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LRID

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING: SAT, MARCH 27, 2010

To: LRID MEMBERS: 2009-2010
From: LRID Bylaws Committee: L. Knowles, L. Yoakum, K. David, J. Powell, L. Gomez, D. Austin

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article XI of the Bylaws of Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf,* a Special Meeting of the membership will be held:

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010
TIME: 11:30am – 1:00pm
PLACE: Highland Club at YMCA
8100 YMCA Plaza Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

* ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

A. The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by approval of two-thirds majority of the voting members of the ASSOCIATION, eligible, voting and in attendance at the general business meeting or through mail referendum with thirty (30) days prior notice.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order Special Meeting of the LRID members March 27, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consideration of proposed changes in the LRID Bylaws. Summary of *substantive* changes:
 - A. Article II: Principal Office
Delete: Contact information changes with each new board.
 - B. Article IV: Membership
Redefine: RID Bylaws Article VIII: 'In order to be a voting member of an affiliate chapter, a person must also be a member in good standing of any membership category of RID.
 - C. Article V: Board of Directors
Redefine: Rep's positions are redundant and required membership in RID, LRID, and LAD is becoming cost prohibitive. The association will be better served with a position general to the objective of LRID. (*Note:* *CMP Coordinator will become appointed by the Board.)
 - D. Article VII: Local Chapters
Delete: As per RID Motion 2007.08 – "To direct affiliate chapters to convert all local chapters To sub-committees by July 1, 2012 and to direct the national officer to engage in each of the activities necessary to implement this action."
 - E. Article IX: Conference and Trainings
Redefine: Allows flexibility of training opportunities.
- IV. Adjournment

A copy of the current LRID Bylaws (Rev: Dec 2005) can be found at www.lrid.org.
Comments/questions regarding proposed Bylaws changes can be sent to Leslie at mlknowles0321@yahoo.com.

Dated: February 8, 2010 by M. Leslie Knowles

Attachments: LRID Proposed Bylaws; Workshop flyer, and Registration Form



1 **ARTICLE I. NAME**

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3 The name of the association shall be the Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (LRID).

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5 **ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE**

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7 The principle objective of the association is to initiate, sponsor, promote, and execute policies and
8 activities that will further the profession of interpretation of American Sign Language and English and the
9 transliteration of English. This association shall be the state affiliate chapter of Registry of Interpreters for
10 the Deaf (RID, INC).

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12 **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

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14 Section 1: Categories and Eligibility of Membership

15 The association shall have the following categories of non-transferable membership:

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17 A. Voting Members

18 A voting member of LRID shall be a resident of Louisiana and a member in good standing of any
19 membership category of RID.

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21 B. Non-Voting Members

22 A non-voting member of LRID shall be one who supports the association, but does not wish to have
23 voting privileges and may or may not be a member in good standing of any membership category of RID.

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25 C. Lifetime Members

26 Lifetime membership is granted during the general business meeting and shall include all rights and
27 privileges of the category of membership in which eligibility is met. Annual membership dues are waived.

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29 D. Organizational Members

30 An Organizational member of LRID is any organization with an interest in supporting LRID and carries no
31 voting privileges.

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33 Section 2: Voting Rights and Requirements

34 A. Each voting member of the association shall be entitled to one vote in meetings, referenda and/or elections.

35 B. Upon receipt of appropriate documentation, a member who has a change in membership category will
36 immediately be entitled to the privileges thereof. Beginning with the next fiscal year, all dues for that
37 member shall be based on the new membership category.

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39 Section 3: NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct Compliance

40 Individual members of the association shall follow the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct.

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42 Section 4: Liabilities of Members

43 No individual who is now or who later becomes a member of the association shall be personally liable to
44 its creditors for any indebtedness, liability and any and all creditors shall look only to the assets of the
45 association for payment.

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47 **ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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49 Section 1: Composition of Board of Directors

50 The Board of Directors shall be comprised of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and
51 Member-At-Large. In addition, the Immediate Past President and LAD President (or designee) may serve
52 as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Directors as needed.

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54 Section 2: Powers and Limitations

55 The management of the association shall be delegated from the membership to the Board of Directors.
56 Decisions of the Board of Directors may be vetoed by two-thirds majority vote during the general business
57 meeting in which a quorum is present.



58 Section 3: Duties

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60 A. General Duties

- 61 1. Perform duties as prescribed by the membership.
- 62 2. Approve expenditures **as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the association.**
- 63 3. Meet quarterly to conduct business via any **method of** communication as long as all
- 64 directors may participate **equally and fully.** A majority of the Directors **constitutes a quorum.**
- 65 4. **Appoint a CMP Coordinator to manage all activities involving CEUs sponsored by the**
- 66 **association.**
- 67 5. **Provide quarterly and year-end reports to the membership.**
- 68 6. **Submit to RID, Inc all documentation as outlined in the Affiliate Chapter Handbook.**

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70 B. **Officers**

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72 1. President

- 73 a) Presides at meetings of the members and/or directors
- 74 b) Appoints committees, chairpersons, and Parliamentarian for general business meeting
- 75 c) Co-signs checks as designated through action of the Board of Directors
- 76 d) Serves as ex-officio member of all committees
- 77 e) Represents the association in all appropriate activities and at national and regional
- 78 conferences **if financially feasible**

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80 2. Vice-President

- 81 a) In the absence or disability of the president, shall assume all duties of the president
- 82 b) Serves as Conference Chair and coordinates conferences and training **opportunities**
- 83 c) Co-signs checks as designated through action of the Board of Directors

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85 3. Secretary

- 86 a) Keeps records of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the general business
- 87 meeting
- 88 b) **Maintains the membership list of the association**
- 89 c) Coordinates and distributes information of the association via newsletter and/or website
- 90 d) Co-signs checks as designated through action of the Board of Directors

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92 4. Treasurer

- 93 a) Supervises the receipt and safekeeping of all association funds
- 94 b) Co-signs checks as designated through action of the Board of Directors

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96 5. **Member-At-Large**

97 **Gathers and disseminates information acting as liaison between the association and other**

98 **organizations.**

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100 6. **LAD President (or designee)**

101 **Serves in a non-voting capacity.**

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103 7. Immediate Past President

104 **Serves in a non-voting capacity as needed.**

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106 Section 4: Qualifications

107 All candidates for the Board of Directors shall be a voting member **in good standing** of the association and

108 a member in good standing of RID, Inc. for a minimum of twelve (12) months.

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110 Section 5: Terms of Office

- 111 **A. Officers are elected to one two-year term.**
- 112 **B. No officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.**
- 113 **C. Officers are elected during the odd-numbered years of the general membership meeting.**



114 D. Their term shall commence at the conclusion of the general membership meeting at which
115 voting occurred.

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117 Section 6: Nominations and Elections

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119 A. A call for nominations shall begin no less than thirty (30) days prior to the election.
120 B. Nominations will be accepted from members in good standing of the association.
121 C. Nominations may be entertained from the floor during the general business meeting.
122 D. Elections shall be held at the general business meeting during the odd-numbered years.
123 E. To constitute a valid election, ballots must be cast by fifty (50) percent of the voting members present
124 at the general business meeting.
125 F. No membership vote is required for positions with only one nominee.
126 G. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be held during the election/voting meeting.
127 H. Election results shall be published in the minutes of the general business meeting in which voting
128 occurred.

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130 Section 7: Vacancies

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132 Vacancies are created by the death, resignation, or removal of any director.

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134 A. Any director may resign upon giving written notice to the President and Secretary.
135 B. Removal of any director shall be done for any of the following reasons:
136 1) any legal action of for cause as detailed in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*;
137 2) does not maintain membership in the association and the national RID, Inc.;;
138 3) has a substantiated formal grievance against him or her
139 4) fails to attend two (2) scheduled Board meetings within a twelve-month period; or
140 5) has not acted in good faith in the fulfillment of the duties inherent in the office
141 C. The Board of Directors shall appoint a person satisfying the qualifications to fill the vacancy for the
142 remaining term of office. Such an appointment will not constitute a term of office.

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144 Section 8: Compensation

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146 Directors shall receive no compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for reasonable
147 expenses made for the purpose of doing business on behalf of the association.

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149 **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

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151 The President, upon Board of Directors' approval, shall appoint any standing, special and/or ad hoc
152 committee as deemed necessary to carry out the objective of the association.

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154 **ARTICLE VI. CONFERENCE AND TRAININGS**

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156 Section 1: Conference and General Business Meeting

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158 A statewide conference shall be held annually for the purpose of conducting the business of the
159 association, as well as providing educational opportunities and professional development.
160 A. The general membership meeting will be held during the conference.
161 B. A quorum shall consist of ten (10) percent of eligible voting members.
162 C. Notice of the general business meeting will be given to the membership at least thirty days prior to the
163 meeting.
164 D. Conference dates and locations will rotate among membership areas as designated by the current
165 schedule.

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167 Section 2: Trainings

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169 One-day trainings shall be provided by the association at least twice a year to for the purpose of
170 individual and professional development. Training dates and locations will rotate among membership
171 areas as designated by the current schedule.

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173 **ARTICLE VII. SPECIAL REFERENDUM**

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175 **Motions may be voted on by the membership by special referendum in the following manner:**
176 A. **Special** referenda may be drafted and submitted by the Board of Directors or by written petition of at
177 least **five** percent of the voting members of the association.
178 B. Written notice of a referendum, stating and describing all motions procedures and deadlines for voting,
179 shall be provided to all voting members at least forty-five days prior to the referendum deadline.
180 C. Results of the **special** referenda shall be disseminated to the membership within forty-five days after
181 the referenda deadline.

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183 **ARTICLE VIII. FISCAL YEAR OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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185 The fiscal year of the association shall being on the first day of July and end on the thirtieth day of June of
186 each year.

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188 **ARTICLE IX. FEES AND DUES**

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190 **Annual membership fees are due by the first day of July of each fiscal year.** The Board of Directors shall
191 not increase or decrease membership dues by more than ten percent without a majority vote of the
192 membership at the general business meeting **or by special referendum.** **Dues may vary for each**
193 **category.** Notification of any changes in dues must be available to the membership at least **forty-five** days
194 prior to the anticipated implementations.

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196 **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

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198 A. The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by approval of two-thirds of the voting members of the
199 association voting during the general business meeting with **forty-five** days prior notice.
200 B. A copy of all amendments to these Bylaws shall be forwarded to the RID Regional Representative
201 and to RID as prescribed in the Affiliate Chapter Handbook.

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203 **ARTICLE XI. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

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205 The ASSOCIATION shall not discriminate in matters of membership on the basis of age, color, creed, disability,
206 ethnicity, hearing status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

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208 **ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

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210 A. Dissolution may occur upon two-thirds (2/3) majority vote during a membership meeting.
211 B. In the event of the dissolution of the association, any and all assets, movable or immovable, of any
212 worth or value, will be converted into cash, whether by sale or other necessary means, and said cash
213 monies will be deposited and held in an escrow account. Any and all interest from monies deposited in
214 the aforementioned account will be held in same account. Should a period of five (5) years pass and the
215 association is not be re-established, funds will be reverted to a non-profit 501(c)3 organization selected at
216 the time of dissolution.
217 C. Upon the dissolution of the association, the President shall forward all records to the Registry of
218 Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (National Office).

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220 **ARTICLE XIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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222 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the
223 association in all cases to which they are applicable and consistent with these Bylaws and any special
224 rules of order the association may adopt.

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226 *Adopted:* October 1, 1969. *Revised:* Sept. 24, 1983; Sept. 29, 1984; Mar. 2, 1985; Sept. 27, 1986; Feb. 25, 1989;
227 Sept. 28, 1991; Sept. 26, 1992; Apr 13, 1996; Dec. 2005; **March 27, 2010**