

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2020**

**In attendance**, M. Beaty, N. Winchell, B. Smith, A. Beaty, C. Honorable, B. Walker, B. Hogan, C. Brockway, D. Malley, N. Whitehead, J. Harrell, M. Taff-Watson, S. Westcott, W. Gorum, A. (Mullen) Newport, A. Carruthers, T. Smith, L. Stauffer, C. Rios, B. Abrams, and D. Dippel. Secretary note, this meeting was conducted via zoom. Members did come and go. If someone attended and his/her name was omitted from the above list, please advise.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 bam.

**Motion 20-06 We, the Board, move to host the ARID June 2020 GMM on Zoom, to suspend the rule on business meetings being conducted in ASL, that this meeting be conducted in spoken English, invite interpreters to interpret the meeting for access. (Board/Gorum)**

**Motion 20-07 Minutes approved without correction. (Passed)**

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### Financial Statement

##### Year to Date

Bank - \$ 41,160.73

Income - \$ 8,981.19

Expenses - \$ 7,428.88

Net income - \$ 1,552.31

##### Fiscal Quarter to Date

Bank - \$ 41,160.73

Income - \$ 226.16

Expenses - \$ 883.97

Net income - \$ - 657.81

### **Biennial Budget 2021**

- Will be functioning on a \$0 balance budget.
- 2021 Conference will take place at the Four Points Hotel in Bentonville, Arkansas.
- Notable differences from previous year budgets:
- 1 - Entertainment budget will be \$500.00 rather than the sizable amount requested in 2019 used to reserve the Museum of Discovery.
- 2 - T-shirts have been removed as a “baked-in” item. T-shirts will be available as a separate purchase.
- 3 - Early bird registration totally 1.8 CEUs, including food cost \$230. Regular registration is \$250 and Late registration is \$290.
- 4 - The term “Biennial Rollover Funds” was clarified, no questions or comments from meeting attendees.
- 5 - There was much discussion regarding fundraising, for the biennial and the position. Because the Chair of the Fundraising committee position has been vacant for years, a suggestion was made to consider re-structuring. The Chair is in the Bylaws, therefore a motion would have to be made to change the bylaws. Also, discussion to consider combining the Chair and the Biennial fundraising position. More discussion to come at the September GMM. Changes to the Bylaws are discussed during a GMM then voted on at the next GMM.

- Also discussion regarding separating the biennial fund from the general fund. Special recognition to Nick Winchell for the thorough budget and explanation of it. The PowerPoint was amazing! Thank you, Nick, your hard work was exemplified in your presentation!

**Motion 20-08 As per the recommendation of the accountant and the CPA, I move we maintain our accounting the same way that it has been, not to separate accounts because at this point the Biennial Conference is not self-sustaining. (Taff-Watson/Stauffer) Passed.**

**Motion 20-09 Make a motion to accept the ARID budget as presented for FY 2020-2021. (Brockway/Harrell) Passed.**

### **President's Report**

- National Association of Interpreters in Education (NAIE), offer a free 1-year membership to educational interpreters.
- RID - membership due date has been extended to Oct 31 from June 30.
- Region IV - things have been quiet, updates will be passed along to the membership.
- Clint asked - rules for conducting meetings in ASL have been suspended for this meeting because we are on Zoom. In order for our members to participate in the meeting, other affiliate chapter members could be asked to interpret our meetings. This could be a reciprocal agreement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Vice-President's Report**

- 2021 Biennial Conference theme will be - Mind, Heart, Body: Wellness and Interpreting. Program tracks will be mental health, medical and linguistics.
- Fundraising options are Moe's and Tips for Terps. It is noted that fundraising during a pandemic is more difficult than previous years. Jaime Harrell and Katie Becker are continuing to work on it. Other suggestions are "Sip and Tip" and more private donations could be made via Square.
- BPC still needs your help. Cali Rios asked about the number of support staff that will be needed, she is ready to start recruiting. 8 support staff is the ideal number.

### **Secretary's Report**

- My apologies for getting the minutes out so late. I will work to do better.
- **MAL 2** - NW AR will get together via Zoom (maybe) to at least see each other.
- **MAL 1** - Deaf United Organization has a camping event this weekend and they offer various sign language classes.

### **Committee Reports**

**Sunshine Committee** - 8 birthday cards, 1 congratulations, and 4 sympathy cards were sent. Someone mentioned LRBDA member, Dorris Eskridge passed away and Katie Kornreich got married. Cards will be sent for these events.

**Editorial Committee** - Reminder reports are due ASAP. Also, are people using the “Member Update Form”? Can it be moved to the website? President responded - Putting it on the website is in the works.

**Membership** - QR codes are being used, replacing the barcodes. There has been a significant increase in membership, most notably up to 13 students.

Cali Rios mentioned that the Mentoring Chair position is vacant and much needed for students. Meagan mentioned a Facebook mentoring page that could be beneficial; it is not an ARID group, but another resource. Ashley Beaty is willing to help match students and mentors based on skill and area of focus.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

**Motion 20.10 ARID publicly stands in solidarity with our Interpreters and Deaf Community members who are Black, African American, and People of Color. We denounce social injustice and discrimination in any form as well as violent response to peaceful protests. We pledge to keep working for a more diverse interpreter population to meet all consumers’ needs. (Stauffer/Wescott) Passed.**

**Motion 20.11 for motion 20.10 to be posted on the ARID website, Facebook, in the ARID newsletter, Listserv both in printed English and a ASL version. (Brockway/Wescott) Passed**

Discussion of “who” will be on the video of the ASL version.

**Motion 20.12 Motion to table the “who on video” discussion until after the next motion. (Brockway)**

The Secretary had to leave for another appointment. Brittany Hogan took notes from this point to the conclusion of the meeting. Thank you Brittany!!

**Motion 20.13 I move that ARID form an ad hoc committee and to determine what actions ARID can take to leverage the inclusion of and support the success of interpreters of color in our field. That the committee be empowered to determine it’s own title, description, and recommendations of actions for ARID to be presented to the ARID membership. (Brockway/Taff-Watson) Passed.**

The President will send out a message, a meeting invite scheduled for June 9, 2020 at 6 pm for the Ad Hoc Committee meeting via listserv and Facebook announcement.

**Motion 20.14 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:40pm.**