

LRID General Membership Minutes
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September 23-24, 2011 – Baton Rouge, LA

- I. **Call to order** 12:40 pm September 23, 2011, Holiday Inn South, Baton Rouge, LA
- II. **Roll Call / Credentials Committee (C. Johnston)** - 30 voting members present – quorum reached.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance/Personal Moment of Silence**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** (Kenny David/Gary Morgan) – Approved with correction of moving Bylaws changes from Committee Reports to New Business due to only giving reports today.
- V. **Approval of Standing Rules** (Beth Foreman/Alvina Malcolm) – Approved.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes October 23, 2010** (Kenny David/Janie Powell) – Approved
- VII. **Officers Reports**

A. President: Darlene Austin

PayPal account was set up moving LRID into the 21st Century! The president attended the LAD convention in Alexandria in June at her own cost. Attended RID national conference (paid for by president's employer). the big announcement at the conference was about the changes to the NIC going into effect later this year. LRID/LAD Memorandum of Understanding, based on the MOU entered into a couple years ago between RID and NAD, will be signed by the presidents of both organizations following the election of officers.

B. Vice President: Monique Revader

Attended the Region IV Leadership Retreat in Boulder, CO in November 2010. Vice presidents are now members of the Region IV presidents *Yahoo!* group. Attended the RID national conference on behalf of LRID. Thanked everyone involved including presenters, interpreters, sponsors, fundraisers, student representatives and LRID members.

C. Secretary: Cara Magee-Johnston

End-of-Year (FY: 2010-2011) membership report: 122 members, and 3 new organizational members this year (Sorenson, LAD, and Carol Thibodeaux).

D. Treasurer: Linda Ducotey

FY 2010-2011

Beginning Balance	\$13,150.47
Total Income	\$14,323.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$14,826.02</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$12,647.45</u>

Linda announced her resignation from this position for the remainder of her term through 11/30/2012 for personal reasons. It was a great learning experience.

E. CMP Coordinator: Kim White

A total of 41.5 CEUs were approved last year (300 for general studies and 115 for professional studies). LRID CMP Probation is still pending; however, it does not affect our sponsorship of CEUs. After serving for 4 years as LRID CMP Coordinator, Kim announced she is stepping down. Leslie Knowles is stepping up and will begin serving as the new CMP Coordinator following this conference. We thank Leslie for that.

F. Member-At-Large: Shirley Delahoussaye

Shirley announced the end of her 4 year term with a total of 8 years in this position over the last decade. As a part of the collaboration between LRID and LAD, CEUs were offered at the LAD convention this summer and LRID sponsored one of the workshops. Shirley thanked everyone for their support.

G. LAD Rep to LRID: Walker Estes:

Walker was elected as president for LAD this past June and LAD held 5 town hall meetings across Louisiana. LAD is setting up Facebook and Twitter accounts and is also working on improving the LAD website. They are also doing some certification training for deaf advocates. LAD has added a new chapter for membership, New Orleans Deaf Black Advocates. LAD now has 355 members. We've gone from 100 to 355 in two month's time.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Audit Committee-Alvina Malcolm and Jo Brown

The committee looked over all of the checks, receipts, everything from September 2010 to present and found everything in order.

B. Bylaws Committee- Kenny David (Chairperson), Leslie Knowles, Janie Powell, Lynne Gomez, and Alvina Malcolm

1. The committee conducted business via email. All of the proposed changes being presented at this meeting was emailed to all members by the Secretary, posted on the LRID website, and is printed on page 25 of the conference program book.
2. At the conference last year a motion was made to look at the duties and feasibility of the member-at-large to travel to all of the associations of and for the deaf in this state to represent LRID.
3. The second request was to review the possibility of creating a position on the board for a student representative, a voting position. Whereas the committee believes that the board and this organization are here to handle matters for working interpreters, and student members may become full members of the organization once they become working interpreters, the committee is recommending that no action be taken on this issue.

C. Nominations-Janie Powell:

1. Positions up for election are President, Secretary and Member-at-Large.
2. Nominations currently are:
 - a. President – Darlene Austin
 - b. Secretary – Carla Murphy, Cara Johnston and Jennifer Kuyrkendall
 - c. Member-at-Large – Andrew Veith
2. Nominations will remain open until the position is voted upon.

IX. Recess - 1:40 pm

X. Call to Order - September 24, 2011 at 12:55pm.

XI. Unfinished Business

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

The president brought it up at a commission meeting. Currently everything the LCD does is all mandated and directed in the legislation that lays out all the duties and responsibilities of the commission. The law currently says that LCD will certify. In order to change that, even though they are not an official certifying body, they just recognize national certification to certify state interpreters for the LCD list of interpreters for state assignments, period. But in order to change the wording for what they do would require legislative action. At this point there’s really nothing that can be done unless we petition for legislative changes.

XII. New Business

- A. Motion C2011.01** (Bylaws Committee) Move that the proposed language presented to the membership regarding Article IV, Section 3.B.5 Board of Directors – Officer Duties – Member-at-Large specifying the responsibilities of the position and costs associated with those responsibilities be adopted.
(J. Kuyrkendall/K. White)

Rationale – The committee recognizes the importance of this board member having a strong engaging relationship with LAD and for clarity purposes has reflected this in the proposed language.

Action – Adopted

- B. Resolutions:** Leslie Knowles

Resolution 2011.01: Whereas the LRID 2011 conference was a great success, we want to thank the LRID board and LRID conference committee.

Resolution 2011.02: Whereas the outgoing LRID officers have dutifully

represented LRID, we, the membership, thank them for their service.

Resolution 2011.03: Whereas Kim White has served as Certification Maintenance Program Coordinator and has faithfully carried out the intentions of the CMP and the program, we thank her for her decades of service.

Resolution 2011.04: Whereas the interpreters have worked their hands and voices off this weekend, we would like to also thank them for their service.

XIII. Election of Officers

A. President – Darlene Austin
Secretary – Jennifer Kuyrkendall
Member-at-Large – Andrew

B. Oath of Office administered to elected board members by Anne Reed.

XIV. Memorandum of Understanding between LRID and LAD

As mentioned in the first part of the membership meeting yesterday during the President's report, the membership witnessed the signing of the MOU by the LRID President, Darlene Austin and the LAD President, A. Walker Estes. One original will be kept by LAD and the other will be kept by LRID with both organizations posting a copy of their respective websites. The signing of this document shows a commitment between the two organizations to work together to foster a better relationship between interpreters and the Deaf Community in our state.

XV. Appreciations – Monique Revader recognized the following people with certificates of appreciation and gifts for helping make this conference a success:

- Student Representatives – Adam McCarthy Brown and Michelle Young
- Presenters – Adan Panilla, and BJ Morgan
- Presenter/interpreter – Cheryl Thomas
- Interpreters – Michael Bothel and Debra Derstine from Sorenson Communications, and Donald Suggs
- Fundraising – Alvina Malcolm
- Captionist – Lacy Kosienski.

XVI. Announcements

- A. Reminder to complete the green conference feedback form.
- B. RID Region IV conference will be held in Denver, Colorado on August 1-5, 2012.
- C. 2013 RID national conference will be in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- D. 2015 RID national conference will be in New Orleans.
- E. International CODA conference will be held in New Orleans during the summer of 2013.
- F. International Deaf Show October 13-16 with six Deaf performers from Japan, Germany and Russia. Admission is \$10 per person and more information can be found in the program book.

G. Deaf Focus is a new agency in Baton Rouge has been established to support the counseling other such needs of the Deaf community.

XVII. Adjournment – 1:50 pm (J. Powell/J. Kuyrkendall)

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

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