

AZRID Board Minutes 4/11/03

Meeting commenced at 10:11 am

Present: Michelle Caplette, Dawn Schoenberger, Jeremy Brunson, Joy Plote, Amy Merlo, Candis Kaster, Rob Voreck, Betsy Wright, Andrea Heisler, Gino Gouby.

Vice President Schoenberger read President Wasisco's Report.

- Call to members to fill open positions on Board and Committees at end of term.
- If we do not have adequate involvement, Arizona Chapter RID will be closed and all monies given to National RID.
- Three AZRID sponsored workshops remaining. Please see AZRID website for further information.

Vice President reported on Committees.

- Nomination Committee:
No Nominations so far.
Recommendation made to draft a letter to remind members to make nominations.
Jeremy Brunson stated that Student or Associate members are permitted to occupy board positions.
Betsey will draft a letter.
- Membership Committee:
If you join after April 15, membership current through 2004
If you join prior to April 15, membership will expire June 30, 2003.
- Bylaws/Legislative committee
None
- Ad-Hoc: None
- Flagstaff: Northern Arizona Interpreters will attend a "Terp Camp" June 9, 10, 11, 12.
- PDC: No updates at this time.

Treasurers Report:

- Board decided to close Wells Fargo account.
Account closed and money moved to general fund. Not allocated/distributed to specific areas.
- Committees required to submit budgets before end of term.
- Several new memberships this quarter.
- Treasurer's 2nd quarter report will include workshop fees.

Secretary's Report:

- Presently updating email membership information. Please send information to AZRID email box if correction is needed.

Past President's Report

- Successful Brainstorming Session. March 15th.
Survey sent out prior to meeting, majority of responses from interpreters in educational setting.
Jeremy Brunson will compile results from meeting.
Will report results to Rob Voreck before July (when ACDHH report is due)
- Meeting regarding Auditor General's Report:
ACDHH making effort to repair budget problems.
ACDHH made \$500,000 donation to NCI.
Arizona interpreters supposed to get 500 free tests. Presently test is on hold.
ACDHH supposed to give additional \$500,000 unable due to budget cuts.
Inquiry as to whether Certified interpreters qualify for free test.
- Superior Court Contract: Those not holding SC:L or COC can still bid for that contract.
Contract is not solely for court work, but potentially for related legal interpreting.
Must be certified to provide services under the contract.

New Business

- Budgets needed from committee chairs.
- New board will select new committee chairs.
- Elections this June. Nominations coming soon.

Floor open to membership

- Inquiry regarding State Conference next spring
Current president would prefer to let new board to make that decision.
- Email received from Elita Harvey: regarding staggered terms for the board.
Will add to June agenda for discussion
Regarding future of AZRID board: Jeremy Brunson stated that the Board is non-renewable, moving or not interested in being on board.
Change in terms requires change in bylaws. Requires 2/3 membership vote.
Present chapter count is approximately 80 members.
- Inquiry regarding Tucson membership.
Presently AZRID is trying to recruit representation in that area.
- Question regarding the purpose of the Brainstorm workshop (3/15/03)
ACDHH Director Collins stated that if AZRID comes up with a strategic plan for a series of workshops, the Commission will fund those workshops.
- Question regarding how are fees calculated for workshop.
Note: Local presenters are less costly than national presenters.
Workshops are tax write off for interpreters
Current budget for workshops: set for 30 participants. April 5th workshop included 17 people.
- ACDHH Legal Licensure coordinator: Rob Voreck
Currently working on rewrite for Legal interpreters
Attorney General sent it back with recommendations
One more Public session in beginning of May
Then submitted to Governor's Regulatory council
Will go into effect one year from now.
SC:L requirement pushed back to Aug 2005
Present trend is that few people are going for SC: L certification.
Possible deadline will be pushed back to 2006, 2007.
Jeremy Brunson suggested waiting closer to 2005 to push it back instead of pushing it back now.
If you require interpreters to be SC:L or go without work, people would get it.

Marie Stewart has agreed to handle SC:L performance tests in Tucson.
Reminder that responsibility should be on interpreters, not wholly Commission's responsibility to provide for people to get SC:L

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Heisler
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