**Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**September 13, 2014**

**Teleconference Call**

**605-475-4000 772466#**

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| **Board members in attendance:** | **Visitors:** |
| Vicky Fales, President  M. Charlene McCarthy, 1st Vice-President  Carol Downing, 2nd Vice-President  Sue Ann Pope, Secretary  Terri Bugler, Treasurer  Nancy Osborn, Region Representative-North  Danielle Porter, Region Representative-Central East | Terri Schisler, IRC Chairperson (8:54-9:30) |
| **Interpreters:** |
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| **Board members not in attendance:**  Vacant, Region Representative -South  Vacant, Region Representative-Central West |  |
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1. **Call to Order**

Vicky Fales, President, called the meeting to order at 8:35am. The Secretary was on the call. A quorum was established.

1. **Roll call**

Sue Ann took roll as documented above.

1. **Group Norms**

A reminder was made to announce yourself before speaking.

1. **Housekeeping**

The agenda was approved as presented.

1. **Secretary’s Report**

Sue Ann sent the minutes for review shortly after the July meeting .

**Motion 2015:02** Move to approve the July minutes as presented. S.A. Pope/V. Fales Roll call vote:

V. Fales, M.C. McCarthy, C.Downing, S.A. Pope, T. Bugler, N. Osborn, D. Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

\*\*Action Item: Sue Ann to get all minutes uploaded to the website.

1. **Member Motion-RID Bylaws**

FRID is and has always been a member driven organization requiring members’ involvement to be maintained successfully. The Board of Directors is in place only to support the needs and activities of the membership as a whole. The Board is not responsible to DO the work of the membership but to represent the membership’s activities and be a liaison to RID. In anticipation of recruiting FRID membership as well as meeting the needs of members and non-members of FRID and satisfying the mission statement of FRID which aims to “…further the profession of interpreting and transliterating…..”, it has been proposed that FRID investigate with RID why a specific membership related policy is not being upheld.

It is and has always been a policy and requirement for FRID membership that a FRID member must also be an active member of the RID. Hence, the member is also responsible to follow the Code of Professional Conduct (CPC) and be bound by the Ethical Practices System. It is also a requirement for membership of RID that any member holding voting rights must also be a member of an RID State Affiliate Chapter. This is clearly stated in the RID bylaws, Section 3, Article 3. It is evident that currently, RID is not enforcing this requirement. Every Affiliate Chapter is required to submit a biennial report of its membership which would be an avenue for RID to cross check and verify those RID members not adhering to the bylaws.

**Motion 2015: 03** Move that Charlene, as 1st Vice-President, take action to contact RID regarding the dual membership requirement. Roll call vote. V. Fales, M.C. McCarthy, C.Downing, S.A. Pope, T. Bugler, N. Osborn, D. Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

\*\*Action Item: Charlene to contact RID.

\*\*Action Item: Vicky to send to all Board the reply she sent to a specific member in the South region that had made some inquiries about the activity of the Board.

1. **Licensure Update**

Terri S. sent an IRC report yesterday. The committee has garnered additional support from Senator Altman as well as another lobbyist with the Jacksonville Legal Aid Board. Work is being done to clarify in the bill language what items caused the bill to be rejected last year. Terri S. is working on the Sunrise reports and comparison to other states which currently have licensure laws in place. This report addresses the crucial needs for licensed interpreters in the state.

The committee will need financial and manpower support in the coming months to forward the activity in the next legislative session beginning in November. Deaf Awareness Day at the capitol is March 10, 2015. Gary Leiffers is still on the team at $500/month as lobbyist. Vicky is currently working on developing a 5K marathon fundraising event in all four Florida regions.

\*\*Action Item: Terri S. to draft a bulleted list of talking points for the upcoming FRID conference.

\*\*Action Item: Nancy to connect with Jenny Locy and the Social Media team to post the licensure and bill info on Facebook and other social media sources.

\*\*Action Item: Nancy/ Theda to get a “donations” tab set up on the website directly related to the IRC efforts. This will be announced at the October conference.

1. **Conference Update**

Bradley was not able to join the call today. Vicky has requested a report and budget from the committee by the end of next week. Several sponsors are in place. Presenters and Interpreters are finalized. The schedule is finalized. The Board is asked to arrive on Thursday afternoon.

\*\*Action Item: Carol to follow up with Lori regarding exhibitors.

\*\*Action Item: Sue Ann to direct Bradley to contact Ava Rogers regarding conference committee.

\*\*Action Item: Vicky to check registration.

\*\*Action Item: Charlene to get new cardstock for voting cards and hand write names as needed.

1. **ABM**

Everything is in order for the ABM. CART services are confirmed. The motions will be posted during the meeting by the Secretary. We will select a timekeeper, motions review committee and minutes review committee onsite.

\*\*Action Item: Sue Ann to ask Kiva about a student rep to assist with technology at the ABM.

1. **Membership**

Roe joined the call 10:57-11:18am.

Roe sent a report last night and an update this morning. She reviewed the current membership categories and member quantities in each. She will be present at the ABM and will verify any last minute numbers as needed. Roe cannot arrive at registration until 6pm on Thursday. Stephanie will arrive sometime on Thursday as well. In response to a past motion by a previous membership committee, Roe is researching developing an electronic form of membership documentation instead of a printed card sent to members. She is working with Theda to finalize this effort.

\*\*Action Item: Sue Ann to research the past motion made by Rey Vega.

\*\*Action Item: Roe to inform the membership of this upcoming change in her annual report to the members which will be included in the ABM packet report.

\*\*Action Item: Vicky and Roe to allot some time to have a discussion during the conference weekend.

1. **Nominations**

There are six Board positions coming up for election at the ABM this year. They are: 1st Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Region Representative West, Region Representative East and o the Region Representative South. It would be beneficial to have nominations for these positions prior the ABM. All Board is asked to recruit.

***Roll call 11:20am: V. Fales, M.C. McCarthy, C.Downing, S.A. Pope, T. Bugler, N. Osborn, D. Porter –quorum still established.***

1. **Budget**

Vicky, several Board members and the bookkeeper recently met via teleconference and ended with a budget much closer to being balanced. With many significant cuts being made to ABM expenses, Board travel, interpreting costs, IRC expenses, as well as projecting the development of several fundraising ideas, the end result is a budget of -$1477.00.

**Motion 2015:04** Move to approve the FY 2015 as proposed. V. Fales/S.A. Pope. Discussion. Roll call vote: V. Fales, M.C. McCarthy, C.Downing, T.Bugler, S.A. Pope, N. Osborn, D. Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

1. **Scholarships**

Danielle reports that no scholarships have been submitted so far. She is still working to gather a few members for a selection committee which would ideally be comprised of at least one certified interpreter, one educational interpreter and one Deaf consumer. It is agreed to extend the application deadline until October 1st and encourage members to apply. The options are for o RID performance test, one RID written test and one EIPA performance test.

\*\*Action Item: Sue Ann to Eblast deadline extension.

\*\*Action Item: Danielle to resend to all with new dates and specifications.

\*\*Action Item: All to reach out to ITPs for potential scholarship recipients.

\*\*Action Item: Vicky to send Danielle rubric for selection.

1. **Next meeting, ABM, October 11, 2014, Orlando**
2. **Adjournment**

The call was adjourned at 12:09pm.

Sue Ann Pope, Secretary,

September 13, 2014