

Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
June 2, 2018  
Searcy, AR

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 11:28. We do not have enough members for a quorum.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Unable to do so because of lack up quorum

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**A. 2018-2019 FY Budget Approval**

Don't have a quorum so only a straw vote was done but passed in straw vote. Clint asks the organization what to do with the abundance of money we have in the account.

**IV. Board Reports**

**A. President**

1. RIV Conference Update:

242 people registered for the conference so far. Need \$3000 more to break even.

Will have promo videos from Myra, Michael, and Meagan to advertise for conference.

Still need interpreters.

2. RIV MOU:

Signed and sent. If conference loses money ARID will not be responsible for any further lose because we've already meet our obligation. If there is a profit, that will be divided up among AC.

3. RIV Awards:

Can be nominations from any of the membership, so please nominated from the pool of strong interpreters we have here.

4. ARID/LRID Reciprocal Agreement:

LRID is requesting an interpreter for their annual conference. An email will be sent out shortly for volunteers.

**B. Vice President**

1. Biennial Budget Approval:

Will discuss with Sorenson July 14 to see about sponsorship whether it be funds or interpreters for the event. Costs of hiring interpreters can be substantial, so we should have it in the budget to pay for that if pro bono or things with Sorenson don't work out. Discussion of how that change needs to be made. Will revise the budget and resend to membership to try to make sure there is enough.

Myra asks what we spent 2 years ago, so we have a basis for comparison. Clint and Taylor advocate for doing better than we have in the past for our interpreters so would need to spend more for that. Clint suggests upping the \$700 by \$300 to equal \$1000. Myra wants to see the seed money put as a line in the budget rather than being included in the sponsorship.

2. Biennial Conference Update:  
Want to have the social night at Museum of Discovery, this will require some extra funds from ARID's budget. Since we have extra hopefully that will cover it.  
Jaime spoke about the positives of it including families and the deaf community.  
Straw vote to give \$2000 to the Biennial to cover half the costs of the social night Passed

#### C. Secretary

1. RIV Conference Silent Auction Items  
Gwenyth Sutphin: We are still actively looking for items. Several people have stepped up and have been generous enough to donate items, but since we want to have the best basket there, please get me those beautiful hand made items! Deadline to get them to me is July 13<sup>th</sup>. I know ARID has some very talented people out there, so let's show the other AC in the region what we've got.

#### D. Members at Large:

Michael: Time as MAL is up, but willing to serve again if voted in.  
No other MAL reports

### V. Committee Reports

#### A. Bylaws

##### Bylaws Change Proposal:

To remove the staggered terms of the Members-At-Large (MAL) and change the election of all MALs to occur at the same time as the officers of the ARID Board of Directors.

##### Rationale:

Currently, the four offices and 1 MAL are elected during Biennial Conference Years and 2 MALs are elected during even numbered years. (see below). This creates constant change on the Board and among the MALs inhibiting the ability of the 3 MALs to work together in a productive way as one member is always new and working to come up to speed. The staggered terms were initiated to ensure that association history could be maintained and continued, assuring some continuity on the board through each election. With the prevalence of technology, this need no longer exists in the same way.

It is difficult to recruit 2 MALs during the year between Biennial Conferences and it would be easier to recruit when the rest of the Board is being recruited heading into a Biennial Conference.

The Bylaws Committee sees no conflict of this proposed change with the current ARID Bylaws.

B. Editorial

Myra Taff-Watson, MA, CSC

Newsletter: The June 2018 Summer edition is filled with news from the community, workshops, announcements, call for Nominations, RID Awards at RIV Conference, and so much more. Please note that the Membership Form is included for the fiscal year 2018-2019 for those who have not joined and/or renewed. We need everyone to be a part of the team.

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 continues to review and/or edit other printed materials from ARID members or any information that serves the ARID membership, such as, flyers, workshop announcements, or any other electronic and printed distributions in 2018.

C. Membership Development:

Looks like we lost 6 people but still have 120 members.

D. Program

E. Nominations

Gwenyth Sutphin (Reporting for Rebecca Davis) there were no nominations sent for the MAL 1&2 positions. Michael is willing to continue as MAL 2

F. Sunshine:

If anyone would like to help participate in the Sunshine committee or have any suggestions, please let Jami De La Cruz know. Discussion of if this committee is serving its purpose and if not, how can we get it to. Clint suggests absorbing it to the membership development committee.

G. Planning Committee for the Biennial Conference - (See Vice President's Report)

H. Scholarship

Myra Taff-Watson, MA, CSC

Three new applications were received this quarter. To date, fourteen (14) interpreters have received funding!

Please spread the word. Take advantage of the Scholarship Application Form included in this issue and apply for funds for RID, BEI and QAST testing.

I hope that a link to the Scholarship Application Form will come soon on the ARID website.

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.

- I. Fundraising:  
Keri resigned so we need a new chair
- J. Professional Development:  
No updates this quarter
- K. Technology

**VI. Unfinished Business**

- A. RIV Conference - Silent Auction  
Still looking for items, but have some
- B. Ad Hoc Award Editorial Committee:  
No report currently
- C. Scholarship Link on Website  
It's being worked on. Hopefully it will be done soon.
- D. Ad Hoc ARID Branding Committee  
Chairperson Appointed Clint Brockway
- E. Ad Hoc Mentorship Committee  
No report currently

**VII. New Business**

- A. Workshop Schedule: Did people understand the previous survey need to make sure to get member input
- B. Webinars: Possible way for interpreters to get their Ethic CUEs for QAST.  
Will states that C+ could possibly help in that venture since they are getting infrastructure set up anyway.

**VIII. Announcements**

Will recommends reviewing the licensure state equivalencies to make sure they are equivalent.

- IX. Adjourn  
Meeting adjourned at 12:55.