

AZRID GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 7, 1997 CASA GRANDE, AZ

Meeting began 1:30 p.m.

Announcements: Raffle Tickets are for sale. The prize is a \$75.00 certificate good for air travel. The certificate is being provided for us by Nancy Marts (Mary Jane Moore's associate), from Nancy's World Wide Travel, phone number 602-993-3944. Nancy is a former interpreter who sustained injuries, and now has her own travel business.

Lynne has contacted the Casa Grande Factory Outlets and they have donated shopping bags, coupon books, gifts and a few items for door prizes. The drawing for prizes will be at the end of the meeting.

Chris Chaillie handed out copies of the new court interpreter's rules, and a draft copy for processing the application form. ACHI will be gathering interpreter names and submit to court so they know who is appropriate for court interpreting. To qualify, an interpreter must have at least one of the following: CI/CT, CSC, CDI, RSC, or OI:C. There are three categories of requirements for legal certification: 1) possess CSC and have recorded 2000 hours of interpreting and 20 hours of court interpreting experience. A temporary certification may be awarded if all requirements are not met; 2) If currently interpreting in the court system, the interpreter may be 'grand fathered in;' 3) By the year 2005 must have SC:L. THESE ARE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. Contact Chris Chaillie for additional questions regarding these requirements. Chris also announced that there is an opening at ACHI for a temporary position doing her job, as she is assuming Stu Mackney's responsibilities until a replacement is found. Stu resigned on June 20, 1997. The position requires RID certification. Some of the duties include: interpreting for Sign Out, working with grants and funding, review and develop rules, field questions regarding interpreting work, classes for interpreters, and do research. On June 19, 1997, from 2 to 6 p.m., will have an open house/congratulations party for Stu, who has assumed a position elsewhere in the State system. The position Stu recently vacated is appointed by the council of ACHI. There is also a position vacant on the Council for a RID certified interpreter representing the interpreting community.

Dawn Schoenberger has been approached by a Hard-of-Hearing representative of Merrill Lynch who would like to come to the next meeting and give a presentation of the products and services available from the company. There will be an advertisement in the newsletter for a financial planning workshop either before or after the next meeting.

Presentations:

Lynne expressed her thanks to the departing Board members, and presented each with a certificate of appreciation and a gift.

New Business:

Next, she introduced the new Board. Lynne will remain as President/Past President until the next election. April Welch is our new Vice President, who was on the Board the first year AZRID was established. She is a hard worker and a good 'nag' who accomplishes tasks well. Two new Members-at-Large on the board are Mary Jane Moore and Marian Lage. The third position is currently vacant, due to the resignation of Donna Mahoney. Andrea Deranian has resigned the Presidency due to personal reasons. She complimented the Board for all the help she received, with a big thanks to Lynne, and presented her with a \$20. Gift certificate for dinner at a local restaurant. Lynne thanked her for her work and reiterated her goal of setting a good foundation for AZRID to

continue work in the future.

There will be elections in the Fall for the vacant positions of President and Member-at-Large. Lynne will continue as President until the new elections take place. As a result, nominations are open again. Please contact possible candidates, and have them send in their name and position desired. More information about nominations will be sent in the mail. Tucson people are encouraged to run for the positions. Deaf or Hard of Hearing persons are encouraged to run also. AZRID supports Deaf Relay Interpreters!

The next newsletter will be tentatively set for August publication. The next meeting date has not yet been set. On the new membership form, there is a place to list an E-mail address. This is a good way to be in contact with Board members as well as the general membership.

Old Business:

There will be a few changes in the By-Laws. Updated copies containing the minor changes will be sent to those having a current, paid membership status.

National Convention update: Arizona interpreters are encouraged to attend. This will be the biggest convention to date, with lots of parties and celebrations. Saturday evening will be an "Oscar Night." There is a good possibility of several Deaf actors presenting awards. It will be a great experience! AZRID is in charge of the Silent Auction this time, and we need volunteers to help set up, run, and take down Auction materials. We need 4 interested persons who will work with Judie Husted (WSRID). Holly Wilson, MaryJane, and Crystal will be assisting in transporting Silent Auction items to the convention. Marie Tavormina will be transporting items as well. If you have donations for the event, please take them to the "Help Hut" at the convention site. AZRID has donated a matching set of 4 mugs and a pitcher with tea and prickly pear cactus lemonade. Donations are still being accepted. Forms for tax deductions are available.

We still need items for the "ditty bags." Also, please remember to bring a flashlight to wave when the procession enters. If you have further donations, see Lynne in Tucson or Holly in Phoenix. Helen is checking on magnets, Jeremy is checking with MCI Relay, Marian is checking out ASU t-shirts and shorts, and Holly is working on craft donations.

Presidential Training: Andrea went to this year's training - the second in RID history. All 50 Presidents were present at the training held in Washington, D.C. While there, they exchanged e-mail addresses and acquired contact lists to be in touch with one another. RID stated a few goals: To have Deaf persons involved again with RID; NAD-RID working together (as in the task force); cultural diversity; and standardization of small, local chapters. Also discussed were QA tests in the different states. Arizona is the only state without a hierarchy of control over the QA. It is run by an independent group. When a joint RID-NAD test is developed, how will this effect QA tests already established? Will they become obsolete? The new joint test will have a Deaf perspective as well as an interpreter perspective. It will be 4 or 5 years before a new test will be available. The question now is: what to do about AZ's QA at this time? Previously, RID did not want local chapters involved with QA's. A new perspective has emerged: we should be involved at the state QA level (this announced at the Presidential training). Texas has literature on cultural diversity ready, and more information on how to access this will be announced at a later date. For standardization of small local chapters, the goal is to work together more effectively, and to improve the flow and exchange of information.

Region V has \$1,000 to distribute to local chapters. AzRID got \$100 to defray costs for sending the President and the Vice President to National. Two years ago, we voted to give all the money to the President for the Convention. Andrea wishes the money this year to go to the current President (Lynne). For the last convention AzRID won a free registration for the conference, and membership voted that Lynne should use it. Andrea

made a motion to divide the \$200 between President and Vice President to defray registration costs. Seconded. Holly amended the motion to use the monies towards Hotel costs, which will total \$475. Seconded. The question arose as to whether the original motion should be withdrawn. All agreed we should start over AND LET A PARLIAMENTARIAN. Dawn made a motion to give Pres and Vice Pres \$250 each. Seconded; vote passed.

Mission Statement: Will be in the next newsletter.

Standing Committees: Concern was raised that committees only had representation from the Phoenix area. Lynne encouraged participation from all, regardless of which metro area the people are from. For today, the committees' names and purposes will be listed, then we will have a breakout session to meet. Please create a sign-up sheet for all members to be listed. Each group should appoint a Chair, list phone numbers for members, and BEFORE you leave today have a set date for the next committee meeting. This meeting can be via phone or in person. The Chair or other representative will be expected to give a report for ALL meetings. **This is very important.** The biggest concern is for the Publications, Membership, and Professional Development committees. Current committees (in addition to the above): Fundraising, Grievance, Nominations, ByLaws, Hospitality, and (ad hoc) Business Practices and Testing. Each committee needs to have a Board Member on the committee. Communication is very important. Nominations needs to start ASAP for Presidential and Member-At-Large positions. Legislative needs to be active again. Meet in committees for 15 minutes, then reconvene as a whole group.

Groups that met: ByLaws, Publishing, membership, Fundraising, Grievance, Professional Development, Nominations, Hospitality, and Legislative.

remy announced that a position on the Board of ACHI for an interpreter is vacant. April was urged to apply. Tentative dates for the next AzRID meeting (which must meet in Tucson): Sept 27, Oct 18 or 25.

Door prizes were drawn and the meeting was concluded.