

## GaRID Board Meeting November 15, 2014; Decatur, GA

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Present board members: Erin Salmon, *President*; Hijrah Hamid, *Vice President*; Wendy Sullivan, *Treasurer*; Donna Davis, *Secretary*; Amy Peterson, *MAL 1 (elected Vice President)*; Anna McDuffie, *MAL 2 (elected Treasurer)*; Ramon Norrod, *MAL 3 (full Board in attendance)*

Board guests: Jeffrey Bigger, *(elected MAL 1)*; and Donna Flanders *(elected MAL 2)*

*(Elections occurred the same day of this meeting; changing into new positions occurs 30 days after elections take place.)*

- I. Call to Order/Rules of Order Suspended –Erin Salmon, President – 5:45 PM
- II. Board members discussed and created a plan for the upcoming board retreat. Budgeted amount for board business expenses, including retreat and all travel until June 2015 is \$1000.00.
  - A. Dates for retreat were determined: January 23, 24 & 25, 2015
  - B. Possible locations were discussed:
    1. Atlanta area (Anna McDuffie’s home or other large home)
    2. Lodge at Pine Mountain, Savannah or Jekyll Island if reasonable prices can be obtained- Ramon Norrod will follow up.
  - C. Erin Salmon asked about the possibility of bringing in a person on Saturday morning to assist the board with vision/mission. Erin will follow up by asking NAD then RID about possibilities for this type of support.
  - D. Agenda items for the retreat were discussed
    1. Review goals from 2014 and draft goals for 2015
    2. Partnership with GAD
    3. Membership packets for GaRID business members (Kelly Spell membership chair has submitted this idea.)
    4. Membership Appreciation Day
    5. Plans for a conference or “mini” conference in 2015
    6. Discussion regarding support and development of the GaRID Mentorship program
    7. Video ASL announcements to be released along with printed announcements
    8. Adding advocacy information to the GaRID website
    9. Procedures manual

VIII. Adjournment 6:45 pm

*Minutes submitted by Donna Davis, GaRID board secretary on November 18th, 2014 and approved by GaRID Board on November 22, 2014.*