

NCRID BOARD MEETING

January 28, 2006

Greensboro, NC

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Jo Lewis (President)	Danette Steelman-Bridges (Foothills Pres)
Mark Whisenant (1 st Vice President)	Mary Crump (Midstate Pres)
Kathy Elkins (2 nd Vice President)	Susan Lanier (Coastal Pres)
Kelly Hodgins (Secretary)	Delia Livzza (ENCRID Pres elect)
Kim Barden (Treasurer)	Leah A. Noe (TRID Pres)
Earl Elkins (NC Council on Deafness)	Sandy Tomlinson (NCEdiTOR)
Jennifer Boyd (BML-Conf. Liaison, NCAD rep)	Brenda Blevins (NCAD Rep)

Interpreters: Elaine Montgomery, Pat Hauser

Visitors: Catherine Johnson, Lauren Tribby Pruett

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Meeting came to order at 10:09 a.m.
- B. RID Philosophy, mission and goal statements were read by Connie Jo Lewis.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS & REPORTS

- A. **NAOBI:** no representative attended
- B. **NCAD:** Brenda Blevins

1. info from the NCAD meeting in November
 - a. next meeting will be Feb 4th in Greensboro:
 - b. 25th anniversary in Seattle, WA 425 people showed up at the NAD conference
 - c. Charlotte Bobcats asked NCAD to help with deaf awareness events in 2006.
 - d. Working on the ASL bill for 2007
 - e. NCAD conference in Asheville in August 2007
 - f. Paid \$500 to the two N.C. schools for the deaf to help with the Mason Dixon Tournaments
 - g. Treasurer is burned out and will resign
 - h. NCAD discussed helping fund a wallet size card to show licensure for NCITLB
 - i. The director for the Independent Living Program in Charlotte has gone to graduate school so NCAD is keeping an eye on the program.
 - j. NAD conference scheduled in California in June 2006. Linda Nelson will represent NC.
 - k. NCAD Goals: increase membership, be more visible at deaf clubs across the state, encouraging deaf clubs to affiliate with NCAD, more outreach, more fundraising
 - l. NAD has written a letter to NCAD to keep our eyes on the captioning to make sure there is compliance in that area.

C. DSDHH: Katherine Johnson

1. the interpreter contract is set up: the payment plan has been changed to focus on credentials instead of licensure
2. licensure board and DSDHH will have forums set up in Morganton (March), in Greensboro (April) and in Wilson (May)
3. Pat Stivland has requested that if any interpreter information for the interpreter directory has changed, to let her know ASAP

D. NCCDHH: Earl Elkins

1. unable to attend the last meeting
2. many issues related to education, housing and senior citizens are being discussed
3. will attend the next meeting in 3 weeks and will have a full report.

E. DPI: not in attendance

F. NC Editor: Sandy Tomlinson

1. fundraising is being discussed and a slide show will be presented at the next board meeting
2. Sandy is on national agenda task force committee that met last week. Its goal was to make education for deaf and hard of hearing equal to hearing students. Sandy is on the communication and language committee. A focus is on teacher qualifications as well interpreters. Areas being looked at are:
 - a. early identification and intervention
 - b. language and communication access
 - c. collaboration/partnerships
 - d. accountability – high stakes testing
 - e. placement/programs/services
 - f. technology
 - g. professional standards and personnel preparations
 - h. research
3. NCRID needs a representative to the national task force
4. NC Editor wants to go electronic with the newsletter

G. Cued Language Translitterators: Lauren Tribby Pruett

1. Cued Language Translitterators also need testing, training, and certification.
2. Problems:
 - a. not enough time in the current time schedule for testing and training to occur. The timing is off.
 - b. people are leaving the profession or do not qualify because of the time frame. Clients are not getting served.
3. Two levels of testing: TEC UNIT
 - a. state assessment with fewer questions on the written and less performance sessions than national testing
 - b. national testing
4. EIPA is working on establishing a Cued Language Translitterator test
5. Language Matters, Inc provides Cued Language training across the country
6. Would like to collaborate with NCRID and help them form an organization or a special interest group

H. Licensure: Pat Hauser

1. 325 licensed interpreters in NC which does not necessarily include educational interpreters. Out of that number, 142 full licensed, 121

grandfathered, 58 provisional, 4 are waiting to complete CEU's to be reinstated

2. 9 pending applications
3. 8 people denied licensure
4. 25 people did not renew, about half were grandfathered people
5. 18 lapsed licensees who are required to return their license which is state property.
6. some are practicing without a license. Working on getting the AG office to approve a letter of Cease and Desist.
7. if a person is operating without a license it should be put in writing to the licensure board
8. interpreters are required to have their license number on their business card.
9. interpreters must show their renewal letter, not their license when asked
10. last year 511 people asked for/downloaded an application

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Action Items from 10/29/06

1. continue
2. certificates will be made for the conference
3. continue
4. Cued Language Transliterators were contacted and a representative came today
5. Arthur was contacted
6. blurb added to newsletter
7. changes were made on the brochure although not printed
8. called and will call again regarding a clean logo, continue
9. Letterhead is posted on the site
10. continue
11. Jennifer looked into decals and prices, will discuss later in detail
12. continue
13. SLICES has folded and we never paid them for the airline tickets. At this point there is no organization to repay. We will wait for them to contact us.
14. ID tags: they can come to the conference will report on later in the meeting.
15. Lauren Pruitt came
16. dual membership is discussed later in agenda
17. dual membership committee met and will bring ideas to the board – on agenda later
18. continue
19. point is moot now
20. continue
21. our thoughts on R2 were sent to the counsel
22. continue
23. continue
24. continue
25. continue
26. SLICES has folded
27. see on the agenda where Interpreting 101 workshops are discussed
28. continue
29. Rhonda did not attend, we assume this was done
30. on the agenda under Interpreting 101

31. Rhonda did not attend
 32. plaque and letter completed
 33. basic info on conference is on website
 34. Licensure information is in the newsletter
 35. NCAD rep did come
- B. Interpreting 101 Workshops:
1. Regional (East/West): it could be all day or 2 days
 2. Format:
 - a. History
 - b. Evolution of models
 - c. RID
 - d. NCRID history, chapters
 - e. Definitions (NAD, NCRID, interpreter, transliterator, etc)
 - f. Professionalism (licensure, bi-lingual, business practices, teaming)
 - g. Process of interpreting (special references, registers)
 - h. Types of interpreting
 3. **ACTION ITEM:** Jennifer will send out an outline of the proposed format
- C. Organizational Membership Status/Dual Membership and Voting Rights: Discussed in Closed Session. Executive Board, refer to Closed Session Meeting Minutes.
- D. Advertising on the website:
1. Florida RID website has Amazon.com on their website. For us to do that we have to sign up and have a contact person, a payee listed, what we would like written on the check they send to us, and what products we want to advertise. We can get a percentage of purchases made from the link on our site.
 2. **ACTION ITEM:** Mark will talk with Arthur regarding the Amazon.com banner on our website.
- E. Fundraising:
1. Leah: bracelets vary in price, \$158 to \$800 for 150 to 500.
 2. Jennifer: decals - \$300-\$500 for 1000, ID badges for interpreters around \$17
 3. **ACTION ITEM:** vote on fundraisers at the next board meeting

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Newsletter: having a hard copy and the expense of the newsletter
1. the cost of printing fewer copies is not cost effective.
 2. the newsletter will be sent on regular paper simply stapled.
- B. NCRID Elections/Nominations: All positions are open but known vacant positions in August will be: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, BML- liaison, BML-Editor. Nomination Committee (Jennifer, Connie, Leah) will look for people to fill the positions.
- C. NCRID Conference
1. Discount offered for other R2 AC's: send registration to R2 affiliate chapters stating that they can apply for membership registration rate.
 2. Interpreter Coordinator: Kathy is handling that
 3. All presenters confirmed, 1.2 CEU's possible
 4. Board meeting is scheduled for Friday morning, General membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning
 5. two shirts are available – Polo shirt with NCRID logo for \$25 (black with silver stitching, gray with black lettering), conference t-shirt for \$15.00

- with the logo screen printed with theme on the back in royal blue with silver lettering (a deaf woman will be doing all the shirts)
6. Early Bird, June 1st: \$75 member, \$125 non member; June 15th: \$100 member, \$150 non-member; after June 15: \$125 member \$175 non-member; student rate: \$60 member, \$110 non-member.
 7. **ACTION ITEM:** Newsletter articles are due to Jennifer by March 1st.
 8. **ACTION ITEM:** Mark will send out the newsletter by March 15th.
- D. R2 Conference: not a lot of information to report, time is allocated to have board meetings, and NCRID members will get a discount because we are at Platinum level. There is leadership training at the conference on Thursday on June 29th. **ACTION ITEM:** Connie will gather R2 information, specifically the leadership training, to report back to the board.
- E. Certificates of Attendance for all workshops/events need to be handed out.
- F. Swap that workshop: have chapters swap presenters. **ACTION ITEM:** Chapter Presidents will make list of previous workshops that were successful that would be a good swap for another chapter.
- G. ITP Recruiting: encourage affiliate chapters to go to local ITP programs to recruit members.
- H. Senior Citizen: a deaf senior citizen organization has requested an interpreter for their conference for business meetings. Bernard Bragg will be presenting on Saturday night. Pat Hauser has volunteered to go and has just asked for a hotel stipend. **ACTION ITEM:** Mark will get more specific information, disperse it online and call for an online vote.
- I. Cued Language Transliterators representation:
1. can be affiliated under NC Editor because many are in education
 2. there are no funds for cued language training and NCRID should look at that issue since we are encouraging cued language transliterators to come into NCRID
 3. **ACTION ITEM:** Lauren Tribby Pruett will write an article for the newsletter regarding what cued language transliterator is and how NCRID is here to help.
 4. **ACTION ITEM:** Kathy will add a box to check for cued language transliterators on the membership form.
 5. Lauren Tribby Pruett is the new cued language transliterator liaison to NCRID board.

V. REPORTS

A. Executive Board

1. Treasurer: report submitted and explained, passed out a reporting form to chapters to submit to Kim. All chapters have paid CEU dues at this point.
2. 2nd VP: all info is in the newsletter. Current membership is 330.
3. 1st VP: all info is in the newsletter. There were over 90 activities worth 25 CEU's. The website is updated with board meeting minutes and general membership meeting from 2004-05 via a link. Action items and minutes are on the board's yahoo group website.
4. President: already reported.

B. Chapter Presidents

1. Foothills: various workshops: sport signs, educational interpreting, professional conduct
2. Coastal: had a holiday gala, three board members and 12 members

3. ENCRID: having workshops
4. Midstate: 51 members, many workshops
5. TRID: workshops planned for every month except July
6. 5 Points: 2 major workshops for March 25 and September along with Language Gabs.
 - a. The regional resource center is trying to compile a list of people who would do probono work. Our suggestion is for the RCC to contact the licensure board for advice and to make sure those people who do probono work are qualified.
 - b. Retirement info for Jona discussed

C. Board Members at Large: no reports

VI. Adjourn: Next meeting on April 29, 2006 in Charlotte. Adjournment at 4:05 (M) Kelly Hodgins (S) Susan Lanier