

## **LIRID General Meeting Feb 2021:**

In Attendance (William Isreal-Edgar, Jacquelyn Laszlo, Sandra Blum, Tara Tobin-Rogers)

### **Introductions:**

(William Isreal-Edgar, Jacquelyn Laszlo, Sandra Blum, Denise Santoli, Angela Piteris, Keriann Borum, Liz Palladino, Tim Smith, Lisa Scala, Maureen Tilin, Kerry Kissinger, Jason Farr, Deanna Paff, Jamie Forman, Tara Tobin-Rogers, Mike Smith, Jessica Heron, Amanda Allard, Patrick Mullen, Maryann Hojnowski)

-Whats up with LIRID (Sandra Blum)

Our Steering committee is going strong. We love that you all came and appreciate your time. Elections are coming up soon. We want to set up a formal board. Some of our leadership committee is interested in board positions.

We dont want people to think of board positions as added stress during this crazy time. This new transformative eboard can be less stressful because of what is going on in the world and you have the opportunity to truly make it your own.

July will be the time that we transition into a formal board based on the elections. We know that board positions can be a lot of work but my heart is here with LIRID and we want to keep our board going. This board is a lot of fun. Tara made us all LIRID hats. We are LIRID and we need your involvement going forward. I believe we need three positions to confirm a board 1. President 2. Treasurer 3. Secretary

1. President- Requires certification. You can be co-presidents. If you and your bestie are interested in doing it together to ease some of the work you can definitely consider doing that. You can contact me any time if you have any questions about this position at [president@lirid.org](mailto:president@lirid.org). We do have the Presidents council which is an added responsibility but it is a great way to connect. Many other ACs are struggling to fill positions so LIRID is not unique. You typically will be in charge of leading the meetings.
2. Vice president- Requires certification. If the president isn't there, the vice president can fill in. The vice president can fill in for the president if they can't make the President council meetings as well.
3. 3. Secretary- In charge of typing the minutes. They used to be in charge of the SM but not anymore. They are in charge of running the elections for the next board as well as other responsibilities that can be further explained.

William- I expected the board to be overwhelming but it wasn't. It was really a collaborative effort. If one person was overwhelmed or busy, we would all step in for each other and truly functioned as a team.

Sandra- if you are interested please let me know and contact me because this is a very special

organization and it doesn't need to be an overwhelming amount of work.

Maureen- Maybe a good idea to run virtually for meetings because look at how many people showed up. This may be a great opportunity. Who would make the decision for virtual meetings? This board or the next board?

Sandra- LIRID now has a paid zoom account so this may be a great idea because a lot of people have joined. We can start setting up more zoom and virtual meetings.

Additionally, people have been interested in the board but not for the required positions which is why we are placing an emphasis on president and treasurer.

Angela- ASLI is hiring a part time staff interpreter position. This time the position is with benefits. If anyone is interested please reach out. Certification is required.

Email [president@lirid.org](mailto:president@lirid.org) if you have any nominations. Maybe yourself, or another interpreter.

Special shout out to Jamie for the past 7 years as PD Chair she's done an outstanding job. She is now stepping down from that position so if anyone is interested specifically in becoming the PD chair please let us know.