

**WVRID GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

June 24, 2006

Shoney's Restaurant, Flatwoods, WV

Attendees: Dolly Ford, April Starks, Trudy Ford, SanDee Kiger, Eileen Brown, Roy Forman, Paula Forman, Jim Phillips, Jane Glotfelty, Gloria Linville

Meeting was called to order by President, Dolly Ford, at 1:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Old Business:

1. Membership and Treasurer's Report (Trudy)
 - a. WVRID has 19 members (Associate and Supporting) and 1 Organizational member.
 - b. Treasury Report -- \$461
 - c. Trudy explained Membership Form and suggested that the form be revised. Attendees discussed confusing items on the form and it was decided that the Board will make the necessary changes.
 - d. All members **must** bring their membership cards to **all** future meetings.
 - e. WVRID cannot accept credit cards as payment of dues at this time. When the website is complete, it was decided that "Pay Pal" would be used, since there is no fee for the use of this service.

New Business:

1. Committees Report (Trudy)

Committees have been established in conjunction with WVRID's Goals and Objectives. They are as follows:

- a. Membership Interpreter Support
- b. Political Action
- c. Interpreter and Professional Development
- d. Community Outreach Liaison

Membership Interpreter Support Committee – Increase membership and become a strong support structure for interpreters working in WV (Goals).

- WVRID informational letter is to be sent to Federal Agencies, ITPs, and to Special Education Directors throughout the State.
- Continue offering prorated membership dues, but with cut-offs of "½ year" and "full year," effective July 1, 2006.
- Convey the professional affect that membership can have on interpreters through sharing information, networking, educational opportunities, motivation, and teamwork in an independent profession.
- Encourage interpreting students to become active participants.

- Encourage attendance at all General Meetings by offering CEU credit for approved training sessions after the General Meeting.
- Roy suggested dual memberships with Greater Pittsburgh RID. This would enable interpreters to attend GPRID-sponsored training at reduced rates.
- Advertise in "Views." Affiliate Chapters can submit articles for publication. Dolly said that she would be willing to write an article for the "Views."

Political Action Committee – Become politically active (Goal).

- Identify one or two policies annually and become involved.
- Focus at this time is on West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) proposed Policy 5202 – Changes in classification for educational interpreters. Dolly offered to do a session on "What's New?" for CEU credit.
- Work more closely with political organizations such as WVCDHH, WVAD, DHHS, etc., by holding WVRID General Meetings concurrent with meetings held by these organizations.

Interpreter and Professional Development Committee – Enhance professionalism of interpreters (Goal).

- Provide consistent professional development and maintenance activities for interpreters in all interpreting specialties.
- Provide job-related/goal-specific interpreter education in order to earn CEUs.
- Establish a mentoring program for novice interpreters to provide guidance and encouragement.
- Conduct fundraising.

Community Outreach Liaison Committee – Become an ally with the "layman" (Goal).

- Provide professional seminars for those requiring interpreting services, i.e. medical facilities, schools, lawyers, etc.
- Build a professional relationship and rapport with those requiring interpreting services.
- Make arrangements for ITP students to volunteer at state fairs and festivals and distribute WVRID information cards.

2. NIC Information (April)

- a. There are three levels of the NIC. They are: Certified, Advanced, and Mastery. These can be related to NAD Levels III, IV, and V.
- b. WVRID would like to offer training and CEUs toward NIC testing.
- c. The written test can be either "pencil and paper" or computer based. Computer based is more expensive.
- d. Practice tests are available for loan at Fairmont State University and WVCDHH.

3. Review of comment/question sheets from last General Meeting (Dolly).

- a. Dolly passed out a map showing "Region I" states.

- b. CEUs explained.
 - c. "Yahoo Group for Interpreting Service Managers Available" handout.
 - d. WVDE proposed Policy 5202 – Office of Special Education Policy Proposal for Educational Interpreters (Dolly)
 - e. Section 12.2 distributed to attendees and discussed in detail.
 - f. Strengths and weakness noted and discussed.
 - g. Public comment deadline is July 18. Each attendee was **strongly encouraged** to submit individual comment prior to July 18. Dolly is to e-mail the web address to attendees.
 - h. WVRID Board will meet July 8, 9:00 a.m., at FSU to draft a chapter response.
4. Next General Meeting September 8 or 9, 2006, Charleston, WV.
6. Attendees were reminded to fill out the "Comment Sheet" and "Sign-In Sheet."

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SanDee K. Kiger
Secretary