

ISRID Annual Membership Meeting

October 7, 2006 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Heartland AEA - Ames, Iowa

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** The annual business meeting was called to order by President Mary Brandt at 5:16 p.m. October 7, 2006. Officers present were President Mary Brandt (MB), Secretary Lisa Furney (LF), Treasurer Sue Tyrrell (ST), Members-at-Large Ellen Hayes (EH) and Audrae Wear (AW). Officers absent were Vice President Judy Gouldsmith (JG) and Member at Large David Moorman-Rice (DMR). Quorum of 12 voting members present was determined. Members present were Kathryn Baumann-Reese, Susan Beck, Peggy Chicoine, Carissa Huffman, Karlene Kischer-Browne, Laura Lord, Martha McAntire, Joy Milligan, Kelly Neppl, Theresa Seiler, Joe Trelstad and Scottie Van Iseghem. Numerous associate & student members and guests were also present.
- II. **Approve Agenda M.2006.1** To approve agenda. [K. Kischer-Browne/C. Huffman//Passed]
- III. **Approval of Minutes** With no corrections to the minutes, they stand approved as written.
- IV.
 - A. **President's Report** MB provided written report on activities. She commented on the mentor/mentee training that happened last March and the excitement over receiving the Wellmark grant for our spring conference. Accepted and placed on file.
 - B. **Vice President's Report** JG provided written report. Accepted and placed on file. JG's term as Vice President ends this evening. We wish Judy could have attended this weekend so we could show her our appreciation for her many years of service on the ISRID board in various positions.
 - C. **Secretary's Report** LF provided written report. Accepted and placed on file.
 - D. **Treasurer's Report** ST provided written report. The current balance of the ISRID account is \$18,707. Most expenses for this weekend have not been paid yet. Registration monies from the mentor/mentee workshop have been delegated for mentoring use. Accepted and placed on file.
 - E. **Members-at-Large Reports** EH, DMR, and AW provided written reports. EH added that she attended licensure board meetings and the mentor training. AW highlighted the EIPA summer skills camp she attended and volunteering to interpret for the membership meeting last fall.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Professional Development: K. Kischer-Larson provided a written report on activities of the committee. Accepted and placed on file. There were 86 total participants for this fall conference (75 pre-registered and 11 at the door). Spring conference will be held March 30 & 31, 2007 at Mercy Medical Center with a focus on health care interpreting. Further information will be posted on the website as soon as it becomes available. No financial report was provided.
 - B. Finance: AW has agreed to get the fundraising committee up and going again. She will research the possibility of selling ID badges at the spring conference.
 - C. Publicity: The unveiling of our new website last night was very exciting. We hope to have forums up and going soon where members will be able to post comments like a chat room on various topics. A password will be required to enter and post items. The next newsletter will be sent out November 15, with articles due by November 1st. We are lacking contributors and articles from our members. S. Van Iseghem and C. Huffman volunteered to write articles.
 - D. Nominations: MB thanked EH and AW (and DMR) for their work on nominations.
 - E. Legislative: No committee.
 - F. Hospitality: No committee.
- VI. **Break** A five minute break was taken.

VII. Old Business

- A. State Licensure – Most questions were answered at the Friday night session with Pierce Wilson and Carissa Huffman. A member asked that updates be printed in each newsletter but members of the Licensure Board are reluctant to do so because of liability.
- B. Iowa Mentoring Partnership – Mentor/mentee training was held in the spring, but currently there are not enough people to continue with the pilot program. We still have money set aside that can be used for additional trainings that could be held all over the state.

VIII. New Business

- A. Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer – Members at Large EH and AW took the floor to open official elections. One nomination was presented for President: Mary Brandt. Nominations opened to the floor. None were received. M.2006.2 To accept Mary Brandt as President by acclamation. [T. Seiler/P. Chicione/Passed]
*Voting results: Mary Brandt is President.
Two nominations for Vice President were presented: Lisa Furney and David Moorman-Rice. LF spoke on her own behalf while someone spoke for DMR. Nominations opened to the floor. No more were received.
*Voting results: Lisa Furney is Vice President.
One nomination for Treasurer was presented: Laura Lord. She declined. Nominations opened to the floor. Peggy Chicoine was nominated and accepted. Joe Trelstad was nominated but declined. M.2006.3 To accept Peggy Chicoine as Treasurer by acclamation. [K. Nepp/K. Kischer-Browne/Passed]
*Voting results: Peggy Chicoine is Treasurer.
One nomination for Secretary was presented: Laura Lord. Nominations opened to the floor. None were received. M2006.4 To accept Laura Lord as Secretary by acclamation. [C. Huffman/S. Van Iseghem/Passed]
*Voting results: Laura Lord is Secretary.
MB thanked ST for her two years of service as Treasurer and LF for her two years as Secretary.
- B. Motion to Establish Membership Coordinator Position – M2006.5 That the ISRID establish a position of Membership Coordinator. The membership coordinator's job responsibilities would include: 1. Maintaining an up-to-date and accurate database of all current members and previous members of ISRID. 2. Making said database available for membership mailings, post and e-mail. 3. Managing membership renewals as well as new membership applications and issuing members numbers, membership cards and website usernames and passwords. 4. Any other tasks as assigned by the President. The membership coordinator will be an elected position and will have voting rights as a member of the board. [M. Brandt/L. Furney/Passed] MB will appoint a member of the board to fulfill this position.
Rationale: The treasurer's job is already doing these tasks *plus* budgetary items. This would alleviate some of that work load by sharing it with another board member position. This would create a liquid database to easily contact current and previous members.
Discussion: EH was designated to run the meeting during this time since MB was the maker of the motion and cannot run the meeting and participate in the discussion simultaneously. It was discussed whether this could be done by a committee or a board member, but it was decided that a "committee" would change the intent of the motion. But in general most members agreed that it would be beneficial to share the duties of the treasurer with another board position.
M2006.6 To extend the annual meeting of the membership until 7pm. [L. Lord/C. Huffman/Passed]
- C. Motion to Update Newsletter to Electronic Format – M2006.7 That the ISRID newsletter be changed to electronic format and cease to be in paper form unless specifically requested by a member who has no access to the electronic format. [E. Hayes/A. Wear/Passed as Amended]
Rationale: A paper newsletter requires printing, folding, stapling/taping and mailing. These costs are unnecessary especially since we have the capability of attaching our newsletter to our newly

developed website. The cost for transforming our website is significant and we should utilize it to the fullest extent. It is very common, in today's technological world, to receive an email from an entity advising that the newsletter is now available and a link is given. We have the potential of doing this very same thing with our membership email list, and the cost is nothing more than the time it takes to type the newsletter, which we do anyway.

Discussion: Members wanted to know if the newsletter could be printed from the website once linked there. Yes, that is possible. And if members don't have email access, then they can request a hard copy be mailed to them. The newsletter would be viewed on the members' only portion of the website.

A2006.1 Move to amend the motion to include "and be sent as an attachment on email if possible."
[T. Seiler/C. Huffman/Passed]

Discussion: T. Seiler suggested investigating the possibility of sending the newsletter as an attachment to an email.

- D. Logo Contest – Members voted throughout the weekend on the various logos submitted. The submission that received the most votes was from Valerie Van Ee, a daughter of one of our members. She won \$100 for her submission.
- E. Region IV Update – The Region IV Leadership Retreat will be held again in Colorado, the first weekend of November. The board decided to send one or two members again this year. It will probably be AW and DMR.
- F. National RID Update – The RID board has accepted the EIPA as certified member status for CMP certification, although some members are opposed to this. Please watch your RID VIEWS for further updates.

IX. Public Comment / Information & Announcements

Last year MB presented Region IV pins to two people (K. Kischer-Larson and L. Furney) who had mentored her along the way. This year she chose K. Baumann-Reese.

X. Adjournment

The annual business meeting of the Membership adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Lisa Furney, CT
Secretary