

**NMRID Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**General Member Meeting**  
**December 12, 2009**

**I. Call to Order-** 12:00pm

Attended by:

President: Dana Sumrow

Secretary: Julie Frenzel

Treasurer: Cara Balestrieri

Members at Large: Heather Park, Jenny McDonough

General Membership \*See list of attendees at end of notes

Committee Chairs present:

Licensure- Lisa Dignan

Fundraising- Julia Carris

Scholarship- Leah Ekrut

Website- Jennie McDonough

**II. Region IV Vision Statement:** *The vision of RID Region IV is to promote a community that inspires personal and professional transformation by offering cutting edge and innovative opportunities that honor the evolving and diverse needs of its membership* was read by Dana Sumrow.

**III. General Board Report**

**President- Dana Sumrow**

- RID National Conference-
- Dana attended the leadership retreat in Boulder, CO
  - Focused on the Region IV conference. August 5-8<sup>th</sup> is the only week available for a venue.
  - Set new goal for committees; how to use fundraising \$\$\$ . Currently management is a struggle; there are some conflicts with national and state.
  - Set up a fundraising committee to establish scholarships for region IV conference.
- Amy Sieberlich has stepped down from her position as Region IV president. Will be replaced by Chris Grooms.
- Concerning COPD advisory board; their meeting coincided with ours, however Lisa McNiven will be our liaison and will let us know of any issues within the community.
- Concerning NAD; NMRID is trying to renew relations with NMAD. Dana has emailed the NMAD president, introducing ourselves, however there has of yet been no response. We are currently trying to encourage a sit down with the NMAD pres.

## **IV. Committee Updates**

### **Licensure- Lisa Dignan**

- Licensure thus far has been a success; we are the first group who has fully completed it.
  - Community- 123
  - Educational- 2
  - Provisional- 82, expecting 14-15 more new grads
- RID website has a database that will show licensure; NM is currently not listed (waiting on IT). This website will not show if the licensed interpreter is hearing or deaf, since the same kind of license is issued to both, however Lisa will talk to the board about listing deaf interpreters.
- Interpreters visiting the state (working) can work up to 30 cumulative days a year without a license. 31 days, however, is illegal.
- Approximately 35 states have licensure.

### **CMP- Shelly Chappell, Amanda Retsek**

- No report needed, any questions can be directed to Shelly or Amanda.

### **Fundraising- Julia Carris**

- Spring 09 membership appreciation silent auction was a success. Proceeds went to 3 people to help them go to the RID conference in Philadelphia.
- Recently attempting to set up a performance, looking for the right venue (circus performers require specific building structure)
- We will be having a silent auction at the spring workshop
- Currently selling DVDs for D-PAN; of the proceeds some goes to D-PAN, RID, NMRID. Because of contractual obligations we are not allowed to actually market to NMRID members, however we can market to the deaf and interpreting communities. Will be available until December 31. \$20/DVD

### **Scholarship- Leah Ekrut**

- 3 scholarships were available for the RID conference; 3 people applied.
- 2010 3 stipends will be available; announcements will be made on NMRID website and on the list serve.
- There will be another scholarship set up for mentors who apply and complete the program, \$40
- A new scholarship will cover the NIC exam (full coverage) either 1<sup>st</sup> time or retest. One scholarship will be awarded annually.
- Current committee members are; Laurel Page, Cara Balestrieri, Brian Montoya
  - Question; is there any requirement for the NIC recipient to stay in NM. Response; the committee took into consideration monies given by another entity (i.e. Sorenson, etc) however did not set the requirement that the recipient stay in NM. They must however, be a member of NMRID
  - The suggestion was made that the recipient stays in the region, however, there is some question as to whether we can control if a person stays.

### **Newsletter-**

- No report needed/sent by Shyla Brooks

### **Website- Dana Sumrow**

- The national office wants us to improve our site. We have searched the membership for someone to help us with this, to with no results. We are currently searching for a separate entity to help us with this.

**Workshop- chair Amanda Retsek absent; report given by Heather Park**

- Currently planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual conference; The conference will have three presenters:
  - Morning session- Brenda Cartwright. Afternoon session- Brenda Nicodemus (Voicing), Shoshanna Epstein (Legal), Rhiannon Sykes (Professional Communication)
  - The conference is May 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:30 at the Marriot Uptown. There will be one large room for the session with smaller rooms available for lunch and silent auction.
  - Heather will be sending solicitations to different entities (NMSD, NMAD etc) about setting up booths. Those emails will be coming out in Jan.

**V. Old Business-**

- NMRID rural representatives- we do not want to set up a separate region, however we would like to set up a group. Please ask the membership for rural reps; we feel we aren't providing services to the rural reps.

**VI. New Business-**

- Membership dues; there is a national problem of people not paying dues. At a national level RID is trying to set up a website to deal with membership dues. We ask the membership to please send feedback to the national level that we support the set up of a dues website.

**Member Comments-**

- Donna Leshne wants to involve rural communities, Dana requests people to step up, get names of willing reps etc in the Los Alamos, Las Cruces areas. Membership seems to support this.
  - Donna suggests using the different technologies that are available to us, for instance setting up meetings using video conferencing.
- Membership drive?
- Introduction to the board (Erin had to leave early, Amanda not present)
- Financial Report- Cara; we are in the black- financial reports were passed around the membership (see attached)
- Linda Carrol made the announcement that WeInterpret will be having workshops. This information can be found on the WeInterpret website [www.weinterpret.net](http://www.weinterpret.net)

**Door Prizes-**

Golden Pride \$10, ABC Bakery \$10, Flying Star \$15, Pharmacia \$15, Lobo Store \$20, Julie Mason \$65

**VII. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm**

Julianne Frenzel, NMRID Secretary

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**MOTIONS**

NONE

**ACTION ITEMS**

NONE

*\*For reference, all Action Items are italicized within the body of meeting notes\**

**Attendance List; 2/12/09**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MEMBER #</b>
Amanda Lujan	37115
Antonio Vigil	47816
Barbara Shaffer	21538
Bernice McCormack	55084
Camille Padilla	
Carol Litherland	14209
Carole McClelland	36727
Catherine Maenzo	18288
Diana Hohn	
Donna Leshne	
Heather Park	39605
Ilene Weiss	17448
James Rey	
Jennie McDonough	14589
Julia Carris	43600
Laurel Menicucci	38586
Leah Ekrut	25297
Linda Carroll	57523
Lisa Dignan	11812
Marcus Sarracino	50519
Michelle Trujillo	20147
Minnie Bradford	
Monica Sower	43606
Natasha Terry	38633
Robert Hahn	12812
Sara Ware	46964

Stefan Esterly	49824
Victoria Cline	50771