

AzRID Special Election Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 13, 2002
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Valley Center of the Deaf
3130 E Roosevelt, PHX

- Michelle Caplette, AzRID Treasurer, called meeting to order at 6:10 pm.
- Three of five Board members were in attendance, thus satisfying a quorum—Michelle Caplette (Treasurer), Deb Stone (Member-at Large), Michelle Wasisco (Member-at Large),.
- More than 20% of the membership was in attendance, thus a quorum of membership was reached. (Currently, there are 53 AzRID members; there were more than 11 members in attendance. Please refer to sign in sheet.)
- During this current term, the following Board members resigned: Michelle Wasisco (Member-at-Large), Suzi France (?), Victor Brown (Secretary), Deb Lindsay (President), Teddi von Pingel (Secretary). Michelle Wasisco was reappointed during a Board meeting that occurred 3 weeks prior to this special election. Dawn Schoenberger (Vice President) has been serving as Acting President.
- 4 members in attendance possessed proxy votes from non-attending members.
- There were 7 nominees submitted to the Board by the Sept. 1 deadline—
 - Michelle Wasisco—accepted nomination
 - Holly Wilson-- accepted nomination
 - Jim Merrell— declined nomination
 - Mary Jane Moore-- declined nomination
 - Elita Harvey-- declined nomination
 - Kay Hilder-- declined nomination
 - Marie Stewart-- declined nomination
- Michelle Wasisco “stepped down” as Member-at Large before election portion of the meeting began.
- A question was posed regarding the fairness of the voting process that both proxy voting and floor nominations would occur. Deliberations occurred and the floor was opened to nominations from the floor; none were presented.
- Each Candidate was given 5 minutes to present their biographies and their goals if elected as president.
- Holly Wilson recapped her biography, which was similar to what appeared in the election email announcement sent to members. As a result of personal frustration with the lack of activity in AzRID, she decided to accept the nomination to reinvigorate the organization. She mentioned as one of her goals to focus on supporting & engaging educational interpreters.
- Michelle Wasisco recapped her biography, which was similar to what appeared in the election email announcement sent to members. Due to a disappointing experience as a new AzRID member, she decided to get involved to make a positive difference in the organization. She mentioned as one of her goals to focus on communication between the Board and members.
- Both candidates entertained questions from the floor.
- Ballots were collected & counted; there was one abstained vote.
- Michelle Wasisco won the election of AzRID President.

Announcements

- A newsletter will be sent out to members by the end of this month.
- Upcoming workshops are in the planning—
 - October: Deaf & Hearing Cultural Differences
 - November: Legal Interpreting--Preparation for written SC:L test (Sharon Neumann-Solow)
 - January: Cognitive Processing of English
- ACDHH will host Public Comment meeting on Sept. 20th & Sept. 24th in Flagstaff & Tucson respectively (from 2 pm to 4 pm in both locations). ACDHH looks forward to continued collaboration w/ AzRID.
- A Board Meeting will occur within the next two weeks.
- A General Business Meeting is scheduled for the 3rd week of October (details still to come).
- Deb Stone thanked Michelle for her willingness to take on the responsibility of conducting the meeting in the absence of the Acting President & Past-President.
- Motion to close the meeting made by Joan Horn; seconded by Holly Wilson.
- Adjournment at 7:03 pm