

ICRID Board Meeting Minutes

Bethel College, 1001 Bethel Circle, Academic Center room 433, Mishawaka, IN 46545
September 25, 2010
9:00am – 12:00pm

Attendance ---> Ronda Bilz, Lena Van Manen, Randy Nicolai, Zach Evans, Anne Harrigan, Jacob Stewart

Absent: Laurie Cocks, Lisa Harmon, Robin Reid

Visitors: Angela Myers, Natalie Hendrix-Evans, Melissa R. Kinney, Katrina Watton, Jenny Kidd, Rebecca Lintz, Jaclyn "Tennille" Feece, Stephanie Adams, Sandra Hunter.

Interpreters: Myron Yoder and Tracey Stack

Called to Order – 9:03

Minutes – August 2010 – Approved via email

Treasurer's Report –

August, 2010

Beginning Balance:	\$6160.00		
Total income:	\$1650.00	Savings:	\$1000.23
Total expense:	<u>\$325.10</u>	Marvin Marshall Scholarship:	\$1846.56
Ending Balance	\$7484.90		

Motions:

M10.09.02 Zach Evans, Anne Harrigan Seconded.

I move that ICRID sponsor the CDI Training event through F.A.C.E.S. in the amount of \$250. (passed)

Action Items:

1. All board members will inform Lena what their hotel room needs are for the conference so that she can reserve the appropriate number of rooms.
2. Randy will contact Marva Johnson to see if she has any fundraising ideas to implement.
3. Ronda will send to Laura the idea of finding venues for dispersing information.
4. Ronda will follow up with Judy on Joanna's CDI Workshop.
5. Ronda will contact Rhonda about the SCII Contract issue.
6. Lena will contact Dave Calvert about the ICRID Facebook Page.
7. Lena will contact RID about obtaining an FM system for the annual conference.
8. Laurie will find out if RID has been contacted about their donation to the silent auction.
9. Anne and Lisa will contact Robin about ICRID Reads! and it's progress.

Reports – Committee and others

1. **Annual Conference** – Lena Van Manen, chair
 - a. The conference is coming along. There have been some changes in the presenters we had set up but they are now confirmed. Darin Mitchell is taking care of the Conference Support Staff, and Anthony Nelson is working on signing up interpreters and putting out a call for interpreters. We need to have a locked room for the raffle/silent auction per the rules of the Indiana Gaming Commission, and we are communicating with the hotel to make sure that we have such a room. We have vendors and sponsors signed up for the conference.
2. **ASR** – Members-at-Large – Robin Reid, chair
 - a.
3. **Awards & Scholarships** – Dave Calvert, chair (board liaison – Laurie Cocks)

a. We have seen our country slowly crawl out of a deep economic recession that has had a profound impact on industry and families. ICRID is the leading state organization for advocating, supporting and promoting the profession of sign language interpreting. Without the hard work and dedication of these professionals, ICRID would cease to exist. It is the assignment of this committee to evaluate, organize and recommend recipients for various ICRID awards and scholarships. For some awards and scholarships, the candidate must apply and be approved, while others are mere recommendations from the Board of Directors or the membership. This year, ICRID proudly recognizes the accomplishments of some very deserving members.

It is the commission of the ICRID Awards and Scholarship Committee to oversee all awards given by the organization. The committee evaluates the validity of all submissions for any ICRID award and/or scholarship. The committee prides itself on its level of commitment to this process and its results. The Awards and Scholarship committee believes it is important to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of its members. In 2009, ICRID established a new award, The Judith Carson Outstanding Educational Interpreter Award. This award was established to recognize ICRID members who excel in the educational setting and it was named after an ICRID member who has dedicated her professional career to educating others. Hopefully there will be a recipient of this new award in the near future. The committee also wishes to emphasize the importance of the Marvin Marshall Scholarship. This scholarship was established by ICRID to assist with the cost of the RID national certification test. It is the belief of this committee and supported by the Board of Directors that no ICRID member should bear an unnecessary financial burden in order to take the national certification test. The Marvin Marshall Scholarship pays for the cost of the national certification test. Currently there is nearly \$3000.00 dedicated to this scholarship. ICRID members are encouraged to apply for the Marvin Marshall Scholarship. Allow ICRID to help finance your road towards certification. This year we have two worthy candidates of this scholarship. One fascinating fact about the Marvin Marshall Scholarship is that everyone who has received this scholarship is now nationally certified. In the future, the ICRID Awards and Scholarship committee will be establishing a new scholarship in honor of the late Bob Canty. We are excited to see a scholarship named after another great deaf person who gave so much to this organization."

4. **Bylaws** – Richard Prather (board liaison – Ronda Bilz)
 - a. No Report
5. **DHHS Liaison report** – Donald Tinsley, contact (board liaison – Lena Van Manen)
 - a. No Report
6. **Educational Interpreter Advocacy** – Patti Wolf, chair (board liaison – Anne Harrigan)

The EI Committee met last week

 - a. The committee wants to be a strong voice for educational interpreters in the state of Indiana so we are working on ideas to help foster that.
 - b. We have several ideas for articles for the Yahoo Group and ICRID Newsletter
 - c. We want to help EIs prepare themselves as much as possible for any new standard that is coming down the pike for July 1, 2011.
 - d. The committee wants to encourage new members to join the committee from around the state and we are exploring ways to help make the meetings easier to attend. So far, our meeting site (Brownsburg) is the most central location for the current committee members.
7. **Fundraising** – Marva Johnson, chair (board liaison – Randy Nicolai)
 - a. No report
8. **IAD and Hoosier Deaf Community Center**– Vacant
 - a. IAD will have their annual retreat October 2nd and will choose a nominee for IAD representative to the ICRID board.

9. **ICRID Historical** – Judy Cain, chair (board liaison – Anne Harrigan)
 - a. No Report
10. **Membership** – Randy Nicolai, chair
 - a. _143_ individual members
 - b. Lapsed – _92_ as of 06/10_1_ as of 3/10;_16_ as of 10/09 _30_ as of 06/09 _4_ as of 3/09;
 - c. _1_ organizational members; _3_ lapsed
11. **Newsletter** – Laura Leffler, chair (board liaison – Zach Evans)
 - a. October/November edition is in production. I received the New Members/Newly Certified lists from Randy Nicolai. However, I did not receive articles from any board members or other sources. The calendar of events is longer than usual and with the annual conference information, free ad offer, and information about the membership email usage survey I think we will be OK, but I need to reiterate the importance of following the article submission dates. I also pledge to become a better news "hounder" by doing a better job of reminding writers scheduled for submission.
 - b. A survey for the membership email usage has been developed. Kristina Riley, who often proofs the newsletter, has worked with me on developing the survey. My plan is to have a link in the next newsletter and of course advertise the information as much as possible at the annual conference
12. **PDC** – Lena Van Manen, chair
 - a. Carla Mathers is coming to Indianapolis to do a 4-day workshop on the foundations of legal interpreting. It will be on January 20-23rd, 2011. The venue is TBA.
 - b. We will also have a medical classifier workshop in the spring that has great promise.
 - c. Workshops will be traveling around the state. We will look for suitable venues at reasonable prices in various sites all around Indiana.
13. **Satellite reports**
 - a. **South Bend** – Angela Myers (board liaison – Lisa Harmon) – Howard Rosenblum is coming Oct 14th to give a workshop. We are trying to mobilize the Deaf community in this area so that they have the knowledge necessary to advocate for their rights. Several major hearing community members are invited, but we are unsure if they will come.
 - b. **Fort Wayne** – Anne Harrigan and Laurie Cocks – Deaflink now has a part time interpreter and a full time interpreter. No other news to report.
 - c. **Evansville/Southern Indiana** – Vacant (board liaison – Ronda Bilz) – The University of Louisville has now set up a new Interpreter training program.
14. **Super Site report** –
 - a. Indianapolis – Judy Cain (board liaison – Zach Evans) – No report
15. **Ways & Means** – Vacant, chair (board liaison – Randy Nicolai)
 - a. No report
16. **Website** – Zach Evans, chair
 - a. The website continues to be updated as information becomes available or changes. The committee's goal is to expediently implement any and all requests for posts or edits. All information pertaining to the conference is as current as is available.
17. **Student Liaison** – (board liaison – Robin Reid)
 - a. Goshen – Lynda McChesney and Jacob Stewart – Goshen has a new director: Colleen Geier. 34 total students are in our program now. No workshops are planned for the near future, but we will have 3 interpreted performances in the near future on campus. Lynda McChesney has graduated, so Jacob is now the sole liaison, however he will be going on his internship soon, so they will be looking for a new one to take his place.
 - b. Bethel — Bret is now a senior and we are looking for a new liaison.
 - c. IUPUI – Hilari Vargo and Catherine Hoare – No Report

OLD Business

1. **Indiana Mentor Project** (placeholder) –

NEW Business:

1. SCII contract renewal with Indiana and impact/implications for interpreters/agencies
 - a. Request from Angela Meyers: Request that ICRID initiate an investigation into the decision by the state to centralize VR interpreting services through SCII and the implications/impact of some, if not all, of SCII's business practices on the interpreting and deaf communities.
 - b. Stephanie Adams as a Representative from BIS informs the board of a grievance/complaint process that is in process of being set up as was originally required by law, but has not been set up yet. Also, BIS offers to work together with ICRID to gather information and investigate this matter. A grievance form has been drafted, and the BIS aims to widely distribute it so as to collect as many complaints as possible so as to have as much ammunition as possible to help resolve this matter.
 2. CDI Training Sponsorship request (\$500) from F.A.C.E.S
- M10.09.02 Zach Evans, Anne Harrigan Seconded.

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Announcements

1. The TISLR Conference is coming to Purdue this week. Peter Cook is Part of the entertainment on Saturday.

Action Items Update:

1. Zach will post conference information on the website once he receives information on workshops and presenters. DONE
2. Ronda will email Lena to make sure progress on the conference on schedule. DONE
3. Laurie will contact the awards and scholarships chair to find out about award deadlines and respond to the chair about the ways and means committee establishing a line item for the Robert "Bob" Canty Scholarship.
4. Lisa will send Laura a draft of conference blurbs and awards blurbs to be sent out to the membership via email.
5. Zach will make up a postcard as a reminder about the conference and awards to send out to the membership. DONE
6. Ronda will contact Judy about the Educational Interpreter Task Force, DONE Felisa about the Educational Interpreter Advocacy Committee, DONE and IAD about their representative to ICRID DONE (awaiting response from IAD).
7. Zach will add Laura, as the newsletter editor, to receive a copy of the approved minutes directly. DONE
8. Ronda will ask Robin if she is ready to pick an article for ICRID Reads and request copyright permission. DONE
9. Robin will follow up with the student liaisons to make sure we have correct names.
10. Zach will send the PowerPoint from the Region III LTE to the board. DONE
11. Ronda will find the document that states the perks for committee chairs. DONE See Motion M06.09.01.
12. Lena will contact Dave Calvert about the ICRID Facebook Page.
13. Ronda will set up a master calendar on Yahoo groups by the September meeting. DONE (work in progress, events will be added as necessary)
14. Lena will contact RID about obtaining an FM system for the annual conference. DONE

Meeting adjourned at 11:51

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.