

**ICRID Board Meeting Minutes – (ISD MPR)  
January 26, 2008 -- 3:00 p.m.**

**Welcome & Introductions – Attendance** ---> Ronda Bilz, Kristina Riley, Randy Nicolai, Felisa Wilson, Laurie Cocks, Greg Gantt, Lisa Harmon, Judy Cain, Amanda Russell, Laura Leffler (editor), **Interpreters:** Kathy Roche, Sara Bennett, Marva Johnson. **Visitor:** Beatrice Pfaff.

**Called to Order** – Ronda called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Minutes** – October 2007

**M08.01.01** – Felisa Wilson, Kristina Riley seconded.

**Move to approve October 2007 Minutes as corrected. Passed.**

**Treasurer's Report** – (December, 2007)

Checking account activity – (according to bank statements)

Beginning balance	\$ 15,460.48		
Total outflow	\$ 19,282.33		
Total Income	\$ 8555.00		
Ending Balance	\$ 2733.09		
Savings	\$ 1003.10		
Marvin Marshall fund	\$ 1842.59	PayPal	\$
Koda fund	\$		

**Motions**

**M08.01.01** – Felisa Wilson, Kristina Riley seconded.

**Move to approve October 2007 Minutes as corrected. Passed.**

**M08.01.02** – Kristina Riley, Felisa Wilson seconded.

**Move to accept the membership committee's recommendation to collapse the two membership cycles into one cycle in accordance with RID's and ICRID's Fiscal Year.**

**M08.01.03** – Greg Gantt, Felisa Wilson seconded

**Move to pay \$100.00 for D.E.A.F. Network for 2008 Lecture Series. Passed.**

**M08.01.04** – Felisa Wilson, Kristina Riley seconded

**Move to have ICRID pay \$100.00 deposit to ISD for use of facility during Annual Spring Retreat. Passed.**

**Reports – Committee and others**

1. **2007 Annual Conference** – Carrie Westhoelter, chair

a date – November 8, 2008

b conference pending budget reports and earnings outcome for ASR

2. **ASR** – Members-at-Large – Felisa Wilson, chair

a Dates: March 14-15, 2008

b Fliers to be sent out week of 01-29-2008, and also posted on ICRID website

c Committee will entertain ideas for places to send information about ASR

d ISD requires \$100.00 deposit for use of facilities. Cannot provide use of rooms in dormitory as all rooms are occupied by residential students.

e Entertainment chair needed

**M08.01.04** – Felisa Wilson, Kristina Riley seconded

**Move to have ICRID pay \$100.00 deposit to ISD for use of facility during Annual Spring Retreat. Passed**

3. **Awards & Scholarships** – Dave Calvert, chair (board liaison – Judy Cain)

a No report

4. **Bylaws** – Antonette Needham chair (board liaison – \_\_\_\_\_)

a need board liaison for Members At Large

5. **DHHS Liaison report** – Judy Cain
  - a FSSA and DHHS are undergoing some reorganization at this time. We are not sure how DHHS will be affected.
6. **Educational Interpreter Advocacy** – Patti Wolff & Felisa Wilson co-chairs
  - a No Report
7. **Fundraising** – Vacant, chair (board liaison -- \_\_\_\_\_)
  - a The board is seeking to fill this position as soon as possible.
8. **IAD** – Jennifer Kutcka
  - a Jennifer Kutcka attended the IAD meeting last week.
  - b IAD is in the process of securing a building fund for a Deaf Center; has scheduled a planning meeting with architects
9. **ICRID Historical** – Judy Cain, chair
  - a Judy is working on filling the committee and is in the process of brainstorming how to compile the history of ICRID
  - b Some ideas include videotaping some of our “older” members and get their stories
10. **Membership** – Randy Nicolai, chair
  - a Organizational members: 2 (3 lapsed as of 3/06 or after, 3-before)
  - b Individual members: 184; Lapsed as of 10/07: 83; as of 3/07: 6; as of 10/06: 18; as of 3/06: 6
  - c Letters and membership applications have been/will be sent to the 83 members that have lapsed as of 10/07.
  - d On January 13, 2008, the Membership Committee had its first full committee meeting since the current chairperson has been in place. During this meeting we...
    - ...worked to revise the membership application;
    - ...discussed collapsing the two current membership cycles into one that will coincide with ICRID's fiscal year and prorate the dues to assist the transition;
    - ...discussed possible membership rate changes;
    - ...instituted a fourth step of calling members that have lapsed to encourage renewal;
    - ...initiated a revisit of Organizational member benefits and considered what to do with RID members of Indiana that are not also a member of ICRID.
  - e At this time the Membership Committee is recommending that the two current membership cycles be collapsed into one that coincides with ICRID's fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 starting July 1, 2008.
    - Rationale: The current membership cycle of November 1 through October 31 was instituted by a former treasurer for budgeting purposes coinciding with ICRID's operating fiscal year. Since the fiscal year has been changed, we believe it would be prudent to change the membership cycle as well. We believe that the change may also help dual members to stay current as they renew with both the national and state chapter organizations at the same time.
    - If accepted, the Membership Committee will place an article in an upcoming issue(s) of INSights and on the web site informing the membership and explaining the prorated dues. The prorated dues will stay in effect until all members have been transitioned to the new membership cycle because a number of members are current until October 2009.

Submitted by Randy Nicolai, Membership Committee Chair

**M08.01.02** – Kristina Riley, Felisa Wilson seconded.

**Move to accept the membership committee’s recommendation to collapse the two membership cycles into one cycle in accordance with RID’s and ICRID’s Fiscal Year.**

11. **Newsletter** – Laura Leffler, chair (board liaison – Judy Cain)
  - a Laura completed her first newsletter – January/February issue
  - b Please send any and all articles to both Laura and the liaison
  - c Deadline for submission is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before printing (even # months)
  - d Laura suggests including the following in future issues:
    - i Advertising
    - ii IAD article
    - iii Article featuring state ITPs
    - iv Section to compliment businesses that work well with interpreters

12. **PDC** – Vacant, chair (board liaison – Ronda Bilz)
  - a The board is seeking to fill this position as soon as possible.
13. **Satellite reports** –
  - a **South Bend** – Angela Myers (board liaison—Lisa Harmon)
    - i No Report
  - b **Fort Wayne** – George Clark (board liaison – Laurie Cocks)
    - i Hosts interpreter meetings the second and fourth Thursday of each month
    - ii Hospital Committee is making progress toward awareness and education with local hospitals, and is hoping to expand their efforts soon
    - iii Sorenson open for 3 months in Fort Wayne
    - iv Recommends improved communication with “ What’s Up?” editor Kim Drake
    - v Suspected reason for low ICIRD participation from Fort Wayne area: ICIRD seems like Indianapolis-only organization
      - Recommend making ICIRD more accessible to other regions of the state
    - vi LBD (League for the Blind and Disabled) recently saw the resignation of their only Deaf staff member—no word on replacement
    - vii Deaf Santa
      - Would like to access contacts to inform more people about this event when hosted again this year, December 6th, 2008.
  - c **Evansville** – Sherri McGannon (board liaison – Ronda Bilz)
    - i No Report
14. **Super Site report** –
  - a Bethel – (\_\_\_\_\_) No Report
  - b Southport – (Judy Cain) No Report
15. **Ways & Means** – Vacant, chair (board liaison – \_\_\_\_\_)
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16. **Website** – Lynn Frye, chair (board liaison - \_\_\_\_\_)
  - a No report
17. **Student Liaison** – (board liaison – Kristina Riley)
  - a Goshen – Mary Beth Fowler
  - b Bethel – Laura Maust
  - c IUPUI – Amanda Russell

#### **OLD Business**

**Technology boxes** – update (placeholder) — no report

**EI Task Force update** – placeholder

**Pay Pal – communication, money transfer, etc.**

ICRID is no longer using Pay Pal

#### **NEW Business:**

1. Fundraising – childcare for IAD/Parent sessions – needs coordinator

2. D.E.A.F. Network soliciting funding for their current lecture series

**M08.01.03** – Greg Gantt, Felisa Wilson, seconded

**Move to pay \$100.00 for D.E.A.F. Network for 2008 Lecture Series. Passed.**

Announcements:

**Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.**

#### **Communication Policy for ALL board meetings...**

All board members are encouraged to participate in the language of **THEIR** choice – Spoken English or ASL. No one will be forced to communicate in one or the other. We provide interpreters for meetings so that **ALL** members can participate at their comfort level. We understand that we have student members and Deaf members who are

at varying communication levels and styles. We will accommodate all levels of communication skill and model best practices of interpreting.