

**ISRID Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 31, 2006**  
**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order:** The quarterly meeting of the ISRID Board was held on March 31<sup>st</sup> in Council Bluffs. Board members present: President, Mary Brandt (MB); Vice President, Judy Gouldsmith (JG); Secretary, Lisa Furney (LF); Treasurer, Sue Tyrrell (ST); Members-at-Large, David Moorman-Rice (DMR) and Audrae Wear (AW); Student Representative, Lura King from IWCC. Board members absent: Member at Large, Ellen Hayes. Visitors present: Cindy Birkenholtz, Christine Elgin, Caryn Gray, Laura Lord, Sarah Opiol, Karen Potter-Maxwell, Jennifer Taylor, and Steve Young. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda: M2006.5** Approve agenda. [DMR/AW/Passed]

**III. Minutes of Previous Meeting: M2006.4** The minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were approved by the Board via e-mail vote after corrections were made. [JG/ST/Passed] (Copies of minutes were provided at this meeting since the website is in transition.)

**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.
- E) Members-at-Large:
  - 1) EH submitted a written report.
  - 2) DMR submitted a written report.
  - 3) AW submitted a written report.

**V. Committee Reports:**

- A) Professional Development Committee:
  - 1) Spring Conference 2006: J. Taylor gave us a summation of preparations for the weekend. L. Lord, K. Potter-Maxwell, and C. Elgin were preparing the packets, working the registration table and having refreshments ready. The interpreters for the conference have been contracted on contingency basis.
    - (a) K. Kischer-Larson hopes to meet with the PDC members sometime Saturday to discuss possible topics and presenters for the fall conference. The possibility of using local talent and having several mini workshops was proposed again.
    - (b) Spring of 2007 – J. Taylor has been meeting with David Jones from Mercy to work on the preliminary stages of this joint conference for both spoken and signed language interpreters. They are also working with Michael Piper of IITA (Iowa Interpreters and Translators Association). This conference will be held at Mercy's new conference center in Des Moines. The topics will be related to medical interpreting but will be quite diverse and varied from our last medical workshop (spring 2005).

B) Publicity Committee:

- 1) Website Update: The board is continuing to work through the website transition time. We are looking to hire Stuart Thiessen to take over as webmaster and host our newsletter as well. **M2006.6** That we accept Stuart's contract for one year as written. [AW/JG/Passed]

C) Mentoring: Mentor/mentee training was held on March 10-12. We had hoped to run the pilot program in April and May, but at this time, there are not enough mentees to move forward. MB will be recruiting people with EIPA scores of 2.0 – 3.0 for future trainings and then mentoring. Kathryn Baumann-Reese is revising the program structure after seeing the needs of interpreters who attended the initial training. There is no public list of educational interpreters. MB is contacting interpreters through Marsha Gunderson and also contacting schools directly. The goal of the pilot program is still to show that mentoring is successful and thus apply for grants and gain legislative support.

**VI. Break** — A five minute break was taken.

**VII. Old Business:**

A) Licensure Board Update—The last board meeting was taken up with a hearing the entire time, so there is not much new to report. JG recommended that people contact their legislators, because as it stands now the name of the board is offensive to deaf people. It is currently called the Iowa Board of Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired Examiners. The suggested new name would be: Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators. Please consider writing a letter to your senator and representative regarding this matter.

B) New Membership Cards – ST showed off the new cards that have a membership ID number and are laminated! We hope to utilize the ID number with our website to access future newsletters.

**VIII. New Business:**

A) Region IV Conference – The next Region IV conference will be held August 2-6 in Bozeman, MT. You can register online at [www.ridregionIV.org](http://www.ridregionIV.org). The conference committee has asked each state chapter for a donation. **M2006.7** That we offer \$250 to the Region IV conference in Bozeman, MT. [DMR/ST/Passed] There may be other items that can be donated, so MB will check with the conference committee chairperson to see what all they need.

B) ISRID Logo – The organization has had the same logo for quite some time now. **M2006.8** That we change the current ISRID logo to something more contemporary and open it up to the membership. [DMR/AW/Failed as amended] **A2006.1** Move to amend motion to include the phrase “with a monetary prize of \$100”. [DMR/ST/Passed] After further discussion it was decided that opening this up to just the membership was too limiting. **M2006.9** That we open up a contest to revise the ISRID logo with a monetary prize of \$100.

[DMR/JG/Passed] This task has been designated to the Publicity Committee. S. Young offered to help as well.

- C) By-Laws Committee – MB would like the board to review the current by-laws and see what changes, additions, and deletions we would like to see. Please send all suggestions to her by May 1<sup>st</sup>. She will compile our suggestions prior to asking a committee to work on this.
  - D) Other – L. Lord asked the board to consider establishing a scholarship fund for people who need financial assistance to come to workshops. It could be another perk of membership that people might be eligible for this sort of assistance.
- IX. Public Comment/Information/Announcements:** S. Young announced that Keith Wann, nationally known CODA comedian, will be coming to DMACC for two performances on April 12<sup>th</sup> (at Ankeny campus in the afternoon and Urban campus that evening).
- X. Adjournment**  
Board meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Lisa Furney, CT