

ISRID Board Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2006
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the ISRID Board was held on October 6th at the Heartland AEA in Ames, IA. Board members present: President, Mary Brandt (MB); Secretary, Lisa Furney (LF); Treasurer, Sue Tyrrell (ST) – via phone; Members-at-Large, Ellen Hayes (EH) and Audrae Wear (AW). Board members absent: Vice President, Judy Gouldsmith (JG) and Member at Large, David Moorman-Rice (DMR). Visitors present: Susan Beck, Peggy Chicoine, Deanna Heit, Kim Kischer-Larson, Laura Lord, Darlene Lounsbury, Beth Miller, Joe Trelstad, and Scottie Van Iseghem. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda: M2006.14 Approve agenda. [EH/AW/Passed]

III. Minutes of Previous Meeting: M2006.13 The minutes of the July 14th Board meeting were approved by the Board via e-mail vote after corrections were made. [EH/ST/5 in support/1 abstain/Passed]

IV. Reports of Officers:

- A) President: MB submitted a written report. She highlighted her tour of the new, state-of-the-art conference facility at Mercy. More than sixty people have responded to the call for presenters for the spring conference.
- B) Vice-President: JG submitted a written report.
- C) Secretary: LF submitted a written report.
- D) Treasurer: ST submitted a written report. She noted that all registration and membership monies have been deposited. Just a few bills will be left to pay after the conference, and our website has been paid up through November. Currently we have 106 members.
- E) Members-at-Large:
 - 1) EH submitted a written report. She added that she attended the mentor training, wrote an article for the newsletter, and has attended Licensure Board meetings.
 - 2) DMR submitted a written report.
 - 3) AW submitted a written report. She highlighted the mentee training she attended, working on the website forums, and speaking about ISRID at the QUAD city interpreter meeting last month. (They are an active group, meeting every third Saturday of the month.)

V. Committee Reports:

- A) Professional Development Committee:
 - 1) Fall Conference 2006: No reports in hand from the PDC. Seventy-five people have registered for the conference. The seating was rearranged to allow for more people. We are looking forward to the Friday night sessions and mini workshops by local presenters on Saturday.
 - 2) Spring Conference 2007: This will be held in conjunction with IITA, DSCI,

and Mercy Medical Center at Mercy's new conference center.

(i) Wellmark Grant – We are thrilled to announce that ISRID has been awarded a \$5000 grant in connection with the spring conference!

B) Publicity Committee:

1) Website Update: Our new website will be unveiled this evening, with Philip Gallant showing how to navigate the site and what tools are available so far. The forum topics have been chosen. Stuart will create passwords for all members so they can access the forums. The next newsletter deadline will be November 1st. Stuart subcontracted out the last issue, but we had some issues arise. MB will talk to him about that.

2) Pens/Notepads: LF noted that the fundraising idea for last fall was to sell pens and notepads with our logo and website on them, but we have since changed the web address and our logo will change too. It's confusing to advertise our new website and then have the wrong information on the notepads. S. Van Iseghem suggested we donate them. **M2006.15** To donate the notepads to a school for art supplies. [AW/EH/Passed]

C) Mentoring: The spring training had very low attendance, with about eight or nine more applications at this time. What was conceptualized changed drastically once the training took place. It seems that one-on-one training is more beneficial. MB will meet with David Jones and Kathryn Baumann-Reese again to see what money is available. One of the forums on the website will be a mentor/mentee store. People who have gone through the mentor training can list their credentials online and then mentees can "shop" for a mentor. We would post a disclaimer saying that it's not ISRID's responsibility to verify someone's certification status. We hope this will get people connected and then relationships can happen on their own.

VI. Break — No break was taken.

VII. Old Business:

A) Licensure Board Update— Carissa Huffman and Pierce Wilson will be on hand this evening to answer questions about licensure. This will be a great opportunity for members to ask questions and get accurate information directly from the administrator and the board chair.

B) ISRID Logo – Eight logos have been submitted. They will be displayed and people can vote throughout the weekend. Members will vote by writing their membership number and choice of logo on a card. Submissions came from students, ISRID members, etc. The vote will be tabulated during the membership meeting and the winner will be announced.

VIII. New Business:

A) Region IV Retreat – The retreat that MB and LF attended last year is being offered again this November. The same presenter, Amie Seiberlich, is being used again. MB is not able to attend this year, so we discussed if we should send someone else. The organization paid for airfare and incidentals for the attendees last year. **M2006.16** That we support two members of the board to attend the

Region IV President's Retreat in Colorado Springs this November.

[LF/EH/Passed as amended]

A2006.1 Move to amend the motion to include "and that MB will choose the board members who attend." [EH/AW/Passed]

- B) RID National Update on EIPA Decision – The RID board has granted certified member status to EIPA-evaluated interpreters (level 4.0 or higher). There is some opposition to this decision, that it was approved by the board and not the membership. Read your VIEWS or visit www.rid.org for more information.
- C) PayPal for Website – Stuart's nonprofit organization is looking into this for use on their website and possibly on ours. He will let us know what the responsibilities and liabilities would be for that. We would like to have an online registration form for the spring conference.
- D) Other – EH wanted to discuss the possibility of committee chair term limits. Even though we have term limits for board positions, there are none for committee chairs. Nothing is stated in the by-laws either. It would encourage more people to get involved if there is more turn-around in committee leadership and also would prevent burnout. The committee chair could choose to work on a different committee at the end of his/her term or continue on as a committee member with the same group. Another beneficial item, for the PDC especially, would be a committee handbook. Then all the procedures, forms and task descriptions would be available for any chairperson who comes in. EH and D. Heit will take on task of creating a committee handbook. They hope to have a rough draft for the board to review at the January meeting.

IX. Public Comment/Information/Announcements:

- A) Committee Sign Up – MB couldn't recall why this was on the agenda.
- B) Find an Interpreter Form – This would be a possibility for the website. Interpreters could fill out a form with their credentials and then be placed in a database for the public to search.
- C) Mentor/Mentee Store – This was talked about under Mentoring. See above.
*MB shared the note she got from Addie Kruse, our SCC Student Representative, who manned the ISRID booth at the IAD anniversary weekend. Addie was thankful for the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people and is glad to be part of this wonderful organization.

X. Adjournment

Board meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Lisa Furney, CT