

# Arizona Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf

## Membership Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 27, 2008 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Hilton Phoenix Airport Hotel

2435 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street

Phoenix, AZ

**Call to Order:** President Robin Dragoo called to the membership meeting at 4:11 pm; Deb Stone, Secretary.

**Roll Call:** Board of Directors presented: Ander Bolduc, vice-president, Lauren Greenberg, Treasurer, Patty Meyer, past president, and Mary Jane Moore, member-at-large. Members presented: 36 members presented. Quorum (24) met.

September 20, 2008 minutes approved as read.

**Financial Reports** presented by Lauren Greenberg:

The balance is \$11,623.82.

### President Robin Dragoo's Report

President Dragoo wanted to thank the State Conference Committee for the conference to happen. In addition, Dragoo thanked members for coming to the meeting.

Today's meeting is the membership meeting. The business meeting will be held sometime in May 2009.

Dragoo wanted to welcome few new people on committee:

- Kara Stella, member-at-large for North Arizona
- Juliann Wasisco, publication chair
- Jennifer Jorlmon, fund raising chair

There are few positions vacant: Legislature, PDI, and Nomination. Dragoo encouraged members to be involved with ArizonaRID.

The board of directors agreed to upgrade ArizonaRID website. At the time Adam implemented website, it was friendly user but it is not anymore right now. The board is seeking for quotations from web host. If any member is interesting to submit quotes, please send it to secretary. The new web host will begin at the new fiscal year.

Dragoo encouraged members to send comments to legislators regarding HB21106. ACDHH Commissioners are against the bill and encouraged people to do the same thing. HB21106 is a bill that does not required a county of 500,000 or less in population to hire a licensed interpreter.

Daniel Greene, Bylaws chair has drawn up new bylaws to pass around. Please send him feedback and the bylaws will be on the agenda at the next business meeting.

The election will be taken place at the next business meeting. The positions will be vice-president,

treasurer, and one member-at-large. There is no nomination list right now. The nomination will be accepted on the floor at the meeting.

Dragoo encouraged members to attend the business meeting to get involved and support ArizonaRID being a strong organization.

Dragoo recommended members to renew ArizonaRID membership by June 30 in order to send the membership list to RID for voting rights at the RID conference.

Dragoo wanted to clarify the membership. Bylaws stated that a member who joins anytime before April 15 would still have to renew the following year, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The board of directors is working on prorated membership. If the members join on April 15 or after, it will apply to the new fiscal year.

Dragoo wanted to hear members' feedback on the State Conference. The current State Conference is not over but Dragoo still want to collect members' feedback and opinions on having the State Conference again next year or next 3 years. The state conference was supposed to be held last year.

Feedback/Recommendation/Opinions from Members:

- Holly Wilson: It depended on financial result of the current state conference. Will members exhausted to plan for the next year? If the state conference takes place in Tucson, Tucson members want to work for it. That will be wonderful. Holly wanted to remind that ArizonaRID is for everyone not just Phoenix Metro.
- Dawn Schoenberger reminded the members that RID Conference will be this year, Region 5 Conference will be held in Utah next year and the State Conference should be biannual.
- Dawn Bolduc mentioned that the CIT Conference held this weekend in Texas.
- Holly Wilson mentioned that RID and CIT Conference registration fees are expensive for many interpreters. Region 5 is better and cost efficient. It is impossible to pick the right date for everyone. For the hotel rate, it is cheaper during summer time in Phoenix area and cool in Flagstaff with higher hotel rate or lower hotel rate in wintertime.
- Rob Francom: It is impossible to pick a perfect time, but if money and time are good, which will happen.
- Victor Brown recommended a conference for VRS like Southwest VRS conference that is something different but similar program. We have to consider who is the target audience, for Arizona interpreters, for other state interpreters, weekdays conference, weekend conference, and weekend tour with weekday conference.
- Beth Krاندell: If the state conference happens in Flagstaff, the location would be at Coconino Community College.
- MJ Moore: It is important to keep State Conference happens here in the state because it is good opportunities for IPP/ITP students and new interpreters to attend and for those who cant afford the trip to RID or out of state conferences. In additional, some interpreters need to maintain their CEU's and could not travel out of state.
- Ander Bolduc: It will be great to have next state conference in Flagstaff. The board of directors will give their full support with the State Conference Committee like Dawn Bolduc, current chairperson received from the board of directors. Please consider continuing conference based on results of this weekend.

Dragoo noticed that there are 18 registration from Tucson and are not ArizonaRID members. Dragoo wanted to remind that ArizonaRID is not Phoenix ArioznaRID. Dragoo asked for a brief meeting next

day to find out how ArizonaRID can meet Tucson Interpreters' needs and services. Dragoo wanted to hear feedback and how to bring them to join us.

Dragoo encouraged members and guests to join ArizonaRID Yahoo groups to receive information about workshops and interpreter issues.

### **Vice-President Ander Bolduc's Report**

Vice-President Bolduc wants to thank the State Conference committee for all hard work they did, ACDHH for \$40,000 grant, board of directors, volunteers, and community for their support and show up at the conference for continuing education.

ArizonaRID has sponsored 30+ events with Dawn Boldu's hard work to set up the program.

Bolduc encouraged members to attend meetings to express opinions, comments, or feedback because you are ArizonaRID, not just us the board of directors. Please attend ACDHH commission meeting to express your comments, as well. Dawn Bolduc is one of 14 ACDHH commissioners. The ACDHH commission is not support HB; therefore, ArizonaRID is not support HB.

Please join our committees; it is all about you and ArizonaRID.

### **Secretary Deb Stone's Report**

Secretary Stone received few emails regarding the State Conference and interpreting service agencies. Stone referred them to appropriate people and organizations.

Stone reminded members to fill out any motion on the motion slips and comments on the forum slips before new business opens.

### **Treasurer Lauren Greenberg's Report**

Treasurer Greenberg will have treasurer report audit for May Business Meeting. Greenberg encouraged each committee to submit their budget for the Business Meeting.

### **Member-at-Large's Report**

MJ Moore: Moore introduced Juliann Wasisco that she was so excited to be ArizonaRID publication. Wasisco is an expert in publication. Wasisco is student at Phoenix College Deaf Interpreter Program. Wasisco was disappointed that she and her classmates cant attend the conference because they have face-to-face class this weekend.

Presented a report for Juliann Wasisco, publication: Wasisco recently approved as a Publication chair and is working on recruiting committee members, layout for the newsletter, e-newsletter, and all works. Once they are approved and will be ready to disseminate. The night before the State Conference began, Wasisco was having a Wine & Cheese Party with a guest honor; Alisha Bronk and President Dragoo and MJ Moore were invited. However, Alisha Bronk's flight was cancelled.

Shelley Herbold, Member-at-Large cant be presented.

## **Committees Reports**

### **Membership Caroline Wrothen's Report**

ArizonaRID now has 171 members.

### **Nomination Dawn Schoenberger's Report**

Dawn Schoenberger has sent a resignation letter with approval. The board of directors and members applauded Dawn Schoenberger for all her work over many years.

### **By-Laws Daniel Greene's Report**

President Dragoo gave a report.

### **Publications Report**

MJ Moore gave a report.

### **Professional Development Committee Jennifer Hensley's Report**

No report.

### **Arizona Deaf Caucus Report**

No report due to no chair.

### **Legislative Committee Report**

No report due to no chair.

### **Fundraising Committee Report**

No report

### **State Conference Chair Dawn Bolduc's Report**

No report.

## **Forum**

- 1.Haley Ritter discussed that the RID has a 5-year time frame for an interpreter to take a performance test after passing a written test. Ritter thought it should apply the same thing with Arizona Licensure, rather than renew every year.
- 2.Rob Francom shared his appreciation for the board members' time and talents.

President Dragoo announced a 15-minute break at 5:11 pm. The meeting resumed at 5:20 pm.

## **New Business**

No new business

## **Announcements**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Deb Stone  
Deb Stone, Secretary

6/20/2009  
Date of Approval