

LIRID General Meeting
March 7th, 2020
10:00 am
(Associate Meeting 9:30 am)
Nassau Community College
CCB Building 252/253

Meeting called to start at 10:37am.

- I. Welcome- last general meeting for this board of directors
 - A. Introductions of Board and all in attendance
 1. **Board in attendance:** Jess Heron, Amanda Allard, Maureen Timlin, Allison Zilg, Christina Intartaglia, Cassie Raguso, Jenny Goodman
 2. **Not in attendance:** Kirsten Hassell
 - B. Thanks to Sharon Grossman for getting the room for us and for all of you for coming
 - C. Jason Farr, Region 1 Representative is here for a Q&A later
 - D. Giving away one free registration for Region 1 Conference in Brooklyn
 1. Sign name on sign in sheet and will pick a name to win
- II. Officer's Reports
 - A. Co-Presidents
 1. National News
 - a) Reminder: Power, Privilege and Oppression (PPO) requirements are in effect depending on when your cycle ends. Check the website for more details:
<https://rid.org/continuing-education/certification-maintenance/power-privilege-and-oppression-ppo-ceus/>
 - b) Be aware of CEU cycles ending- new change added a PPO requirement
 - (1) Jason: will be going to headquarters next week to discuss this issue so send any questions to the presidents
 - (2) a lot of confusion when cycles end- they have a list posted on the RID website
 - c) RID is offering webinars. Check them out: <https://education.rid.org/>
 2. Local News
 - a) January Region 1 conference call update
 - (1) Jason is running for region 1 rep--thanks if you nominated him
 - (2) RID bookstore closing- Material available on amazon print on demand
 - (3) Silent Auction Basket: for region 1 conference--things from LI. Ask members if anyone has an airbnb to donate or another experience
 - B. Vice President- refer to the committee reports later
 - C. Treasurer
 1. Money in the account: \$9,409.88
 2. Comedy Club Fundraiser: raised \$1,813.00
 - D. Secretary

1. Email secretary@lirid.org if you're a member and not receiving our emails- if you're on social media our MAL share the same information on our facebook and instagram page
- E. A Member-at-Large
1. Testing update
 - a) Cassie: RID and CASLI have been sending email updates
 - b) CASLI has a new app where you can see testing locations
 - (1) Red: In process of being a testing location
 - (2) Green: means you can take the test at that location
 - c) Currently can still take the "old" NIC exam
 - d) Passed Knowledge Exam, don't need to pay to take the Gap Test to take the new Performance Exam
 - e) Waiting for announcement of New Performance Exam
 - f) While the test is "on hold" if you haven't taken it yet your cycle time is not running out
 - g) Jason: Old test was provided by a "hearing" company which isn't good for a sign language performance exam
 - (1) this company didn't understand the technical issues and how it affects our experience with this test
 - (2) now we have a new platform developed you can see at CASLI.app to show locations and you can contact CASLI if you have a place in mind that they can prepare to be involved as a testing locations
 - (3) time cycle: right now it's frozen with no penalty until they have 50 testing locations ready to provide this exam and then your cycle time will continue accruing
 - (4) Plan is to have one test that both Deaf and hearing interpreters will take for the "NIC" or "CDI"
 - (5) Separate entity is controlling the testing process for now instead of RID Board of Directors
- F. Associate Rep
1. Jenny: Just started this position and today was the first associate meeting only a few showed up but thank you to those who did
 2. Was still a great opportunity to feel like we are available to support each other and to have a discussion and get more information on our members

III. Committee Reports

- A. Bylaws: new bylaws up are approved and in place
- B. Election
 1. Nominations are open; thank you to all who have offered nominations so far- please email secretary@lirid.org with more nominations for yourself or someone else (must be a member in good standing)
 2. We have a few people who have accepted but we are looking for more people so if you know anyone who wants to be involved please let me know and make sure you email the secretary email
 3. All votes will be via email and we will send out a time limit since that system has worked before. If the majority does not vote we will need to go through the process again.
 4. Right now we have 89 members so we would need 45 people to vote
- C. Emergency: \$500 was given to a member in need

1. LIRID is grateful that we can provide this opportunity to anyone of our members in need
 2. 3 committee members who discuss and decide if they approve to give the money to a member in need but details are not disclosed
 3. We are not allowed any more for the rest of this term (July 1)
 4. What do we do if no one uses that money for the year can we use that money for other things? Typically it's just involved in the "budget" whether it's used or not
- D. Fundraising
1. Last week we had our Comedy Night fundraiser and we had a great turn out and hopefully it will continue on next year
- E. Membership
1. feel membership has declined as far as students because the new bylaws say you have to also be a member of RID (however supporting and organization member you do not need to be) student enrollment is also lower due to local program changes
 - a) Total: 89
 - b) Certified: 47
 - c) Associate: 27
 - d) Student: 7
 - e) Supporting: 4
 - f) Organizational: 4
 2. Recruitment efforts:
 - a) workshop after every meeting
 - b) more social media presence
 - c) don't know if these efforts will be effective
- F. Mentorship
1. Professional Development
 - a) Brittany: January workshop was wonderful
 - (1) April 18 having part 1 and part 2 for the Emergency Press Conference workshop with MNIS- Jackie Emmart presenting
- G. Webmaster
1. Alana: would like to step down is looking for someone to take over if you are computer savvy
 - a) Proposed question: Do we think we need a website still? A few members feel it is still important for membership
- H. Ad-hoc CDI scholarship

IV. Old Business

- A. Comedy Show was a success, thank you to all volunteers
 1. More than 60 people showed up
- B. Region 1 conference
 1. July 6-9, 2020, Brooklyn, NY- we have a few rooms available so we need to book quickly if you want to stay over in brooklyn. registration info will be sent out as well as who the presenters are shortly
- C. Rosa Norberg, Vice President of RIRID, and Chris Kelly, President of GVRRID are co-chairs

- D. Sandra Blum and Lauren Vaicels will be co-chairing the Sponsorship/Registration Bag committees
 - 1. Me (Sandra) and Lauren who are the co-chairs for the committee everything is on track so far and everything has been local which is very convenient for us even though Brooklyn is a bit of a trip.
 - E. Still looking for volunteers
 - F. Joint Mill Neck workshop- Emergency Preparedness April 16th, 2020
 - G. Holiday gifts/bowling fundraiser a huge success
 - 1. We had fundraisers in order to donate holiday gifts for local Deaf/HoH students and adults with developmental disabilities in need- really enjoyed seeing the excitement and appreciation from the recipients
 - 2. Bowling fundraiser had a great turn out and think would be a great idea to have again next year
- V. New Business
- A. HKNC Walk/Run April 26, 2020 - http://events.helenkeller.org/site/TR?fr_id=1070&pg=entry
 - 1. Not an easy walk but a great experience
 - B. Nassau County Games for the Physically Challenged - volunteer as an interpreter or as a general volunteer. <https://nassaucountypcgames.com/wp/volunteer-registration/> (add to next president conference call agenda)
 - 1. The end of May
 - 2. Mary Dunn recruits for this event- contact Amanda Allard if interested in going because she will be there
 - C. Allies Conference March 27th-29th Nashua, NH <http://alliesconference.org/>
 - 1. Good discussions on Deaf perspectives to our work
 - D. SERID 50th conference. Knoxville, TN October 14 -18, 2020. Southeast Regional Institute on Deafness (SERID)
 - E. Paving the Way to Healthcare Access Conference, Marlborough, MA June 5-6th
 - F. <https://files.constantcontact.com/1e1fb330601/0a7313e1-c26a-4f43-9cee-f5581bb44c0d.pdf>
 - G. Jason Farr, Region 1 Representative
 - 1. Region 1 conference in NYC for the first time ever- will be held in Brooklyn, NY (right near the Brooklyn Bridge)
 - 2. \$400/night to stay at the Marriott Hotel where the conference is held (trying to negotiate that down for doing both the conference and hotel stay)
 - 3. official prices will be not disclosed but will announce soon
 - 4. working on the website specifically for the conference and making sure it works smoothly and offers all the information possible
 - 5. Asking each local chapter to donate a gift bag filled with general donations (i.e. coffee gift cards)
 - 6. Picked one School for the Deaf to present on Deaf positivity in Brooklyn, NY
 - 7. Recruitment is not a new issue
 - a) Ideas:
 - (1) If you have a comedy fundraiser- maybe offer workshop on interpreting for comedians
 - (2) Be more supportive of each other in all areas- if you feel the field is lacking try and get involved at a National level
 - (3) Discuss possible licensure requirements for NY state- currently don't have

- H. Check out FB and Instagram for ads, workshops and other announcements
- I. Any questions on board member roles please reach out
- J. Let secretary know of any exciting events for any members in the area so we can send out cards to them since we don't all always see each other
- K. Thank you to the entire 2018-2020 board

Meeting called to close at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Zilg
Secretary
Long Island RID