

MIRID EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
January 31, 2016 10:00am - 1:00pm
Regular Meeting, In person
University of Michigan, Disability Office
G 6664 Haven Hall
505 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI

Attendees: Naomi Gotlib, Andi Chumley, Stephen Decator, Bethany Spencer, Mitch Holaly, Laura Gonzalez, Ge Moody

President Naomi Gotlib called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. Secretary Mitch Holaly recorded the meeting minutes.

Quorum was met in adherence to the Bylaws with a simple majority of the Board being present.

Adjustments to the minutes:

- Old Business
 - Add “DeafBlind Workshop/Jill Gaus”
 - Add “Michigan Coalition for Deaf and Hard of Hearing”
- New Business
 - Add “Professional Development State Coalition”

Stephen Decator moves to accept previous minutes as written. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

- President
 - Attended a telephonic meeting for RID volunteer leaders
 - Addressed RID Board decision to establish a separate LLC for testing
 - This meeting took place prior to NAD’s announcement regarding this decision
 - RID suggest volunteer leaders host a townhall for members in their area and provided a PowerPoint presentation to use
 - MIRID Board decided that this would be a perfect topic for Region 3 Representative, Sandra Maloney, to address on April 9th during the Spring Conference.
 - Laura will send out a “brown bag lunch” announcement for this town-hall
 - RID informed leaders that there is a backlog of certification exams to be rated. Between the moratorium announcement and the final day of testing, more than 1,000 exams were taken. This is more exams than take place in a span of a typical year.
 - RID also expressed a desire to increase communication with Affiliate Chapters
- Vice President
 - Confirmed Region 3 Representative, Sandra Maloney, for April 9th during the Spring Conference
- Treasurer
 - Report Attached
 - **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.

- Need additional photos from Fall Professional Development Day

Stephen Decator moves to amend the agenda to discuss “MIRID Logo” next. Carried.

MIRID Logo

- Publications Manager Laura Gonzalez explained the current MIRID logo options
- Board expressed their desires to merge aspects of each option
- Laura will draft a few options for Board review

Old Business

- Ethical Practices System (EPS)
 - Members of the Executive Board met with Director Anne Urasky and Dan Levy from DODDBHH/MDCR
 - The Division (in DPIA Administrative rules) recognizes the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct (CPC). This means that interpreters in the state must adhere to the CPC.
 - However the Division has decided to not to recognize the RID’s EPS to determine ethical violations in Michigan. Instead, the Division will be using their own process, similar to how Civil Rights violations are handled:
 1. Will investigate alleged violations in the form of complaints
 2. When sufficient evidence has been provided to substantiate a probable ethical violation, a formal charge will be heard by an independent administrative law judge. During the proceeding both sides (claimant and accused) can present evidence to support their claims.
 - Naomi and Mitch will compose an open letter to the membership in order to clarify this process.
- Meeting with Division
 - Division Policies and procedures in regards to interpreter endorsements were also discussed during the meeting
 - The Division committed to posting the relevant endorsement policies by the end of February.
 - The Division also expressed interest in presenting a townhall on the endorsements following the Spring Workshop on Sunday afternoon.
 - Naomi will follow up and confirm the Division’s attendance.
 - Laura will produce an announcement to inform membership of the event
- Spring Conference
 - Donation Link
 - Laura will add a link to the website for donations to the domestic violence support agency to which we decide to contribute.
 - ASL Only Conference
 - Stephen, in conjunction with Andi, will produce a message for the membership highlighting the Board’s decision of an ASL only conference.
 - Domestic Violence Organization Donation
 - In line with past initiatives, the Board discussed coordinating a donation of items to an organization that helps serve survivors of domestic violence.
 - The Board brain-stormed possible organizations, but decided to reach out to Deaf individuals to seek input of organizations that are particularly effective at serving Deaf survivors.

- BEI Units
 - Naomi is in contact with the Division regarding the process
- Sign-in Policy
 - For clarity, the policy needs to be revised to reflect that this sign-in policy is due to BEI unit requirements

New Business

- Member request regarding violating the sign-in policy
 - After failing to properly sign in and out at the Fall Professional Development Day and therefore ineligible to receive CEUs, one member requested the Board provide some form of relief to them. Suggested was a discount for a future event.
 - After much discussion the following motion was made:
 - Andi Chumley moves that MIRID deny the member's request for relief. Seconded. Mitch Holaly requests a roll call vote.
 - Aye: Andi Chumley, Ge Moody, Laura Gonzalez, Stephen Decator
 - Nay: Naomi Gotlib, Mitch Holaly
 - Abstain: Bethany Spencer
 - Motion is carried.
- Mentoring
 - Will be tabled and discussed via email due to time.
- MSD Donation
 - Naomi will contact the school to see what specific needs exist in light of other organizations donating to provide relief from the Flint water crisis.
- Mini Workshop Series
 - Board members need to look for new locations and presenters for the next round of minis
- DeafBlind Workshop/Jill Gaus
 - Tabled due to time

Adjournment

- Andi Chumley moves for adjournment. Carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Mitch Holaly, Secretary