do and decide about for this summer. She felt that the transition between Boards might not be as smooth as anticipated. Lynne suggested that Donna and Andrea decide how to handle their situation first, and then the Board will deal with it once the decision was made. The complicating factor is that the new Board has yet to take office.

NEWSLETTER

We have enough information to print a newsletter now. Our hope is that a newsletter/flyer can be printed and sent out before the June meeting. Mary Jane suggested we do an outreach or membership drive and encourage members to bring their friends who are not involved yet in AZRID. Lynne added that we could make an incentive for members - whoever brings the most people that sign up for membership will win a free 1 year membership in AZRID. A membership form should be inserted in each newsletter. Lynne also suggested we recruit ITP students, do outreach to different ITP's, public school interpreters, etc. IQAS might be willing to make membership form available to their candidates.

Mary Jane has contacted a friend of hers, Nancy Martz, who might be willing to donate a free airline ticket to raffle off at the June meeting. It would be good advertising for Nancy, and we could promote her business. Andrea suggested that we buy the ticket and raffle it off, possibly recouping the ticket price and making a bit of profit on it, and use the proceeds to help pay for the Convention. If we buy tickets, however, we will need membership approval (anything over \$50 must be approved by membership). The tickets will be open ended so they can be used at any time.

The Agenda for the June meeting could be printed in the newsletter, including a short blurb on the free membership being offered. A possible title: AZRID IN TRANSITION - BE A PART OF IT! as a gimmick to draw attendance at the June meeting. Also, encourage members of standing committees to participate. We have a room reserved at the Casa Grande Library from 1 pm to 4 pm. Lynne will get a gift Certificate and free goodies to advertise the Factory Outlets in Casa Grande.

The agenda for the meeting is tentatively set as: 1 "Be a Part of it", 2 Raffle the airline ticket, 3 Gift Certificate drawing, 4 Free Membership, 5 Talk up the Committees, 6 Announce Nominations for Fall, 7 Newsletter needs/kudos. After that, open the floor for feedback and suggestions from general membership as to how to improve the organization. Have a sign up time for committees, and give them time to meet and discuss, trade phone numbers, etc.

Submitted by - Denise Wetzler