

**LRID General Membership Minutes
October 23, 2010- Kenner, LA**

- I. **Call to order** – 12:52 p.m. October 23, 2010, Crown Plaza Hotel, Kenner, LA
- II. **Roll Call / Credentials Committee** (C.M. Johnston)
 - A. In Attendance: 48 total (32 Voting, 12 Non-voting 4 visitors) Quorum present

III. **Pledge of Allegiance / Personal Moment of Silence**

IV. **Approval of Agenda** – (Kenny David/Janie Powel) Approved

V. **Approval of Standing Rules** – (Gary Morgan/Ann Reed) Approved

VI. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. September 19, 2009 General Membership Meeting Approved as corrected
- B. March 27, 2010 Special Membership Meeting Approved as corrected

VII. **Officers Reports**

A. **President: Darlene Austin** – Attended the RID Region IV Leadership Retreat in Colorado in November 2009. New Orleans is being considered as a host site for the 2015 national RID conference along with Denver and Dallas. By legislative action, the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf is now under the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the Louisiana Interpreter Certification Board (ICB) has been abolished along with other dormant/inactive boards and commissions.

B. **Vice President: Monique Revader** – Thanked everyone associated involved in presenting, interpreting, sponsors, student representatives and LRID Members. Requested feedback from everyone on the workshops and full conference for consideration in preparing for the next state conference. Food left over from the banquet the night before was donated to a homeless shelter in New Orleans that was able to feed 62 men staying there at the time.

C. **Treasurer: Linda Ducotey** – Detailed Financial Report presented to members on page 14 of the program book.

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,255.17
Total Income	\$14,083.81
Total Expenses	\$10,203.51 (*as amended)
Ending Balance	\$13,135.47

*Les Yoakum commented on a \$15.00 discrepancy in the beginning and ending balance.

D. **Secretary: Cara Johnston** – Announced recent deaths: Julie Mowad, and Medford Magill. On the current membership form areas 1 and 2 were inadvertently swapped, but will be corrected on the membership form for the next fiscal year. As of the end of the 2009 fiscal year our membership totals are as follows:

Total 106
Certified-56
Associate- 21
Life time-7
Student-13
Supporting-9
Organizational-0

Area Breakdown:

Area I (New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Northshore) - 68
Area II (Alexandria, Lake Charles, Lafayette) - 19
Area III (Shreveport, Bossier City, Monroe)-10
Out of State- 9

For the membership year 2010-2011 there are 111 members.

E. **CMP Coordinator: Kim White (given by Darlene Austin)** - A total of 31.65 CEUs were approved last year. CEUs may be obtained for college coursework. 3. There were 355 participants at those workshops. A question was raised about whether LRID is still on probation with RID for previous CMP exceptions noted in an RID audit. Chris Grooms stated that RID has suspended approval of new CEU sponsors while the Certification Maintenance Program is being revamped. It was suggested that Kim contact RID regarding the status of the probation. However, we are all still earning CEUs at this conference.

F. **Member-at-large: Shirley Delahouyasse** – Attended the Hatrak Sisters workshop hosted by LAD.

G. **LAD Rep to LRID: Pauline Wood** – LAD presented an all-day workshop by the Hatrak Sisters free of charge to participants and CEUs were provided. A collaboration between LAD and LRID will be discussed later in the meeting.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

A. **Audit Committee – Paula Rodriguez and Melodie Sparks.** The committee looked at several deposits and compared them to receipts. Everything seemed to check out. The \$15 discrepancy was noted and was corrected by the Treasurer.

B. **Bylaws - Kenny David (Chair), Denise Crochet, Peggy Gray, Leslie Knowles, and Janie Powell.** Proposed changes to the bylaws include removing the LAD Representative to LRID position from the board, staggering the elections of new officers and establishing an effective date of December 1st for newly elected officers.

Notification of the proposed bylaw changes was posted on the LRID website. A chart of the proposed changes is also printed in the program book.

Pauline Wood, LAD Representative to LRID, and the LRID President addressed items number 1 and 2 of the proposed changes. Due to apparent miscommunication between LRID and LAD, it was agreed that items number 1 and 2 shall be omitted from the proposed bylaw changes.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. **Substitute MOTION, C2009.02** (P. Rodriguez/A. Reed) LRID offer a consumer, non-member, reduced rate at workshops/conferences (excluding provided meals) to members of the Deaf Community who are not pursuing CEUs.

Rationale – There are Deaf Community members who are not pursuing CEUs but would like to participate; however, it is cost prohibitive for them.

ACTION - ADPOTED

X. New Business

A. **Motion C2010.01** (Bylaws Committee) Move that the proposed language presented to the membership regarding Article IV. Section 5. Board of Directors – Terms of Office of the LRID Bylaws be adopted with the amended language that the LAD Representative to LRID will serve a term as prescribed by LAD.

Rationale – Staggered elections of new officers allows for continuity on the board from term to term. Further, establishing a December 1st term commencement gives the outgoing board members time to close out unfinished items and allows for a smoother transition to the new board member.

ACTION – ADOPTED

B. **Motion C2010.02** (L. Knowles/J. Powell) Move that the LRID President ask for clarification from the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf on the intent of “state certification” since the state does not actually have a certification test.

Rationale - It’s a rubber stamp procedure that recognizes national certification and maintains a list of “state-approved” interpreters whether certified or not.

ACTION – ADOPTED

C. **Motion C2010.03** (Linda Ducotey/C. M. Johnston) Refer to the the By-laws committee to look at the duties of the Member-at-Large because it is cost prohibitive to go to all other organizations’ meetings..

Rationale – Along with attending the board meetings the Member-at-Large has to attend other organization meetings and functions as well. These costs are not paid for by LRID.

ACTION - ADOPTED

XI. Other Questions/Discussion

- A. Andrew Veith, ITP student. Requested that a student representative position be created on the LRID Board. (Referred to Bylaws Committee)

XII. Announcements

- A. LSD Homecoming game will be held on November 6th, please come!
- B. June 3rd and 4th will be the LAD conference in Alexandria, LA.
- C. “Thank You” gifts and certificates given to Cheryl Thomas, Donald Suggs, Donna Hoover (interpreting) and Natasha Aymami (for captioning).
- D. Thank You and well deserved gift to Monique for all of her hard work (from Darlene)

XIII. Adjournment – 2:25 October 23, 2010, Crown Plaza Hotel, Kenner, LA

Respectfully submitted by
Cara Magee-Johnston CI and CT
LRID Secretary, 2009-2011

APPROVED