

General Business Meeting
Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
Spring PD Days
April 30, 2017, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Oakland 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. Forty-two dual members were registered to attend the workshop and thirty-one dual members were present at the meeting.

Board Members present: Acting President Andi Chumley, Treasurer Cindy Wood, Secretary Mitch Holaly, Member-at-large Ge Moody, Member-at-large Stephen Decator, and Publications Manager Laura Gonzalez.

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm. Acting President Andi Chumley presided over the meeting and Secretary Mitch Holaly recorded the minutes.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Member Darci Schulze moves to accept the meeting minutes from the Fall 2016 General Business Meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Member Erin Seipke-Brown moves to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Acting President Andi Chumley reported:

- After the resignation of President Naomi Gotlib, the Vice President becomes the Acting President
- Outlined major accomplishments in current membership cycle
- Updated the membership about RID LEAD Together conference options
- Reminded membership that RID Board elections will take place in May

Treasurer Cindy Wood reported:

- Membership numbers
 - 174 Dual members
 - 69 Student members
 - 5 Organizational members
 - 41 Supporting members
 - TOTAL: 289 members

- Account Balances
 - Checking: \$26, 135
 - Savings: \$25,703
- Scholarships
 - Treasurer Cindy Wood described each of the three current scholarships available and strongly urged the membership to apply.

New Business

Nominations

- Acting President Andi Chumley yields the floor to Nominations Chair, Wendie Dillehay
- Chair Dillehay announced the following nominations:
 - President: Andi Chumley
 - Vice President: Mitch Holaly
 - Secretary: Danielle Ward
 - Treasurer: Cindy Wood
- Chair Dillehay asked for any nominations from the floor. Seeing none, Chair Dillehay asked for any objections to the nominations. Seeing none, Chair Dillehay announced the nominated individuals elected by acclamation.
- Chair Dillehay announced the following nominees for Deaf Member-at-large:
 - Angela Laguardia
 - Brenda Boaz-Pond
- Chair Dillehay asked for additional nominations from the floor. None were submitted.
- A video recorded message from Angela Laguardia was played and Brenda Boaz-Pond made a statement in person.
- Paper ballots were distributed to Dual members and collected by the nominations committee to be tallied.
- After tabulation, Chair Dillehay informed President Chumley that the winner of the election was Angela Laguardia.

Bylaw Amendments

- President Chumley asked if there was any objection to voting on all the proposed bylaw amendments as a package. Seeing none, she opened the floor to discussion on the following amendments:

MOTION 17-002: President Naomi Gotlib moves to propose the following Bylaw amendments to the membership at the Spring 2017 Business Meeting:

Amendment 1

ADD: Article XVI. Non-Discrimination Policy

The Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf will not discriminate in the matters of membership or service to the organization on the basis of age, race, national origin, gender, hearing status, disability, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation.

Amendment 2

ADD: Article XVII. Parliamentary Authority

MIRID shall be governed by MIRID Bylaws, followed by Board approved Polices and Procedures Manual (PPM) and any adopted standing rules (in that order). Any unresolved procedures shall default to the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Amendment 3

AMEND: Article VI. Duties of Executive Board and Board of Directors,
Section 1. President

H. shall represent MIRID, or appoint a MIRID representative, during other organizational meetings of/for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing as necessary

Section 2. Vice-president

B. shall be responsible for working with the ~~workshop committee~~ professional development committee; and

Amendment 4

AMEND: Article IX. Committees

Section 1. Standing committees shall be chaired by a member in good standing appointed by the president upon approval of the executive board. The standing committees of MIRID may include, but are not limited, to the following: Auditing, Budget, By-laws, Fund Raising, Nominating, Publications, and ~~Workshop~~ Professional Development.

Amendment 5

AMEND: Article II. Purpose, Mission and Vision

Section 1. The PRINCIPLE PURPOSE of the organization shall be to initiate, sponsor, promote and execute policies and activities that will further the profession of interpretation and American Sign Language (ASL) and English, and the transliteration of English. The MISSION of the organization shall be to promote the profession of sign language interpreters, ensure effective collaboration with Michigan Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing communities and promote an inclusive environment within MIRID

Section 2. The GOALS VISION shall be to advance the professional standard(s) of interpreters/translitterators, and promote the professional skills, interests and welfare of its members:

- A. to increase the public awareness of interpreting and deafness in general; and
- B. to provide opportunities for training through workshops, meetings, lectures, etc.; and
- C. to promote state and national interpreter evaluations credentialization in Michigan; and
- D. to act as liaison between Michigan interpreters and the RID; and
- E. to advocate interpreters' interests and other related interests in the Legislature of the State of Michigan; and
- F. to support organizations of and for deaf persons interpreters, Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing people insofar as such activities are not in conflict with the purposes of MIRID; and
- G. to disseminate all pertinent information to the membership; and
- H. to promote an environment conducive to mutual growth and support in membership; and
- I. to carry on any activity in connection therewith not forbidden by the laws of the State of Michigan.

Amendment 6

MOTION 17-026: Secretary Mitch Holaly moves to amend "Article VII. Nominations and Elections" of the MIRID Bylaws to read:

"Article VII. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. A member is eligible to run for office if s/he is currently in good standing with MIRID and RID and has maintained her/his good standing status consecutively for a period of at least two (2) years. The member must agree to maintain RID membership for the duration of their tenure on the board.

Section 2. Nominations for officers may be made by:

- A. any current member and submitted to the nominating committee and/or
- B. the nominating committee
- C. any current member from the floor

Section 3. The election of president, secretary, one member-at-large, and Deaf member-at-large shall take place prior to June 30 of every odd year.

Section 4. The election of vice-president, treasurer, one member-at-large and publications manager shall take place prior to June 30 of every even year.

Section 5. Election to any office shall be by a majority vote.

Section 6. Voting shall be by ballot (paper or electronic). “

This amendment is to take effect after the 2017 elections and result in the next election of vice-president, treasurer, one member-at-large and publications manager to take place between January 1st and June 30th, 2018 and the next election of president, secretary, one member-at-large, and Deaf member-at-large to take place between January 1st and June 30th, 2019. This amendment will temporarily suspend Article V, Section 6 of the MIRID Bylaws to enable modified term lengths until the elections of the officers comes into compliance with the new cycles.

Rationale:

This will modernize the voting protocol with the incorporation of electronic ballots. With the untangling of the elections from the physical general business meeting and the use of electronic voting, members will have increased access to participate in elections. In addition, the amendment staggers the election cycles of the President/Secretary and the Vice President/Treasurer. This will produce greater continuity between Boards.

Amendment 7

MOTION 17-027: Secretary Mitch Holaly moves to amend Article V, Section 7, C of the MIRID Bylaws to read:

Article V, Section 7, C. Vacancies in elected office(s) shall be temporarily filled by appointment of a member by the president, with the approval of the executive board. Following the successful presidential appointment of a board position, a special election for that position shall be held within six months. The election shall have a nominating period of at least fifteen calendar days. The appointee is eligible to run for the position. The next regular election for the position shall follow the cycles defined in Article VII.

Rationale:

In the case of a vacancy, the Board needs flexibility to temporarily appoint a member to ensure continued Board efficiency. This latitude is already granted in the current bylaws. In conjunction with electronic voting (if passed by the membership), the provision a special election (separate from a physical meeting) will allow the membership to elect a permanent Board member.

- Discussion
 - Kat Vogtmann – Clarification
 - Sandra Maloney – Support
- Seeing no further discussion, President Chumley called for a vote.
- Vote was taken by show of hands. President Chumley announced the motions passed.

Motions from the Floor

- President Chumley asked for motions from the floor and recognized RID Region 3 Representative Sandra Maloney.
- ~~**MOTION 17-032:**~~ Sandra Maloney moves MIRID collect data from interpreters about their interactions in working with the Division on Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing.
- Discussion:
 - Erin Seipke-Brown – Clarification
 - Sonja Harrison – Clarification
 - David Stuckless – Friendly amendment: and to publish the results publicly.
 - Discussion:
 - Danielle Ward – Clarification
 - Rose Bonnaci – Opposed
 - Secretary Mitch Holaly moves to close discussion on the amendment. Carried.
- President Chumley calls for a vote on accepting the amendment to the motion. Carried.
- **MOTION 17-032:** Sandra Maloney moves MIRID collect data from interpreters about their interactions in working with the Division on Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing and to publish the results publicly.
- Discussion continued on the main motion:
 - Publications Manager Laura Gonzalez – Clarification
 - Member-at-large Stephen Decator – Clarification
 - Member-at-large Ge Moody – Clarification
 - Secretary Mitch Holaly moves to close discussion on the motion. Carried.
- President Chumley calls for a vote on the motion. Carried.
- President Chumley asked for additional motions from the floor. Seeing none, the floor was closed.

Announcements

President Chumley recognized and thanked the following people:

- PD Co-chairs Ann-Marie Shibley and James Cech
- Student Committee and Nominations Chair Wendie Dillehay
- Student support staff
- Oakland Community College
- Parliamentarian Kelly Flores

- MIRID Executive Board

President Chumley recognizes Member-at-large Stephen Decator

- On behalf of the MIRID Board and membership, Member-at-Large Decator thanks presenter Christopher Tester and presents a small thank you gift.

Adjournment

Sandra Maloney moves to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm.

Mitch Holaly
MIRID Secretary