

General Business Meeting
Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
Spring Conference
April 10, 2016, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Lansing Community College

In adherence to the Bylaws which state:

Article IV. Section 5. A quorum for a business meeting shall consist of a majority of the dual status members registered to attend the workshop in conjunction with the general business meeting.

Quorum was met. Fifty-nine dual members were registered to attend the workshop and fifty-two dual members were present at the meeting.

Board Members present: President Naomi Gotlib, Vice President Andi Chumley, Treasurer Bethany Spencer (appointed), Secretary Mitch Holaly, Member-at-large Ge Moody, Member-at-large Stephen Decator, and Publications Manager Laura Gonzalez.

Excused: Deaf Member-at-large Kat Vogtmann

Meeting was called to order at 12:11 pm. President Naomi Gotlib presided over the meeting and Secretary Mitch Holaly recorded the minutes.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Member Jessica Spearman moves to accept both the meeting minutes from the Spring 2015 and Fall 2015 General Business Meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Member Megan Seipke-Dame moves to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Elections

- Vice President Andi Chumley facilitated the nominations and voting process.
- MAL (2 positions available)
 - Nominations for Ge Moody and Stephen Decator
- DMAL
 - No nominations were received. The position will go unfilled.
- Publications Manager
 - Sole nomination for Laura Gonzalez
- Treasurer
 - Carmen Johnson nominates Cindy Wood for the position of Treasurer from the floor. Nomination is seconded and accepted.
- Due to all elections being uncontested, Ge Moody (MAL), Stephen Decator (MAL), Laura Gonzalez (Publications Manager), and Cindy Wood (Treasurer) are elected by acclamation.

Subcommittee Termination

President Gotlib introduces the following Executive Board motion made on January 31, 2016:

MOTION 16-001: In compliance with protocol outlined in Article VIII, Section 6 of the Bylaws, Stephen Decator moves to terminate the following subcommittees due to inactivity: Great Lakes MIRID (GLMIRID), South Central MIRID (SCMIRID), Western MIRID (WMIRID), and MIRID VI. Motion carried unanimously.

Above mentioned Subcommittee's money has been untouched in over 2 years. Following a vote to terminate, each subcommittee has 2 years to reactivate. If reactivated, they will be entitled to all their assets.

Discussion: Member Brenda Dawe voiced objection to the motion, stating that subcommittee MIRID VI has been active in some capacity. After discussion amongst other members and the Executive Board, a friendly amendment was offered up by Carmen Johnson:

MOTION 16-001 (revised): In compliance with protocol outlined in Article VIII, Section 6 of the Bylaws, Stephen Decator moves to terminate the following subcommittees due to inactivity: Great Lakes MIRID (GLMIRID), South Central MIRID (SCMIRID), and Western MIRID (WMIRID).

Original author of the motion, Stephen Decator, accepted the friendly amendment along with the other members of the Executive Board.

Vote

- Aye: 37
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 1

Motion carries by simple majority.

President's Report - Naomi Gotlib

- President Naomi Gotlib reported MIRID's current challenges as being a lack of membership participation and ensuring membership was up to date on interpreting related changes in the state of Michigan.
- However, MIIRID has had many recent successes including; the Fall 2015 Conference with presenter Trudy Suggs, monthly ethical discussion groups that provide free CEUs to members, the creation of the "MIRID Lifetime Achievement Award: Testing Scholarship", increased the award amount of the Dr. Brian McCartney Scholarship, regular engagement with the Michigan Division on Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing, and membership has reached over 210 members.
- A new initiative related to spreading awareness about the administrative rules for the Deaf Person's Interpreter Act was announced.
- MIRID is a member of the following organizations: Michigan Coalition for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind People, NAOBI – Detroit, Endorsement Taskforce, Advisory Council to the Division on Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing (MDCR)

Treasurer Report - Bethany Spencer

- Current account totals:
 - Checking \$12,061.68
 - Savings \$36,106.12

- Expenses since November 2015
 - State Farm Insurance (Board Liability), PO Box, Quickbooks Online, Organizational memberships (NAOBI, MDA, MCDHHDB)

Scholarship Award

- The first ever MIRID Lifetime Achievement Award: Testing Scholarship was awarded to Christie 'Cre' Limbeck-Dishaw. Congratulations!

Scholarships Available

- President Naomi Gotlib reminded the membership of the three scholarships available:
 - The Doris Watkins Workshop Scholarship
 - The Dr. Brian D. McCartney Scholarship
 - MIRID Lifetime Achievement Award: Testing Scholarship
- Scholarship details and criteria can be found at www.mirid.org/scholarships

Membership Survey

- The creation of a membership survey was announced. Attendees of the conference will be contacted directly to participate and a link will be provided online for all to access.

Member-at-Large Stephen Decator, requested for members to become more involved in Michigan's affiliate chapter. In order to strengthen MIRID and the profession of interpreting in Michigan, active participation outside of the Executive Board is needed. Consider investing your time on a committee or for a special project. All interested individuals should contact Naomi Gotlib at president@mirid.org.

The following upcoming MIRID events were announced:

- Ethical Discussion Group – April 11, 2016 & May 23, 2016 at Madonna University
- Fall Conference – November 19 – 20, 2016 in Flint.

President Naomi Gotlib, on behalf of the Executive Board, thanked all the conference support staff, parliamentarian Kelly Flores, and professional development chair Kathy Hajj-Thomas.

Vice President Andi Chumley moves to adjourn. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm

Mitch Holaly, Secretary