

General Business Meeting

Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
Spring Professional Development Conference

May 19, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Comfort Inn and Suites Conference Room A
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

I. President Chumley called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and presided over the meeting. Secretary Danielle Ward recorded the minutes.

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.

II. Quorum was met with 20 dually certified members registered and in attendance.

III. Mitch Holaly moved to approve the minutes from the 2017 Spring conference; Motion seconded by James Cech and passed with no abstentions or opposition.

IV. James Cech moved to approve the agenda; Motion seconded by Cindy Stemple and passed with no abstentions or opposition.

V. Board reports

President Chumley

- Collaboration with other organizations
 - MIRID is collaborating with The Holley Institute for workshops; plans are in the process of being fleshed out for 2019
 - MIRID will be providing volunteer for MSD's Charter Day June 12, 2018
- LARA
 - As of December 2017, all certifications are under LARA
 - Participated in a fruitful meeting with LARA and noted that LARA is very receptive; first meeting included various stakeholders; LARA expressed that it was looking forward to positive outcomes
- Developing policy/guidelines for committees and chairs
 - MIRID to develop more specific policies and guidelines to have better consistency and structure throughout the organization
- Region III news and conference information
 - Has only attended one meeting so far

- The recent representative Byron Behm (of Indiana) will be relocating and the Region III representative position will again be vacant after the Milwaukee conference in August; contact President Chumley if interested.
- Check Facebook or the Region III and MIRID's website for conference information; Treasurer Wood and President Chumley will be attending as MIRID representatives

Treasurer Wood

- Membership (311 total)
 - 162 Dual/78 Student/5 Organizational/66 Supporting
- Bank accounts
 - Checking: 41,029.27
 - Savings: 16,001.94
- Scholarships (balance in bank)
 - Brian D. McCartney: \$7,500
 - \$500 for any student enrolled in an ITP or related field; can apply or be nominated; can be used for tuition, text books, etc.; can be used to help bridge gap or pay for mentoring; awarded March 2018
 - Awarded to Wendie Dillehay 2018
 - Doris Watkins: \$1154.26
 - Covers up to 50 percent of registration for a conference or workshop; you may apply once every year; MIRID can send payment on member's behalf; awarded October 2017 and May 2018
 - Awarded to Sarah Houston 2018
 - Lifetime Achievement: \$681.57
 - \$100 awarded to two individuals twice annually; purpose is to defray cost of testing (BEI, NIC, CDI, EIPA, etc.); last awarded 2015
 - Awarded to Cre Limbeck-Dishaw 2016
 - Mentorship: \$4649.89
- Elections
 - Electronic voting based on bylaw allowance
 - Will occur after the Spring conference; watch for emails from Wild Apricot site
 - At least one person per position has expressed an interest in running
 - Nominations submitted to nominations@mirid.org
 - Positions up for re-election: *Vice president, Treasurer, Publications manager, Member-at-Large, Member-at-Large*
 - If interested, ask for the bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM)
- Upcoming PD opportunities
 - MIRID wants to use some of the \$40,000 from dues and fees to benefit its members by having regular mini-workshops
 - One new workshop approximately every month

- CEU and endorsement opportunities
- If event is in a hotel, MIRID will pay for venue and request discounted rooms; no food will be provided to keep costs low
- Topics including
 - Education
 - GLBTIQ
 - Theater
 - Mental Health
 - Legal
 - Open to your suggestions
 - Contact Treasurer Wood with people you know
 - Join a committee and help MIRID plan more workshops in various parts of the state
 - Upcoming workshops
 - June 30, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Plymouth, Mich.; topic is “Wellness and Biomechanics for Better Health,” by Michael Stack of Applied Fitness Solutions Physical Health; Early-bird registration conference weekend (limited capacity); CEUs approved
 - August 11, 2018 – Marika Kovas-Houlihan – Flint?
 - September 15-16, 2018 – June Prusak and Ann Wohlmuth -- Kalamazoo
 - October 12-14, 2018 – Tamar and Alex Jackson-Nelson – Detroit area
 - November 30, 2018 – Kevin Dyles
 - February 23, 2019 – Sabrina Smith
 - Stay tuned to MIRID website and Facebook for updates and additional workshops
- PD chair Cech is stepping down from position to pursue other things; member April Davidson has expressed interest in assisting and MIRID is open to more volunteers

V. Announcements

- Special thanks to James Cech and April Davidson
- Recognition of sponsors Sorenson and DODDBHH
 - Jonathan Truman (Sorenson, Lansing director) described perks of working with Sorenson, such as 401K (with match), group mentoring, webinars ten times/year, dues and fees reimbursement; introduced Barbara Hinson, Ann Arbor call center director; mentioned that Sorenson sponsors conferences and provides interpreters upon request
 - Jeanette Jones stated DODDBHH’s desire to continue relationship with members; mentioned upcoming town hall events: June 21, 2018 in

Escanaba and June 23, 2018 in Traverse City; already met in Grand Rapids, Battle creek and Detroit; watch email for more information

- Dues due soon; see a board member to pay during conference; Look for reminders to renew membership; MIRID has second lowest dues in the country
- Brenda Dawe: Enjoyed the conference so far and experienced a great presenter
- MAL Moody: Three more members have requested scholarships
- If you didn't make Cassie Simmons' workshop, she has information available online
- Saturday afternoon workshops will be at CMU (map available)
- Mini-golf and ice cream outing Saturday evening
- Sunday: Corey Axelrod speaking on the Hard of Hearing community

VI. Adjournment

- Ge Moody moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Barbara Hinson;
- Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Danielle E. Ward
MIRID Secretary