

GaRID Board Meeting 2014

July 3, 2014

NAD - Atlanta, GA

Prior to the board meeting, Dawn Witcher, RID president; Melvin Walker, RID vice president; Joshua Pennise, RID Region II representative; and Randy Chappell, RID Region II representative-elect greeted the GaRID board. Randy Chappell provided his e-mail address as a resource to our chapter: *rchapp7446@gmail.com*

All board members were present: Erin Salmon, president; Hijrah Hamid, vice president; Wendy Sullivan, treasurer; Donna Davis, secretary; Anna McDuffie, Amy Peterson, and Ramon Norrod, members at large.

I. Call to Order by Erin Salmon at 6:41 pm

A. Roberts Rules of Order were suspended

II. General Reports from Board

A. President – Erin Salmon

1. RID Region II update

- a. The budget for Region II has been provided to GaRID, as requested. Erin Salmon will send the budget to the board by e-mail and the board will discuss whether or not to donate some amount to the RID Region II conference.
 - b. Erin Salmon's registration, hotel, and parking were paid by Region II, so that expenses at the conference were significantly less than budgeted.
2. Camp Julienna donations will be collected by Jimmy Peterson at the conclusion of the conference.
 3. A member has requested that GaRID provide CDI training. Amy Peterson is willing to assist with provision if the PDC committee is interested in pursuing this. Anna Webb will follow up with John Shive regarding the Mentorship Program offering CDI mentoring.

B. Vice President – Hijrah Hamid

1. The board discussed the need to continue to be actively engaged in collecting nominations for the three positions up for election in November: MAL, Treasurer and Vice President. Diversity, including geographical diversity is an important consideration.

C. Treasurer – Wendy Sullivan

1. John Shive is organizing workshops for the mentorship program and the PDC will be providing CEU's at no cost.

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D. Secretary – Donna Davis

1. Donna Davis attended an Educational Interpreter (EI) Summit in Denver, Colorado June 18-21, 2014 and represented Georgia in the collection of data regarding patterns of practice in the field of educational interpreting by the University of Northern Colorado DO IT Center. Discussion at the summit included the possibility of the establishment of a national organization of educational sign language interpreters (EI's). The EIPA tests for content knowledge necessary in an educational setting and provides EI's a substantive evaluation with feedback for improvement. Donna reported that a large number of summit attendees agree that RID's testing system and organizational structure do not currently meet the needs of EI's.

E. MAL 1 - Amy Peterson

1. Amy has agreed to provide mental health training during the November conference; topic to be decided.

F. MAL 2 - Anna McDuffie – Conference update

1. GPC is confirmed as the site for the November 15th mini-conference. Event insurance, required by GPC, can be purchased just prior to the event.
2. Information needed for advertising, such as presenter biographies, is being collected. A "save the date" notice went out in the *Faces* newsletter.
3. There will be an interpreting team coordinator. Use of ASL will likely reduce the need for interpreting. Erin Salmon asked about the possibility of a closed microphone system. The board agreed that the board meeting should always be interpreted, regardless of mode.
4. Ramon has developed a draft of the sponsorship letter. This will be sent to the board and sent out to vendors at the end of July. Companies who want to display will be able to set up at tables.
5. Eric McDuffie will provide photography services. A photo booth was discussed for entertainment.
6. Registration is expected to open in August.
7. Possibilities for the 2016 conference were raised -- perhaps a partnership with GAD would result in GaRID modifying the conference schedule to biennial rather than annual.

IV. Committee Restructure – changes to committees

A. Member Sections:

1. Hijrah Hamid reports that the religions member section leader, Sakeena Abdul-Hakeem, will be unable to lead the group next year.

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2. Donna Davis reported that the IEIS member section leader, Richard Brumberg is stepping down and that co-leader, Jodi Upton has moved up into RID as the IEIS Region II Representative. Fran McLeod and Amanda Tate will become the new co-leaders of this group.

V. Old Business

- A. Licensure Task Force – Currently there is no active push from the membership for the formation of a task force. Anna McDuffie suggested that a state registry of qualified interpreters would be a positive development.

VI. New Business

- A. Collaboration with with GAD is developing. Dr. Frank Lala, president; Kelly Faust, vice president; Jared Patton, secretary and Erin Salmon met over lunch during Region II. Discussion included:
 1. Mutual affiliate membership – GAD to become a member of GaRID and vice versa. Amy Peterson added that Alabama RID includes this arrangement in their by-laws. This is a possible by-laws change for GaRID.
 2. Attendance at mutual board meetings would enhance the collaboration.
 3. Outreach – both organizations, GAD and GaRID have emphasized the need for outreach to service providers regarding access and the law. Erin Salmon reminded the board that development of advocacy resources is one of our board goals for this year.
 4. GAD biannual conference will be in July next year. The board discussed advertising the event and encouraging GaRID members to attend.

Adjournment of board meeting was at 7:47 pm.

Final draft submitted by Donna Davis, secretary on July 10, 2014