

General Business Meeting
Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
Fall PD Days
November 20, 2016, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Mott Community College

In adherence to the Bylaws which state:

Article IV. Section 5. A quorum for a business meeting shall consist of a majority of the dual status members registered to attend the workshop in conjunction with the general business meeting.

Quorum was met. Fifty-six dual members were registered to attend the workshop and forty dual members were present at the meeting.

Board Members present: President Naomi Gotlib, Vice President Andi Chumley, Treasurer Cindy Wood, Secretary Mitch Holaly, Member-at-large Ge Moody, Member-at-large Stephen Decator, and Publications Manager Laura Gonzalez.

Meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm. President Naomi Gotlib presided over the meeting and Secretary Mitch Holaly recorded the minutes.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Member-at-Large Stephen Decator moves to accept the meeting minutes from the Spring 2016 General Business Meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda: Member-at-Large Stephen Decator moves to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Bylaw Amendments

MOTION 16-017: MIRID member Melinda Keen moves to amend ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the MIRID Bylaws to state:

Section 1. President

C. shall, with the approval of the executive board, appoint a committee of three (3) members to audit the treasurer's records **at anytime. A minimum notice of 14 calendar days must be given to the treasurer;** and

Discussion: Shawn Spearman (Clarification)

Vote: 35 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MOTION 16-018: MIRID member Jennifer Libiran moves to remove "C. shall be the tertiary signer on checks for the disbursement of monies." under ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3. Secretary and amend Article VI Section 2 D to appear, "D. shall be bonded and the tertiary signer on checks for the disbursement of monies.

Discussion: Megan Hart (Clarification)

Vote: 38 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MOTION 16-019: Treasurer Cindy Wood moves to amend ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 4. Treasurer of the MIRID Bylaws to read:

B. shall be responsible for an accurate accounting of all membership dues and issuance of membership cards and receipts; and

Vote: 40 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MOTION 16-020: Member-at-Large Stephen Decator moves to amend ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 4. Treasurer by removing

F. shall send membership dues notices during the month of May each year; and

and amend Section 3. Secretary to appear:

C. shall send membership dues notices during the month of June each year; and

Vote: 39 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MOTION 16-021: MIRID member Erin Seipke-Brown moves to amend ARTICLE X. FINANCES, Section 2 of the MIRID Bylaws to appear:

Section 2. Expenses will be administered by the treasurer only after two (2) other bonded Executive Board members have approved the expense amount in writing (i.e. email)

Discussion: Cindy Wood (Support), Shawn Spearman (Support)

Vote: 40 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

MOTION 16-022: MIRID Member Brenda Boaz-Pond moves to amend ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS, Section 1 of the MIRID Bylaws to read:

Section 1. Amendments to the by-laws must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those voting with notification of proposed changes given thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Vote: 39 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Termination

MOTION 16-023: MIRID Member Cindy Stemple moves for the membership to approve the following motion brought from the Executive Board:

In compliance with protocol outlined in Article VIII, Section 6 of the Bylaws, the MIRID Executive Board moves to terminate the following subcommittees due to inactivity: MIRID VI and MIRID Cherry Capitol (MIRID CC).

“Article VIII, Section 6. Regional terminations shall be instituted if a region fails to follow the by-laws, policies, procedures and philosophies of MIRID, or upon regional request or inactivity; and

A. shall be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the executive board and must be ratified by a simple majority of the membership at the next general meeting; and

B. shall, in the event a region is officially terminated by the membership, release and assign to MIRID all assets within thirty (30) days of said termination. These assets will be held in escrow for a period of two (2) years or until the region is reactivated, whichever occurs first. Failure to comply within the thirty (30) days requirement will necessitate MIRID’s seizure of said assets.”

Discussion: Brenda Boaz-Pond (Opposed), Megan Seipke-Dame (Clarification), Stephen Decator (Support), Mitch Holaly (Support), Shawn Spearman (Support)

Vote: 34 Yea, 4 Nay, 2 Abstain. Motion carried.

President Naomi Gotlib asked for any motions from the floor. No motions were brought forth.

President Naomi Gotlib made announcements regarding the following:

- MIRID has three scholarships available to the membership
- MIRID is currently hosting free Ethical Discussion Groups for members in three different locations
- The MIRID Spring conference will be held on April 29 – 30, 2017. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

President Naomi Gotlib yielded the floor to Member-at-Large Stephen Decator. Mr. Decator encouraged more participation from the membership. Treasurer Cindy Wood also asked for more involvement.

President Naomi Gotlib closed the meeting by recognizing the efforts of the MIRID Board, the Professional Development Chair James Cech, the student support staff, and the parliamentarian Dee Robertson.

Member Shawn Spearman moves to adjourn. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm

Mitch Holaly, Secretary