

NMRID Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2009

I. Call to Order- 6:20pm

Attended by:

President: Dana Sumrow

Vice-President: Erin Mares

Secretary: Julie Frenzel

Treasurer: Cara Balestrieri

Members at Large: Heather Park, Amanda Montoya

Member/scholarship recipient: Emily Haynes

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. Board Reports

President- Dana Sumrow

- RID National Conference-
- Attended the national conference, very successful and rewarding experience
- Some member service issues (i.e. dealing with national office is generally troublesome)
- Regional meeting- very productive; worked on establishing a procedure for using Region IV funds
- NMRID Caucus (at the nat'l meeting)
 - Mixed reviews from members, some felt it was generally dry
 - Members from southern part of the state feel that NMRID doesn't meet their needs, e.g., they feel closer to Texas RID in that there are more workshops, conferences etc literally closer to them, El Paso etc
 - Dana suggested to them web casting or other technology based solution, but this was not positively received
 - Heather suggested keeping an eye out for potential representatives from the smaller communities (Clovis, Farmington etc) ****Perhaps an open call for reps through list serve***
- General Membership Complaint-
 - Dislike the use of the list serve by WeInterpret. Dana has already addressed the issue; this is a community list serve. If the membership wishes to change it from community accessible to only NMRID accessible they may attend the general membership meeting in December and make a motion to change its status.

- *The Board requests that Dana forward this response to them; also the Board requests that Dana cc them on her responses to pertinent emails so that we can not only standardize our responses to these issues, but generally all be on the same page.*
- Region IV Leadership Retreat-
 - Travel expenses have been submitted to Cara, shuttle expenses will be forthcoming (*note- approval was made last year to reimburse attending reps expenses)
- NMAD Renewal of Relationship-
 - NMRID needs to reestablish relationship with NMAD
 - Who is the current president? Heather suspects the board will be changing, leadership changes may provide a good opportunity to reestablish relationship.
 - NMAD Board Meeting Nov 7, 2009 1:00-5:00pm Las Cruces Commission Office
 - Heather suggests setting up a liaison to NMAD; at this time no board member assigned, *perhaps a general call to membership?*
 - Amy Seiberlich-
 - Region IV rep is stepping down, for a variety of reasons; currently don't know who will replace her.

Vice-President- Erin Mares

- RID National Conference-
- Attended the national conference, her first; attended lots of workshops.
- Notes that business meetings, while organized, were also made tedious w/ miniscule info (i.e. breastfeeding during the conference.)
- Disliked the chest level badges used for scanning CEU's, Dana concurs. Both made note of this on their feedback forms. The idea of scanning is nice, also speeds up the line flow, however, physical placement (chest level) was awkward.
- She felt that the juggling of workshops was well done.
- She did recommend on her feedback form that the next conference venue be in a more reasonable hotel location (less expensive facility).
- Mentoring Presentation-
 - Collaborative presentation focused on mentoring here in NM and the different entities that are involved (CNM, UNM, Sorenson, COPD, APS, Instep, SFCC, etc)
 - Other states are very interested in our state and what we are currently doing in this area; the presentation had standing room only and was a huge success.
- Conference Call- Erin apologizes to the board for missing a conference call. Dana points out, this isn't a huge concern seeing as it is the first call missed in four years.

Secretary- Julie Frenzel

- Website Inquiry Update-

- Concerning the question posed at the last board meeting, the web designer of the COPD site is Kitty Cooper. However, other information, such as her contact info and price were not available as the people at COPD who know this information weren't contactable.
- Kitty Cooper is responsible for the last NMRID site.
 - NM Agency info request-
 - A student from Rhode Island sent a general email to the NMRID board emails requesting information about the interpreting entities here in New Mexico. Julie requests some help brainstorming all the different agencies.
 - COPD, WeInterpret, Sorenson, CNM, UNM, NM Relay, Commission, NMHU, SFCC, NMSU
 - *Julie will respond to the students request with contact info for the above entities.*

Treasurer- Cara Balestrieri

- NMRID funds-
 - Current account balance; \$9,844.28
 - Dues collected for the last 2 months; \$1,045
 - Money out; \$1,857 (Dana's reimbursements, scholarships, PO Box, website)
- Membership-
 - Current membership; 80
 - Received a letter of introduction and admin address change from the new NM Relay outreach coordinator;

Abbey Sanchez abbi.sancez@hamiltonrelay.com
2500 Louisiana NE Ste 400
Albuquerque, NM 87110
505.217.4685 fax 505.881.8831
- UNM/CNM collaboration
 - Amanda Retsek and Faith Timm have asked us to collect the dues for the upcoming Open Teaming workshop (Oct 30-31). Cara will deposit the dues in our account then cut one total check to Amanda.

Member at Large- Amanda Montoya

- Facebook-
 - Successfully set up and is monitoring the NMRID Facebook page
 - Would like to put a call out for ideas to start conversation, trying to elicit some sort of chat response from the membership.
 - Julie suggests posting informative things such as stretches, keeping healthy, interpreter friendly fashion advice etc
- Heather suggests adding board members, current member population etc

Cara will post membership on NMRID wall

- Also suggested, posting fundraiser info, workshop info.
- Create events as those dates get closer, "invite" people; one problem with this is that if the event is not actually hosted by NMRID (i.e. a non-NMRID workshop etc) the e-invite will show the event as actually hosted by NMRID. *Solution?* Within the invites title add who is hosting the event (ex; "Open-Process Teaming Presented by; UNM/CNM)

Member at Large- Heather Park

- Project N.A.D.I.N.E. contacted Heather via nmrld gmail with questions concerning a) where there would be a suitable venue here to host a fundraiser show based on life as a CODA, and b) if this community would make enough of a showing to make the efforts worthwhile. The board brainstormed a few such possible places, but isn't sure if attendance would be worth it. *Heather will respond with venue information (NMSD, DCC, VSA)*

Member at Large- Jennie McDonough

- Not Present

IV. Committee Updates

Workshop- Heather Park

- 5/8/10 NMRID Conference
- *There is a call for Spring presenters* (suggestions include Austin Andrews and Carol Patrie)
- A separate sub-committee of WS Committee has been set up; Jim McFarlane has joined
- WeInterpret will be providing lunch
- Currently the workshop committee is looking for other entities to become involved, have approached COPD and Sorenson already... duties even as simple as helping with registration, gathering money etc would be helpful; perhaps UNM practicums?
- *Julie will approach Julia Carris about setting up a silent auction at the spring conference.*

CMP- Shelly Chappell, Amanda Retsek

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

Pro-Action (AKA Licensure) - Report sent by Lisa Dignan, read by Dana Sumrow

- Licensure
- RLD has issued to date; 91 community licenses, 2 educational licenses, 35 provisional licenses
- Tentative date for the next Licensure Board meeting is November 9th, 2009
- Exceptions: Some exceptions have arisen that require the Board to make a determination about granting a license to the applicant. These applicants have applied prior to the deadline (October 19) but won't be issued a license until after the Board meeting. These people *have* met the requirement of applying for their license, thus they should be permitted to continue working until after the next Board meeting. Lisa Dignan will be sending a memo for employers of these applicants with that information.

Fundraising- Report sent by Julia Carris, read by Dana Sumrow & supplemented by Julie Frenzel

- Past Events:
 - The silent auction was a huge success, raising a total of almost \$500.00
- Future Events:
- The committee is also setting up a performance/music/social night to happen sometime this fall. The performance will be by the Blackout Sketch Troupe, with music before and after in the venue. We are in contact with the Q-Staff Theater Space and OpenEye Café to set up using their space for this event. Charge is either drink purchases from the café or a % of the evenings take. The details have yet to be determined.
 - Blackout sketch troupe will be performing sketch comedy as well as a short circus acrobatics finale
 - Musical talent will be a string duo and local band Bellamah
 - Additionally, we will be selling D-PAN (Deaf Professional Arts Network) DVDs *Note* These DVDs will also be sold at any other community events we attend and will be advertised at Deaf-frequented locations (COPD, NMSD etc)
 - *Note* We cannot market these DVDs directly to RID members, however we can market to deaf community, schools, instep, volunteers etc

Scholarship- Report sent by Leah Ekzut, Read by Dana Sumrow

- RID Conference:
 - 3 stipends were awarded to attend the RID conference to; Sara Ware, Tommi Tejada, and Emily Haynes
- NIC Scholarship:
 - The scholarship committee decided to issue one full scholarship to take or retake the NIC exam. The scholarship will be awarded once per calendar year. The initial application was forwarded earlier this month

to Dana for the board to review and suggest revisions.

- Dana will email the application to the board members

Newsletter-

- No report needed/sent by Shyla Brooks

Website-

- Cara and Jennie have both spoken to people in the Deaf community with no success.
- Perhaps Rhi Sykes-Chavez husband? (Gabe Chavez)
- Emily Haynes boyfriend is a web designer, Travis Bone

V. Old Business-

- Minutes from previous meeting- Approved
- Website requests for proposals- Refer to Secretary's report and in Website committee update

- December 12, 2009-Membership meeting planning-
 - Erin will moderate the meeting; Roberts rules

 - Only people attending the meeting will be provided lunch, not those showing up after for the workshop (Note: Dions pizza and salad?)

 - Door prizes- Door prizes during the public board meeting will be given out at the door until 5mins after the meeting starts. The board settled on a total of 5 items, one being a "grand prize". Items such as local massage therapists, restaurant, co-op, Target; *Erin will be responsible for buying gift cards or other appropriate small items with a \$50.00 budget*
 - Tentative agenda for the meeting-
- General board report, not individual
- NIC Scholarship announcement
- Address issue of paying membership dues online; it is now being discussed at a nat'l level
- Amy Seiberlich is resigning her position as Region IV Rep
- Committee reports (done in person by committee chairs)
 - Regional Fundraiser- Refer to Fundraiser committee update

VI. New Business-

- Schedule next meeting- see Old Minutes "December 12, 2009- Membership meeting planning"
- Region IV leadership retreat,-Boulder, CO
 - *Call for messages from the Board to the Region IV leaders*

- *Note* In the past two state reps have attended, however, due to sleeping accommodations they have limited attendance to one rep per state.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm

Julianne Frenzel, NMRID Secretary

MEETING SUMMARY

MOTIONS

NONE

ACTION ITEMS

1. *Open call for rural NMRID reps through list serve?*
2. *Dana will forward her email response about WeInterpret posting on our list serve to the Board.*
3. *Dana will continue to either forward or cc her responses of pertinent emails to the Board for the purposes of keeping everyone on the same page/standardize our responses to the membership.*
4. *General call to the membership for a liason to NMAD?*
5. *Julie will respond to the Rhode Island students request for interpreting entities in New Mexico.*
6. *Cara will post membership on NMRID wall*
7. *Heather will respond to the Project N.A.D.I.N.E inquiry with venue information (NMSD, DCC, VSA)*
8. *Julie will approach Julia Carris about setting up a silent auction at the spring conference.*
9. *Dana will email the NIC scholarship application to the board members.*
10. *Erin will be responsible for buying gift cards or other appropriate small items with a \$50.00 budget*
11. *Call for messages from the Board to the Region IV leaders for Dana to deliver during the Region IV Leadership retreat.*

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