GMM Meeting
March 10, 2018

Present:
Ann Marie Lott  Gillian Whitney  Tammy Smith
Myra Taff-Watson  Karin Binko  Sebrena Westcott
Allyson Caruthers  Jonathan Smith  John West
Will Gorum  Micah McClung  Alecia Mullen
Zania Musteen  Chrystal Honorable  Debbie Pearce
Ray James  Cheri Courtright  Viola Smith
Linda Stauffer  Bobbie Walker  Sonja Smith
Jaime Harrell  Violet Shirley  Doug Watson
Megan Beaty  Ashley Beaty

I. Call to order
Meeting was called to order at 11:28 pm.

II. Approval of minutes

III. Treasurer’s report
Bank $34,994.10
Income $9,812.77
Expense $6,449.48
Net Income $3,363.29
Most money we’ve had in bank. Wonderful

IV. Region 4 Rep
Certification committee - trying to fill positions, deciding whether to create new test. Wasli will partner with Region 4. Sorenson donating for more support. Considering limiting online CEUs during national board meeting (voting open until March 31). All Standard Practice Papers are becoming white paper.
Seeking more reps for Region 4.

V. **President’s Report**
Parliamentary procedures training - Board participated
ARID nominated Michael McMahon for licensure board, and AAD nominated Carel Dunaway
Encourage more board members to attend Region 4 conference, will split money evenly. New MAL will have opportunity to attend

VI. **VP Report**
Consider serving on Biennial committee.
Jaime Harrell Co-chair

VII. **Secretary Report**
Collecting items for homemade basket for Region IV and need more contributions. If interested, contact Gwenyth at secretary email.

VIII. **Committee Reports**
Please send reports
A. **Bylaws**
   No report
B. **Editor Committee Report**
   Need 3 reports. Deadlines due now.
   Newsletter: The 2018 March Spring issue will be on the website soon after the March 10, 2018 GMM meeting and workshop to include photos and comments from the workshop.
   The deadlines continue to be the 1st of the month in each quarter, that is, March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1. We hope this will make it easier for everyone to remember the deadlines for the newsletter.
   Other Editorial: As Chair of the Editorial Committee, the Editor will continue in 2018 to review/edit other printed materials from ARID members or that serve the ARID membership, such as the new website, flyers, workshop announcements or any other distributions.
C. **Membership Committee**
   29 new members
   23 student members
   Total 113 members
D. **Program Committee**
4 workshops for 2018

E. Nominations Committee
Call for nominations MAL I and MAL II
Voting in June
Send nominations to Becca Davis aridnominations@gmail.com

F. Sunshine Committee
Bailey Adams resigned
Jami De La Cruz will continue to serve

G. Scholarship Committee
No new applications were received this past quarter. To date, eleven (11) interpreters have received funding!
The Committee continues to invite and encourage candidates to submit their applications for review and potential approval of funding for any type of interpreter credential testing.
Recommendation regarding Scholarship Application:
Interpreters are not applying for scholarships in the numbers expected, especially QAST interpreters.
I recommend that ARID have a link for the ARID Scholarship Application Forms on the front page of the ARID website. This will ensure efficient access to apply for funding online.
Please apply QAST can be paid for and sometimes RID. Application is in NL and front page of ARID website. Can apply as many times as you want. We have the money to support scholarships
Ashley - good idea to recruit students in the IEP program to join and then they can apply for scholarship
Myra - possible to change scholarship requirements from 2 years to 1 year

H. Fundraising Committee
No report

I. PDC Committee Report
Report in NL. If want to help serve, can use all the help I can get

J. Technology
Updating the website, long process, broken links being repaired. Like our Facebook page.

K. Ad Hoc Mentor Development
Collaborating with Michael McMahon to set up a small committee to do research. Searching for another Deaf committee member. Want a variety of people on the committee.
Michael - already asked a few people, they have questions, need to take questions back to committee
Will send survey asking what members want from the committee.

IX. Unfinished Business
A. **Set up Ad Hoc Award Editorial Committee**  
Will Gorum chairperson. Anyone else interested, contact Will

B. **Ad Hoc Organizational Membership Review**  
Trying to gather information from other organizations regarding organizational memberships, what are the benefits. Will provide findings to committee for discussion.

Proposed Organizational definition:  
ARID Organizational Member is available for any organization/agency/business that supports the purpose and interests of ARID and the Deaf Community we serve. Organizational Membership shall have no voting rights.

**GM18.01 Motion to accept definition as proposed.** (Westcott, Binko) Passed

Proposed Organizational Benefits  
1. The ARIDian News & Views which is available to the public at [www.arkansasrid.org](http://www.arkansasrid.org)  
2. Advertising discount of 10% in the quarterly ARIDian News & Views  
3. Organization’s logo and listing on the ARID Website  
4. Certificate of Organizational Membership for the agency/business  
5. Organizational Member Badge for the agency/business website  
6. ARID Member price for 2 registrants for ARID Workshops (CEUs are optional)  
7. ARID Member price for 2 registrants for ARID Biennial Conferences (CEUs are optional)

**GM18.02 Motion to accept organizational benefits as proposed.** (Watson, Gorum) Passed

X. **New Business**

A. **ARID Branding**  
Want to streamline fliers, logo, etc. Board discussed what to have branding and refer to setup ad hoc committee to discuss the branding.  
Motion: Clint Motions, Myra Second

Ray discussion: a few years ago, we changed logo to lead to branding, does that mean the logo will change again?
Michael discussion: The credibility of ARID is lessened with the varying brands and colors that are used. We need to promote our brand throughout the organization.

Clint: To answer ray, when the board made new forms, they referred to the logo from two years. They want to bring our brand from the logo.

Jonathan: Program designs fliers, like the idea of colors, but can it have flexibility? Or do the fliers have to be exactly the same? Can it vary any?

Michael Answer: That is ad hoc committee’s job to define what the brand is and what it looks like going forward.

Clint: The ad hoc committee should contact each committee to discuss branding and get their input for the brand. Committees that are used in the communication aspects of ARID should be involved in the discussion.

GM18.03 Motion to set up an ad hoc committee to support branding. (Brockway, Taff-Watson) Passed

B. Scholarship Link
Will add information about the scholarship to the website so that there will be more interest.

C. UA Little Rock Barbara Northup Scholarship
Linda S.: IEP set up scholarship for Barbara Northup. IEP doesn’t have a way to fund scholarship. IEP Has an event “Newlywed Game” Service learning class does most of the work. Each ticket is $10.00. University says that we need 25,000 before we can award scholarships. At our rate it would be 22 years before we could do that. IEP depends on the Deaf community and others to donate to the fund. Wants to ask ARID to offer $500.00 this year to this fund. IEP asks that ARID adds that as a line item on the budget for an annual donation. IEP will be asking other organizations to donate.

Cheri: Clarify two issues.

GM18.04 Motion to accept the one-time donation of 501.21. (Westcott, Johnson) Passed

Discussion: Clint: ARID benefits a lot from the students. This is an opportunity for ARID to give back to the IEP as they have given us time, money, and education.

Why the about of 501.21. Michael says that 500 even is not good. Barbara lived here in the 501 area and worked for 21 years at IEP.

Doug: Is it a one-time donation or ongoing?

Cheri: This year only, then we will discuss the line item. Then the annual donation line item.
Clarification: ARID donates until 25,000 is reached by ARID. Needs 25,000 in principal before interest. Linda: says collect up to 25,000 and then can start to use the money.

Cheri: Clarification: IEP is not only asking from ARID, they are asking from several other organizations so that the money will collect faster.

Myra: I wanted to make sure that it was a possibility for this to happen.

Ray James: Reiterate, the importance of donating to the program so that they program can continue to give to the community. If we collect from many organizations then we can do that faster.

Adding a line item to the ARID Annual budget to continue to donate to Barbara Northup Scholarship.

Linda: the board decides that every year based on how much money there is and what is in the budget. I feel that the line item should be there.

**GM18.05 Motion to put a line item in the annual budget for the Barbara E. Northup Scholarship fund with the amount determined by membership.** (Westcott, Gorum) Passed

Doug: wants to amend to discuss how much the item would be every year.

**GM18.05a Add words “with the amount determined by membership.”** (Watson, Shirley) Passed

The membership will decide the amount to be given to the line item when voting on annual budget.

Jamie H. wants to know who makes the budget and approve it.

Clint: Above 500.00 requires membership vote. That happens June of every year.

Linda: Nothing changes how we are doing business or the budget. The members will read that and decide if the amount should be lowered or increased.

Cheri: no more discussion.

**XI. Announcements**
Check your email next week for survey for presenter preferences. Must respond in a week.
Newlywed game will be Friday, April 6, 2018. 6:00pm-9:00pm. Please come and support this fun event. List couples, can find on flier.
Children’s Theater will have interpreted show next Saturday at 2:00 pm.
The capitol will have Deaf history event.
GM18.06 Motion to adjourn the meeting (Honorable) Passed

XII. Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.