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National Conference San Francisco 07 *Highlights*

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Conference Workshop



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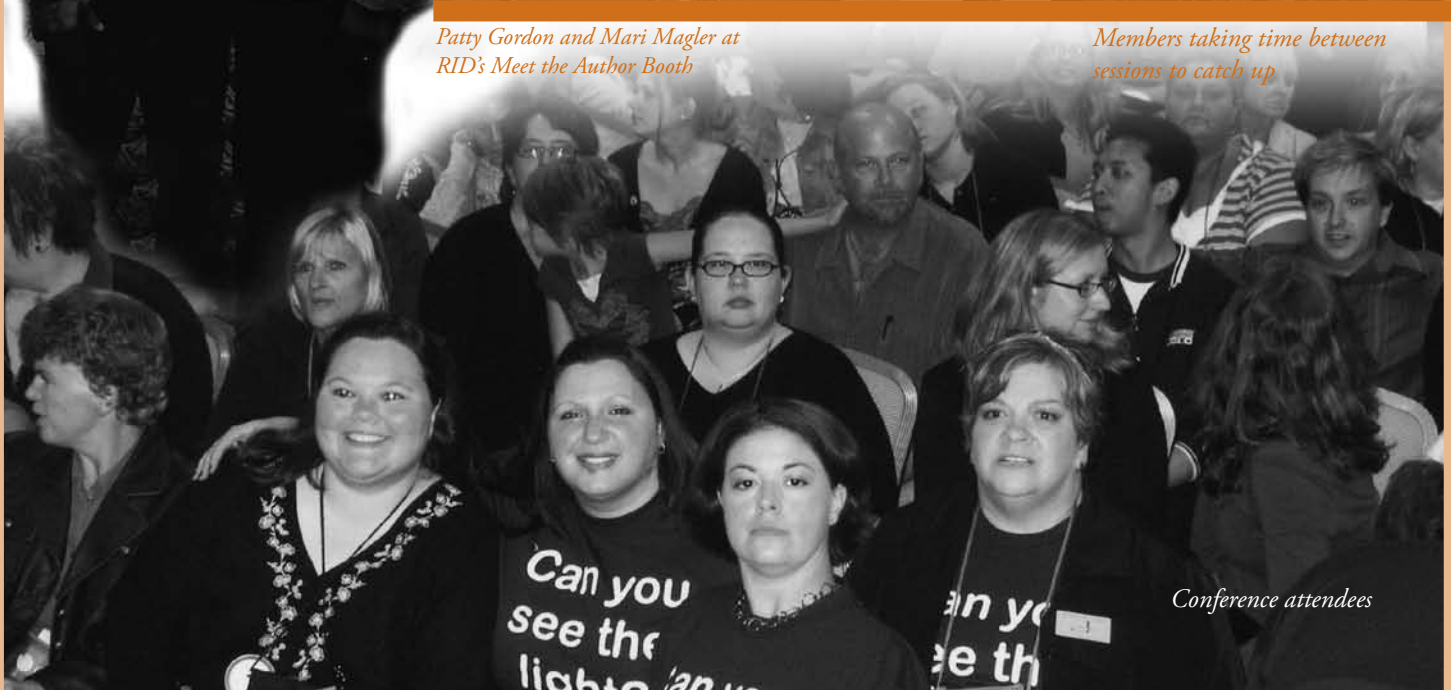
Members and friends enjoying the reception

President Cheryl Moose and her husband, Derek, at the Tuesday Night Reception



Patty Gordon and Mari Magler at RID's Meet the Author Booth

Members taking time between sessions to catch up



Conference attendees

The 2007 RID National Conference was an attendance record-breaking success with more than 2,300 registrants attending the six-day conference in the heart of San Francisco, CA. With a difference of more than 600 attendees from the 2005 national conference numbers, this is a clear sign of the growth of the interpreting profession as well as an expanding RID, which also hit a record number of more than 13,000 members!

The success of the conference was a result of the combined time, energy, dedication and work of many individuals. Below are just a few who worked to make the conference an exceptional, enjoyable and learning environment for all involved.

Conference Co-Chairs, Dan Langholtz, CDI, and Catherine Thomas, CSC, committed countless hours in the weeks, months and year leading up to the conference by providing overall guidance and support to the development, planning and organization of all aspects of the six-day event.

Brandon Arthur, CI and CT, and Tara Arthur, CI and CT, NAD V, of Visual Language Interpreting pro-

vided for high quality and seamless interpreting services throughout all of the conference events as the official RID conference interpreter coordinators. The full-time and part-time conference interpreters themselves epitomized professionalism and performance at the highest level. Their dedication to the assignment was clearly evident throughout the week.

Jo Hilton and Ruann Wood managed the schedules of 32 support staff who were on the front lines of assistance for conference attendees throughout the conference. This next generation of interpreters worked feverishly to communicate the needs of registrants, presenters and others with the on-site coordinators.

The on-site coordinators themselves, Laurie Hunter, CI and CT, and Anthony Aramburo, IC/TC, NAD IV, did a tremendous job working behind the scenes to coordinate the activities and responsibilities of hotel staff, volunteers, national office staff, vendors and others striving for a flawless event.

There were a number of dedicated individuals who worked with the conference co-chairs and national office staff on conference committees with specific



Conference Co-Chairs Dan Langholtz and Catherine Thomas



2007-2008 Board of Directors: Seated: Jeremy L. Brunson, Kelly Flores, Angela Jones, Glenace L. Humphrey, Catherine Thomas, Standing: Brenda Walker Prudhom, Robert C. Balaam, Cheryl Moose, Rachel B. Coppelli, Anthony Aramburo (Missing from picture: Connie Jo Lewis, Region II representative)



National Office Staff: Tina Schultz, Clay Nettles, Melissa Bowhay, Bernice Davis, Tanika Coates, Elijah Sow, Ryan Butts, Pam Jones, Theda Llewellyn, Matthew O'Hara, Jennifer Apple (Missing from picture: Ashley Allen and Michele Mobley)

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goals to achieve. These individuals sat on the following committee and accomplished the following tasks: the Program Committee selected presenters and workshops covering a myriad of issues; the Entertainment Committee arranged for the entertainment for the opening ceremony and reception; the Silent Auction Committee organized the silent auction which raised close to \$6,000 to be used for the sole purposes of RID awards and scholarships; the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee ensured accessibility for all individuals throughout the hotel property and meeting locations; and the Volunteer Recruitment Committee recruited volunteers to help with on-site preparation for registration.

The conference sponsors provided financial support which greatly assisted RID in keeping registration costs down through these generous contributions. See the following page for a complete listing of 2007 RID Conference Sponsors.

The conference provided many educational opportunities for attendees with sessions focusing on video relay service (VRS), educational, legal, medical interpreting and more. There were sessions providing guidance on preparing to take the NIC test as well as workshops focusing on Deaf culture. The Program Committee dedicated two main program tracks to VRS and educational interpreting while ensuring there were enough topics related to other fields to guarantee something for everyone.

The week's activities culminated with an outstanding performance from Rosa Lee Gallimore at the reception. Rosa Lee is a performance artist and instructor who has been involved with a variety of theatre arts projects over the past twelve years. She incorporates all aspects of her artistic talents and her experiences as a

deaf woman from a deaf family into her show, which included music, video and performance art. She provided both a heartfelt and humorous performance for the 1,500 plus in attendance at the reception. For more information about Rosa Lee and her upcoming performances, go to <http://www.rosaleeshow.com/>

As far as RID business, the 300+ members in attendance during the Business Meeting voted to approve the following:

- 1) To encourage the RID Board to emphasize to any current committees investigating interpreter shortages to include research on certified deaf interpreters;
- 2) To recommend that the RID Board of Directors implement language in applicable governing documents recognizing a presidents council for each region consisting of each state affiliate chapter president;
- 3) To refer a number of motions to the RID Strategic Challenges/Bylaws Review Task Force (The name of this task force to be finalized at a later date). A majority of the motions that were referred to this task force address the issue of RID membership categories and the use of the word "certified."
- 4) To put a moratorium on all efforts to include for membership in RID or recognize those who hold credentials from outside RID as certified members until such time that a set of guidelines for doing so is presented to the membership and approved by a vote of the Certified Members: RID and NAD.
- 5) That all non-confidential minutes, motions and resolutions of the meetings of the board of directors

be posted immediately on the Web site and published in the next issue of *VEWS*. The membership present also voted that they want to see how each board member voted. Please note that the posting and publishing of the minutes, motions and resolutions will occur after they have been finalized and ratified by the RID Board of Directors.

The last order of business for the conference was for outgoing RID President Angela Jones to swear in the new incoming RID President Cheryl Moose and for President Moose to swear in the new RID Board of Directors. (for a complete board listing go to page 6).

As with most circumstances when growth is experienced, there can be some growing pains that go along with this burst of expansion. The RID national office appreciates the patience and understanding of those individuals who waited in lengthy registration lines, encountered room location changes or experienced any frustration during the week. We hope that those inconveniences were overshadowed by the educational and networking opportunities afforded to you throughout the conference. We also hope that those who attended will take the time to complete the evaluation form, which can be found in your member profile page on the RID Web site. Your input will be of great value in future planning efforts to ensure we continually improve upon your conference-going experience.

Preliminary work has already begun on the next conference so be sure to save the date for the 2009 RID National Conference, August 1-6, in Philadelphia, PA. Look for more information via RID E-mail Alerts, *VEWS* and on the Web site. ■

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The position will provide interpreting services in a wide variety of settings and situations ranging from on- and off-campus to classroom and extra-curricular events while student(s) is enrolled in an academic, degree-seeking program. Adult consumers will include student(s) and peers, faculty, administrators, and campus staff. Responsibilities will include providing sign to voice and voice to sign interpretation as well as occasional transliteration in one to one, small and large group, and platform settings.

Minimum qualifications: Must hold one or more of the following certifications from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: Comprehensive Skills Certificate, Certification of Interpretation or Certificate of Transliteration.

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