

MIRID Executive Board Meeting
Regular meeting
Telephonic

September 24, 2015 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Attendees: Naomi Gotlib (President), Mitch Holaly (Secretary), Kat Vogtman (DMAL), Stephen Decator (MAL), Ge Moody (MAL), and Laura Gonzalez (Publications Manager)

President Naomi Gotlib called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Secretary Mitch Holaly recorded the minutes.

A quorum was present in adherence to the bylaws. Motions were admissible.

Adjustment to the agenda

- Add “CDI presenter payment” under Fall PD Day

Stephen Decator moves to accept agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of previous minutes was tabled for additional revisions.

Welcome to new Board Members Ge and Laura

Officer Reports

- President
 - o MIRID joined the Michigan Coalition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People. The coalition’s next meeting is in October but no MIRID representative is available to attend.
 - o Have been in contact with Director Urasky regarding the RID testing moratorium and increased awareness about the BEI
 - o Namoi will be unavailable between October 11 – October 21
- Secretary
 - o Mitch thanked the Board for their generous gift in celebration of his daughter’s birth
- Treasurer
 - o Shawn Spearman sent a written report

- o It's time for an outside audit
- o Still waiting for grant money from the Spring Conference. Namoi and Shawn will follow up.
- DMAL
 - o Deaf community was shocked about the RID testing moratorium and shared concerns about how additional Deaf Interpreters will become certified.
- MAL
 - o Stephen has been in contact with Trudy Suggs and have both interpreters confirmed. Contracts need to be sent.
 - o Stephen spoke with Father Mike and MIRID will be able to use the St. Johns Deaf Center facility for future events.
 - o Ge introduced herself and thanked the Board for her appointment
- Publication Manager
 - o Laura Introduced herself
 - o Has started recruiting other members for the publications committee
- Treasurer
 - o Bethany Spencer submitted an letter of intent
 - o Final vote is taken to accept her as interim Treasurer until membership vote in November. Board votes unanimously to approve.

New Business

- Winter Mini-Workshop Series
 - o Targeted locations: Kirkland, Adrian/Monroe, Port Huron
- Spring 2016 Conference
 - o Discussed possible locations
 - o Namoi proposed a presenter she made contact with at RID conference. Topics related to Domestic Violence as it relates to both medical and legal settings. Naomi to inquire about availability and pricing.
 - o Ge suggested contacting some local DeafBlind community members to provided a workshop either for the conference or at a later date.
- Mailings for other groups

- o Current policy is to only advertise for organizational members
 - o Ge volunteered to head a organizational member recruiting campaign
 - o Will emphasize the benefit of advertising program/organization events
- DODDBHH Endorsements
 - o Mitch will contact the Division to inquire about timeline and any available details
- Fall PD Day
 - o Stephen to complete and procure interpreter contracts
 - o A lead person is needed for food/snacks
 - o If a CDI presentation happens, what compensation could be provided?
 - Mileage, gas stipend, lodging, workshop admission
 - Kat to follow up with the potential presenters

New Business

- Facebook Group vs. Page
 - o After discussion of pros and cons, Board approves for Ge and Laura to start a new page
- ITP Visits – time to start again
 - o Tabled due to time

Next meeting will be held on October 25, 2015

- Adjournment
 - o Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Mitchell Holaly, Secretary