



**ISRID Annual Membership Meeting  
October 13, 2007  
5:15 p.m.  
Best Western in Des Moines, IA**

**Minutes**

- I. **Call to Order:** ISRID's annual Membership meeting was held at the ISRID 2007 Fall Conference in Des Moines, IA. Board members present were: President, Mary Brandt (MB); Vice President, Lisa Furney (LF); Secretary, Laura Lord (LL); Treasurer, Sue Tyrrell (ST); Member at Large, Jeff Reese (JR) and Member at Large, Audrae Wear (AW). Voting members present were: Susan Beck, Cheryl Drummond, Angie McGrath, Darlene Lounsberry, Bobbie Bickford, Marsha Gunderson, Amber Tucker, Deanna Heit, Carrie Wood, Carolyn Cool, Karlene Kischer-Browne, Linda Thiessen, Steve Young, Jessica Sadler, Joe Tresltad and Theresa Seiler. Kathryn Bauman-Reese, also a voting member was in attendance and acting as parliamentarian. ***Quorum has been established.*** Associate members present were: Jessica Sadler and Jim Halishak. Special guest, Glennace Humphry, Region IV representative was also in attendance. Interpreters were: Christine Lafinhan & Bill Ainsley. The meeting was called to order at 5:39 pm.
- II. **Approve Agenda:** **M2007.1** The agenda was approved with the change of moving "Mentoring" from old business to new business, right before "President's Pin". [Marsha Gunderson/Susan Beck/Passed unanimously] (10/13/07)
- III. **Minutes Approved:** **M2007.2** The minutes from the October 7, 2006 Membership meeting were approved as written. [Amber Tucker/Cheryl Drummond/Passed unanimously] (10/13/07)
- IV. **Board Reports:**
  - a. *President:* MB submitted a written report.
  - b. *Vice President:* LF submitted a written report.
  - c. *Secretary:* LL submitted a written report
  - d. *Treasurer:* ST submitted a written report
  - e. *Members-At-Large:*

1. EH submitted a written report
2. AW submitted a written report.

#### V. Committee Reports:

- a. MB submitted the Committee Review Group report for membership consideration.
- b. *Professional Development*: No written report was submitted. Kim Kischer-Larson announced that the co-chair, Jennifer Taylor, can no longer serve on the committee so they will be searching for a new co-chair. The committee and board thank her for her service. Also, there was a request made for a lower student rate to the conferences. The PDC would like to look into having a scholarship fund set up for members to apply for financial assistance to the workshops. Donations could be made from members or other organizations.
- c. *Publicity*: No report at this time
- d. *Finance*: No report at this time. Sue Tyrrell has volunteered to work on this committee.
- e. *Hospitality*: No report at this time
- f. *Legislative*: No report at this time. Jennifer Taylor has volunteered to work on this committee.
- g. *Nominations*: MB has appointed Deanna Heit and Amber Tucker to facilitate the election process this year.

#### VI. Old Business:

- a. None at this time.

#### VII. New Business

- a. *Elections*: 4 positions are open for elections. 3 Member-At-Large positions to serve for 2 years and 1 Treasurer position to finish out the term for 1 year. EH has served 2 terms as MAL and can not be considered for this position. JR and AW have been nominated. Theresa Seiler, Joe Trelstad and Carrie Wood have also been nominated from the floor. Theresa declines the nomination at this time but Joe and Carrie accept. Joe has been a member of ISRID for 10 years. He currently lives in Des Moines and has served on the PDC. He happy to lend his talents wherever needed. Carrie is a long time ISRID member as well. Currently lives in Ames and also has been involved in the PDC. Jeff also lives in Des Moines, ISRID member for 18 years and currently serves as MAL and Membership Coordinator. Audrae is a 5 year ISRID member, currently serves as MAL and is active with the Iowa Mentoring Partnership. Votes are taken with the following results: ***Jeff Reese, Joe Trelstad and Amber Tucker are the MAL for the next term. Jeff will continue to serve as Membership Coordinator.*** The treasurer position is also open at this time. ST has been serving in this capacity in the interim. EH has been nominated. Carrie Wood accepted a nomination from the floor. Votes are taken with the following results: ***Carrie Wood is the treasurer for the remaining term.*** Thank you to Amber Tucker and Deanna Heit for facilitating the ballot process.

- b. *Motion to increase dues – M2007.3* It is moved that the dues for membership increase by \$5 per year for all memberships. EH reported via written note that surrounding states have charged more for membership than Iowa for a long time. The Iowa chapter works hard to provide mentoring, workshops, newsletters, information via the website and support its members. The increase is over one year and amounts to \$.41 per month. Amber Tucker voiced concerns about the ever increasing cost of doing business and the strain such a decision could be for ITP students. JR announced that currently we need at least 96 members to cover the costs of the website alone. We currently pay \$116/month for the website. MB explained that the benefits of membership outweigh the costs. A member receives all the benefits listed by EH. Investments must be made in any career. Some money has been earmarked for mentoring but it can not cover the costs of what is needed. It was noted that there are currently 300 interpreters licensed in the state but only 125 members. Efforts need to be made to recruit those people. Carolyn Cool and Kathryn Bauman Reese both voice support of the motion. [Ellen Hayes/Lisa Furney/passed]
- c. *RID Region IV* – Glennace presented that RIV will be having a retreat for the leadership of each chapter. The invitation is generally for the acting President or other Board member. MB and LF attended in 2005. Board members were lined up to attend in 2006 but conflicts occurred at the last minute and Iowa was not represented at the retreat. The next retreat is the end of November 2007. Currently there are no Board members that can attend. At the last Board meeting it was approved to select 1-2 members to represent Iowa at the retreat. The Board will pay for travel while RIV pays for accommodations. The purpose of the retreat is to establish collaboration between states, strengthen the region and provide networking opportunities. Steve Young, Amber Tucker, Sue Tyrrell and Joe Trelstad offered to check their schedules and attend if possible. Sue was the only member able to go and the Board sent her to the retreat.
- d. *RID National* – Glennace Humphry announced that the RID Views has changed its look. There are current delays in announcing who is newly certified and CEU transcripts. This is due to national implementing a new database for reporting. Glennace continues to get the information for RIV and sends congratulatory notes. It is requested that members please be patient when looking for CEUs to show on your transcripts. Kathryn Bauman-Reese stated that the new system was great for sponsors to submit CEUs. If a member has any problems with CEUs sponsored by DSCI, they can contact Kathryn.
- e. *Mentoring* – MB stated that the Iowa Mentoring Partnership (IMP), represented by ISRID, DSCI, the Department of Education, and three ITP programs, is in full swing. Materials were given to the Fall Conference attendees regarding upcoming workshops and calls for presenters. In 2005, ISRID, DSCI and Mercy Hospital Des Moines received funding for mentoring. The first mentor training occurred in March 2006. Mentor

training was for any interpreter licensed by examination or Deaf. 2 days were spent training on philosophy. Mentee training was open to anyone. 1 day was spent learning how to prepare for the experience. There was one final day when both groups were brought together and given the opportunity to practice what they had learned. The goal was to establish a mentoring program in Iowa but we were not able to get the numbers needed. The IMP would like to offer workshops monthly when the EIPA is not being offered. They are also looking at Nebraska's mentoring program as model for developing Iowa's. ISRID's Spring Conference 2008 will be focused on mentor/mentee training. Attendees do not have to have attended the 2006 training nor do the mentees have to have a specific EIPA score. One more training will be offered as well. Theresa Seiler asked if Mentors will be paid. At this time training only will occur. The goal would be to have Mentors paid but costs are an issue. Members are encouraged to approach legislators for financial backing. The legislative committee will be working on this approach as well.

Deanna Heit asked if ISRID/RID can work with ITPs to establish better training for interpreters and possibly set up pre-requisites. Kathryn Baumann-Reese stated that the Federal Law has mandates regarding pre-requisites. Carolyn Cool noted that IWCC is looking into other degree programs to be able to establish pre-requisites for their ITP program. Steve Young indicated that DMACC is also working in this direction. Deanna requested that ISRID establish an ad-hoc committee to evaluate ITPs and provide recommendations. MB agreed with the request that goals be established first.

- f. *President's Pin* – MB started a new tradition to thank the person who supported the president for that year. The first year recipients were LF and Kim Kischer-Larson. The second year was Kathryn Baumann-Reese. This year's recipient is Niel Brandt. He has been a supportive of his wife's role in ISRID.

VIII. *Public Comment, Information & Announcements* – Cheryl Drummond suggested that ISRID should make the website more user-friendly. LF is currently the website liaison and with the help of MB, they have generated a list of questions and concerns to bring to the webmaster.

Marsha Gunderson thanked ISRID for being inclusive of educational interpreters. MB thanked Sue Tyrell and Ellen Hayes for their valued service to the Board. Appreciation was also extended to Kim Kischer-Larson, Jennifer Taylor, Laura Lord, Amber Tucker, Carrie Wood, Joe Trelstad, Deanna Heit and others who helped with the Fall Conference. Amber Tucker volunteered to write an article for the ISRID Views about the conference.

Kathryn Baumann-Reese stated that DSCI has been working budget proposals for the governor but increases are not likely. DSCI will also be developing an Issues Paper related to the concerns of the Deaf community. One issue will be the lack of licensed interpreters in Iowa. The next DSCI meeting will be November 10, 2007 and is open to the public.

MB asked that any members willing to volunteer for committee work please contact her. Bobbie Bickford volunteered.

Kim Kischer-Larson wants to thank the Board for their work. The membership liaison is doing a great job. Also thanks to Kathryn Baumann-Reese for her support and administering CEUs for the conferences.

IX. *Adjourn* – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.