

ISRID Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2005
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order:** The quarterly meeting of the ISRID Board was held on October 7th at Wesley Woods in Indianola. Board members present: President, Mary Brandt (MB); Secretary, Lisa Furney (LF); Treasurer, Sue Tyrrell (ST); Members-at-Large, Cindy Crawford (CC), David Moorman-Rice (DMR) and Ellen Hayes (EH); and Student Representatives, Lura King (LK) from IWCC and Addie Kruse (AK) from SCC. Board member absent: Vice President, Judy Gouldsmith (JG). Visitors present: Peggy Chicoine, Philip Gallant, Laura Lord, Stuart Thiessen, Joe Trelstad, and Steve Young. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda: M2005.24** Approve agenda. [CC/LF/Passed]
- III. Minutes of Previous Meeting: M2005.23** The minutes of the July 30th Board meeting were approved by the Board via e-mail vote after corrections were made. The minutes were posted on the web site as of September 7, 2005. [JG/DMR/Passed]
- IV. Reports of Officers:**
- A) President: MB submitted a written report.
 - B) Vice-President: JG submitted a written report.
 - C) Secretary: LF submitted a written report.
 - D) Treasurer: ST submitted a written report detailing transactions from January through October. Directories are not done yet due to some incorrect data on file. She hopes to have the corrections made and sent out soon. We have approximately 85 members at this time.
 - E) Members-at-Large:
 - 1) DMR submitted a written report.
 - 2) EH submitted a written report.
 - 3) CC submitted a written report.
- V. Committee Reports:**
- A) Professional Development Committee:
 - 1) Fall Conference 2005/Silent Weekend Update: MB was pleased that several new people were going to be attending the fall conference. All available slots are filled and even had a waiting list. She commended all who have worked on the silent weekend, especially since we had a small group working on it. We are excited about the deaf storytelling event scheduled for Saturday night.
 - 2) Spring Conference 2006: This conference will be held in Council Bluffs the *first* weekend in April, so as not to conflict with Palm Sunday the next weekend. It will have dual track workshops, one being for educational interpreters.
 - B) Publicity Committee:
 - 1) Website Update: Two bids have been submitted for a new webmaster.

2) Newsletter Update: The webmaster bids also include doing our newsletter. Articles should be submitted to LF by November 1, 2005.

- C) Mentoring: MB had a meeting with Kathryn Baumann-Reese and David Jones to discuss what to do with the \$6500 we are actually getting for mentoring rather than the amount we'd hoped for. \$5000 is from JCCC, and \$1500 is from IAD. MB will be asking ISRID to donate some funds as well to start a pilot program with just a few people to start with. If the pilot program shows positive results by next August, then DSCI can draft legislation to request more funding in the future. MB said \$4700 more is needed. This is an investment in the Deaf community as well as in the interpreting profession. Information will be sent to all those who hold a license and the ITPs.

VI. Break — No break was taken in the interest of finishing the meeting early.

VII. Old Business:

- A) Licensure Board Update — No meeting has been held since our last board meeting. CEUs and disciplinary action will be discussed at the next meeting.
- B) Certification Descriptions for Website — MB commended DMR on his work. The descriptions are clear and to the point, with excellent delineation of licensure vs. certification. These have not been placed on our site as of yet but will be as soon as we have a new webmaster.
- C) Advertising Rates for Website, Newsletter, and Vendor Tables – This is being put into practice. There are two vendor tables for this conference.

VIII. New Business:

- A) Region IV Update – MB announced the Region IV came up with enough money to invite a second board member along to the retreat in November. MB has chosen LF to attend with her because of her service on the board for many years and in various capacities. Room and board will be paid, but travel is not. At the last meeting, we approved to pay MB's travel expenses, which amounted to approximately \$375. **M2005.25** That ISRID agree to pay airfare and other travel expenses for LF to attend the Region IV Retreat in Colorado the 1st weekend in November. [DMR/CC/3 support/2 abstain/Passed]
- B) Website Bids – Two bids were submitted to be the new webmaster for ISRID by Jason Thomas and Stuart Thiessen. Both are capable of having a secure portion on the site and both included putting together the quarterly newsletter as well. J. Thomas provided a trial site for the board to view. His bid was \$737.63 for one year and included: building a new site, monthly maintenance, and the newsletter. S. Thiessen provided three sites of his current work to view. His bid also included the aforementioned services and was for the amount of \$1860 for the year. **M2005.26** That we table the website discussion until all board members have time to view current websites for both bids, and that we will decide via email on a new webmaster in one week's time. [DMR/CC/Passed] *After much discussion via email, we made a decision about a new webmaster. **M2005.27** That we accept Jason Thomas' bid for the website and newsletter contract. [EH/DMR/passed] ISRID very much wants to support Deaf-owned businesses,

but with mentoring as an important project in the near future, we felt the need to go with the lower of the two bids. JG will be working on the contract details, and LF will continue as website liaison.

IX. Public Comment/Information/Announcements:

*P. Chicoine was in attendance representing Mercy Hospital to talk about the grant they have received from Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI). J. Trelstad has been hired as a part-time staff interpreter at Mercy. P. Gallant has also been hired as the Cultural Advocacy Health Services Coordinator. His focus will be on advocacy through the hospital and clinic via meetings with the staff, presentations about Deaf culture, and teaching a sign language class. Mercy will have a six-part series of medical vocabulary workshops offering CEUs. For now, the workshops will be free, as they are provided with grant money. The first in the series will be held Nov. 18th on cardiac terminology and will involve a nurse educator and two ASL coaches who are deaf. Mercy is also offering an educational series to the Deaf community on various health issues. The session on Nov. 8th will be about organ donation. Future topics will include Parkinson's disease, cancer, depression, diabetes, and heart disease. These classes are held Tuesdays from 7 – 9 p.m.

*P. Chicoine was also requesting a mailing list of all ISRID members so that Mercy could mail them this information as well. If Mercy would provide the flyer via email, MB offered to send out the flyer to the membership as the organization wishes to keep the membership list confidential. We would also send out hard copies to those members without email. CC also recommended mailing the information to all those on the licensure list. That is public information and could be used for a mailing.

*The Mercy Steering Committee had its first meeting and came up with a vision of what health care access for the Deaf and hard of hearing community would look like and what a healthy community in general would look like. The next meeting will involve more homework and responsibilities with those ideas being put into action. David Jones is still compiling the minutes from the meeting and those will be sent out in November.

*The CHI grant requires that Mercy offer a conference in the fall of 2006. It has to relate to 'health' but it can be in a broader sense, not just strictly a medical workshop. Mercy would like to collaborate with ISRID for this conference. This conference may also include the verbal language interpreters with Iowa Interpreter Translation Association (IITA). We had a general consensus to work with Mercy on this. MB will appoint someone to attend the planning meetings for this conference.

X. Adjournment

Board meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Lisa Furney, CT