

ISRID Annual Membership Meeting

October 8, 2005 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wesley Woods - Indianola, Iowa

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** The annual business meeting was called to order by President Mary Brandt at 6:07 p.m. October 8, 2005. Officers present were President Mary Brandt (MB), Secretary Lisa Furney (LF), Members-at-Large Cindy Crawford (CC), Ellen Hayes (EH), and David Moorman-Rice (DMR). Officers absent were Vice President Judy Gouldsmith (JG) and Treasurer Sue Tyrrell (ST). LF determined quorum of 14 voting members was present. Members present were Linda Diehl-Callaway, Karlene Kischer-Browne, Kim Kischer-Larson, Joy Milligan, Theresa Seiler, Linda Thiessen, Audrae Wear, Carrie Wood and Steve Young. Numerous associate & student members and guests were also present.
- II. **Approve Agenda M.2005.1** To approve agenda with corrections and addition of Item D. under New Business "Motion pertaining to CEU's and workshops". [D. Moorman-Rice/C. Crawford/Passed]
- III. **Approval of Minutes M.2005.2** To approve minutes as written. [K. Kischer-Browne/L. Diehl-Callaway/Passed].
- IV. **A. President's Report** MB provided written report on activities. She asked that we correct the date in her report to read "October 2005". When asked about the response from the 170 recruitment letters sent out, MB said eight people had joined. Accepted and placed on file.
B. Vice President's Report JG provided written report. Accepted and placed on file.
C. Secretary's Report LF provided written report. Accepted and placed on file.
D. Treasurer's Report ST provided written report. Members-at-large Cindy Crawford and David Moorman-Rice audited the books and found them to be in order. Accepted and placed on file.
E. Members-at-Large Reports CC, EH and DMR provided written reports. CC added that she attended a meeting with Marsha Gunderson regarding educational interpreters. MB also commended CC on her planning of the Silent Weekend. It was an overwhelming task and involved lots of work. K. Kischer-Larson thanked DMR for his service on the Licensure Board. EH highlighted her work on the Mercy Steering Committee and on the PDC. She encouraged others to get involved.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Professional Development: K. Kischer-Larson provided a written report on activities of the committee. Accepted and placed on file. After the previous co-chair stepped down, C. Crawford spearheaded the planning for this Fall Conference/Silent Weekend. The spring conference 2006 will be March 31 & April 1 in Council Bluffs. The PDC has confirmed two presenters from Boys Town, Frances Beurivage and Danielle Darnell. Since they are local presenters, no cost for airfare will be incurred. The focus will be on EIPA scores, educational interpreters, and discourse mapping. No financial report was provided. The new co-chair of the PDC is Jennifer Taylor.
 - B. Finance: MB reported that there is no committee; however individuals are involved with the Younkers fundraiser this fall.
 - C. Publicity: L. Lord was in charge of the brochures for this conference and worked with the vendor tables as well. The board is entertaining two bids that were submitted for the website/newsletter.
 - D. Nominations: All three MAL Officers were appointed to handle the call for nominations and elections of Executive Officers.

- E. Legislative: No committee.
- F. Hospitality: No committee, but the Secretary has sent cards to members for various things.

VI. **Break** No break was taken in the interest of time.

VII. **Old Business**

- A. State Licensure – The fees will increase for both temporary and permanent licenses. A new electronic database will take effect in 2007. The next licensure board meeting will take place the week of Thanksgiving. Please come and share your concerns. Comments may be shared in-person during public comment time or via email if you cannot attend the meetings. Letters can be sent from individuals, but group letters are not accepted, unless they are from an organization. Maintaining the required 4.0 CEU's will not take affect until 2007. As licensure is in effect now, interpreters working without a license should be reported to the board.
- B. Dues Structure – This has been implemented. On our latest membership applications, members can join for one, two, or three years.
- C. Iowa Mentoring Partnership – We still have a lofty goal of 100 mentors but the money isn't there yet. Organizations want evidence of mentoring success rates before they will support funding or award grants for the program. A pilot program will be launched with a small group of people to get tangible results. If this is successful, then we can approach the legislature to obtain funding. Approximately \$15,000 is needed for the pilot project. So far we have \$5000 from the Region IV grant coming out of Johnson County Community College and \$1500 gifted from Iowa Association of the Deaf. We would like to see our own organization step forward to support this program as well with a gift of \$5000. The pilot project would consist of a ten-week intensive program for ten people. It would be very structured with controlled variables. The timeline for the training would be early next year or possibly spring.

M.2005.3 To extend the annual meeting of the membership until 7:30 p.m. [L. Thiessen/K. Kischer-Browne/Passed]

VIII. **New Business**

- A. Elections for Members-at-Large – M.2005.4 To accept by acclamation these three candidates since they are running unopposed and none have been nominated from the floor. [J. Milligan/L. Diehl-Callway/Passed]
*Voting results: Cindy Crawford, Ellen Hayes, and David Moorman-Rice are the Members-at-Large.
- B. Region IV Update – MB and LF will be attending the Presidents Retreat in Estes Park, CO, this November. The Region IV Conference will be held August 2006 in Bozeman, MT.
- C. National RID Update – The Code of Ethics has been revised to the new Code of Professional Conduct. All interpreters should familiarize themselves with the changes in this document.
- D. Motion pertaining to CEU's and workshops – M.2005.5 To discontinue the practice of offering a minimum of one full CEU at ISRID spring and fall conferences.

Rationale: ISRID has been offering ten hours of CEU's for both spring and fall conferences for a few years now. This has increased costs and placed a heavy burden on the PDC. It doesn't serve our educational interpreters from various parts of the state very well when they can't attend the full workshop, as well as members who are not able to spend an entire weekend at a workshop. Previously ISRID had been the lone entity providing continuing education training for interpreters in our state. In recent years, other organizations have been offering workshops all over the state. This has been a benefit overall, but it has probably led to some decrease in attendance at the ISRID conferences. Scheduling board meetings (and membership meetings) in and around the 10 hours of workshop is very difficult. ISRID would like to entertain the idea of having several smaller workshops throughout the year to meet the needs of our diverse membership. Requiring one full CEU per conference makes this option virtually impossible. [L. Furney/C. Crawford/Passed as amended]

A.2005.1 Move to amend motion to include “but with the continued goal of offering 2.0 CEU’s per year.”

Discussion: This was taken as a friendly amendment. ISRID could co-host conferences with other organizations and expand the opportunities for interpreters. Some were against it because they wanted to encourage other groups to host workshops as well. [T. Seiler/J. Milligan/Passed]

IX. Public Comment / Information & Announcements

The board asked everyone to stay for the evening’s entertainment of ASL Storytelling.

X. Adjournment

The annual business meeting of the Membership adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Lisa Furney, CT
Secretary