

**General Membership Meeting**  
**September 15, 2018**  
**Fairfield Inn & Suites, Rogers, Arkansas**

- I. **Call to Order** by President Wilson at 11:19 am. Quorum established.
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes**  
GM18.07 Motion to approve March minutes. (Pierce,Binko) Passed.
  
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – emailed by treasurer – see report in ARIDian
  - A. 2018-2019 FY Budget Approval  
GM18.08 Motion to approve budget as presented. (Stauffer, Taff-Watson) Passed.
  - B. Current Budget – See Report in ARIDian Treasurer  
The hotel in Albuquerque overcharged ARID for Region IV conference rooms. Once the issue is resolved and ARID is reimbursed for the overcharge, the second quarter report will not show a deficit (-\$88.20) for first quarter of the current fiscal year.
  
- IV. **Board Reports**
  - A. President
    - 1. RIV Conference - President Wilson showed photos taken of Arkansas attendees.
    - 2. RID CEO – Joey Trapani announced resignation for Sept. 30. For reasons unknown. Region IV rep will forward more information as it becomes available..
    - 3. Annual Reports – the reporting to RID has been simplified. ARID submitted our reports one month early.
    - 4. Licensure Nomination – 2 board members will rotate off this year. ARID and AAD each to nominate by October 15. Daisy Dippel has been nominated, she accepted and has sent her bio in. If anyone is interested, you can nominate yourself.
  
  - B. Vice President

Biennial Conference Update – Cheri unable to attend. Debbie Pearce provided the update. The 2019 BPC has been hard at work. The conference date has been set for June 20-22, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza. We are in the works developing an exciting social night as well as an exciting conference.  
The theme for the conference is “Interpreters Rock”. We have a logo (insert logo here).  
The BPC meets monthly. If you are interested in joining this dynamic committee, please reach

out to any committee member or me. We definitely appreciate your help!

Things to look for:

Take advantage of the payment plan. More information will be coming.

Announcement of presenters

Fundraising efforts/ events.

Tips for Terps in September 11th was a success with Jaime Harrell leading the evening.

The next scheduled Tips for Terps event will be Oct. 16th.

Keep an eye on social media for more information!

If YOU have an idea or know someone who has a money tree and wanting to sponsor/donate to the Biennial conference, please have them contact Jaime Harrell or Katie Becker.

### **C. Secretary Report**

Minutes were submitted by email, please let me know if you notice any errors or additions that need to be made.

### **D. Members at Large**

1. SLK/ARID Collaboration – Ashley Beaty unable to attend. Sent report via video. Contacting other organizations beginning with SLK to foster connection between ARID and students. Planning an event for students to meet interpreters. Details for the next event are forthcoming. Video messages, text messages can be sent to MAL via designated email address for MAL. Need an MAL for NW Ark district. Please consider serving on board as MAL – board meetings are held via internet. Don't have to drive to attend board meetings.
2. Michael McMahon – Currently in SF for internship. Update: attended Region IV conference and presented 3 workshops. Advertised for our upcoming biennial conference for both attendees and presenters. Michael is liaison for three committees: Program, Technology, Ad Hoc. Send any questions or concerns to MAL2@arkansasrid.org

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. Bylaws**

See Unfinished Business

### **B. Editorial- Myra Taff-Watson**

Newsletter: The September Fall 2018 edition is filled with exciting news from the community, workshops, announcements, call for Nominations, photo array of the RIV Conference and Tips for Terps and the Sept 15th workshop, 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 – Alecia Mullen**

Myra Taff-Watson reported that currently we have 44 voting (48 as of today), 12 supporting, 7 students

**D. Program Dec 1<sup>st</sup> workshop in Little Rock, Holly Beth Smith presenting on Mentoring**

**E. Nominations**

Two MAL rotated off the board in June. MAL liaison between area and board. Attend board meetings, plan district events. Board cannot function if not complete. MAL is not required to live in the district. Bylaws require 5 out of 7 to conduct board meeting business.

1. MAL 1 – NWA – Necol Whitehead volunteered.

GM18.09 Motion to approve nomination by acclamation. (Taff-Watson, Stauffer)  
Motion ruled out of order by the President due to conflict with the Bylaws of the organization. BD18.21

Necol encouraged someone else in NWA to become MAL and work together.

2. MAL 2 – NEA - Mary Adams

GM18.10 Motion to vote by acclamation of Mary Adams for MAL2 (Taff-Watson, Stauffer). Passed.

**F. Sunshine**

No report

**G. Planning Committee for the Biennial Conference**

See Vice President's Report

**H. Scholarship**

To date, fourteen (14) 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.

The Robert Steed Scholarship Application was revised and presented at the Sept. 15th GMM for approval. The primary changes were in the Electronic Application Process/Procedures for Reimbursement, specifically eliminating the deadlines that previously were based on postal mail submissions, with submissions changed to the aridscholarship@gmail.com email rather than to the mgtaffwatson@ualr.edu email. We hope to have a link to the Scholarship Application Form on the ARID website whether as a fill-in form or in pdf format that can be printed and scanned with the applicant's information.

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. Fundraising**

Vacant chairperson

**J. Professional Development – AnnMarie Lott**

Since the last report, the committee has processed 8 activities:

4 Sponsor Initiated Activities (workshops)

3 PINRAS

1 Academic Coursework

Seven of these activities originated in Arkansas, one of these activities originated in MA.

We are currently processing 1 sponsor initiated activity (workshop).

As always, if you have any questions about the PDC's work, don't hesitate to contact us - aridpdc@gmail.com!

**K. Technology**

Myra reported on behalf of Allyson Carruthers. Please be sure to send calendar information to Allyson to include on the website. Allyson also working to put forms, on website.

**L. Ad Hoc Mentorship Development**

Megan Beaty and Michael McMahan on committee to develop mentoring program for ARID. Other members are encouraged to join to truly make this a statewide mentoring program.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

**A.** Scholarship Link on Website – in process

**B.** ARID/LRID Reciprocal Agreement -Will Gorum will provide interpreting at LRID's conference in October

**C.** Bylaws Proposal – today Linda Stauffer will present and explain. We will vote next meeting per bylaws. Traditionally one MAL voted the same year for executive board, two others the next year. Proposed change to vote in all MAL at the same time as the executive board. Difficult to fill MAL positions in interim. Discussion: should the membership vote to change the bylaws- a plan needs to be established as to how to

implement new policy, e.g. MAL's that were voted today will run again next year, or have a three-year term, etc.

D. Ad Hoc ARID Awards Editorial

E. Webinars

F. Scholarship Committee – changes proposed for process of applying for scholarship facilitated by availability of technology. (See proposed changes as presented by Myra, yellow highlights are the changes and striked text no longer necessary). This will streamline the process for applying and receiving scholarship.

**GM18.11 Motion to accept changes as presented (B. A. Walker, Whitehead) Passed.**

G. Barbara E Northup Scholarship Award: - community involvement Award. Yellow highlighted is the proposed addition, strikeout proposed deletion.

**GM18.12 Motion to accept changes as presented (Stauffer, Whitehead) Passed.**

**GM18.12a Move to amend to state that submission of nomination to be emailed to ARID president (Stauffer, Kirkpatrick). Passed.**

H. Shirley T. Herald Lifetime Achievement Award – (Myra)

Editorial changes highlighted in yellow. Procedural change to deadline for nomination, President will select Ad Hoc Committee members, change number of AdHoc committee for reviewing nominations and determining recipient. Table until Dec.. There was not sufficient time to report on all the changes. This item is tabled until the December meeting. Proposed changes to be included in the newsletter.

## VII. **New Business - none**

## VIII. **Announcements**

Univ. Memphis has new – 9 month post bac program to work with individuals who have a disability. This certificate provides credentials for working in services for students with disability.

IX. **Adjourn:** **GM18.13 Motion to adjourn (Stauffer, Taff-Watson).** Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.