

21st National Conference of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
Business Meetings
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Minutes Text Only

Final actions of the business meetings

Standing rules changes were discussed. The final version, as accepted, follows:

Biennial Conference Standing Rules

1. The president shall preside as chair at all officially designated business meetings held at the conference.
2. The official languages of the conference are American Sign Language and English.
3. Members are requested to arrive and be seated at least five minutes prior to the opening of any business session.
4. Smoking will not be allowed in rooms designated for conference purposes.
5. No one under the age of fourteen will be allowed in plenary sessions, workshops or professional presentations. Excluded from this rule are conference social activities (luncheons, banquets, etc.) Children who nurse are allowed to be present at any conference sessions, provided that members consider the environment for others.
6. Prior to the first business session, the president shall appoint a committee of five (5) voting members, representing each region, to review and approve the conference minutes within thirty (30) days of the close of the meeting.
7. The credentials coordinator shall determine at the beginning of the first business session if there are 200 or more voting members present to meet the requirements for a quorum.
8. Any voting member in good standing may submit motions and/or resolutions at the conference site. Due to time limitations at conference, however, it is highly recommended that motions and/or resolutions be submitted prior to conference. Motions or resolutions must be submitted in appropriate written format: motion, the maker, the seconder, and the rationale, a fiscal impact statement (if any), and local contact information. All motions will be received by the president, at any time during the conference, and referred by the president, with the advice and consent of the board, to the appropriate committee(s) for deliberation prior to presentation to the membership. Motions and resolutions that are submitted on-site likely will not be considered during the conference since it will be difficult to have the board, committees and staff thoughtfully consider the proposal and issue opinions during the conference. The board of directors may refer motions and resolutions not considered at a conference to committees and staff after the conference.
9. All motions and resolutions will be referred by the president to an appropriate committee or task force for review. The committee will be responsible for reviewing each motion or resolution in light of previous, present and future responsibilities and charges of the committee, the

direction of the association, fiscal impact, and staff recommendations. The committee/task force chair(s) will report the recommendations of the committee: pass, defeat, no recommendation, etc.

10. The maker of the motion/resolution shall provide a rationale for the proposed action along with the submitted motion/resolution. Historical perspective, for member information, may be offered by the president or designee. Motions/resolutions proposed by bodies within the association (affiliate chapters, regions, committees/boards, member sections) must be preceded with information as to the proper notification of members, date of the meeting at which the particular motion/resolution was adopted, verification of a quorum of the body at the time which the motion was adopted for presentation, verification that a majority of the body was in favor of the action to be proposed, and a fiscal impact statement.

11. Any member in good standing may participate in discussion by approaching the designated location in front of the association, being recognized by the chair, and stating name, state of residence, and whether the member is "in support," "in opposition," or wishes to "amend" the motion under discussion. To indicate a point (order, question, information, clarification) members are to indicate such from the designated location, be identified by the chair, then state the nature of the point.

12. A maximum of eight members (8) in support and/or eight members (8) in opposition of the motion/resolution on the floor, may debate each debatable item.

Once eight members (8) have spoken in support and eight (8) members have spoken in opposition to the item, no other members will be permitted to speak in support/or in opposition to that item unless the members vote, approved by a 2/3 majority, to extend the discussion.

Each member is allowed a maximum of three minutes for debate. A member may be recognized a second time to address the same issue, only if there are no other members desiring recognition to address the issue on the floor and the maximum number of speakers has not yet been reached.

13. Members should apprise themselves of the history and rationale of the motion and any discussion that has already occurred with regard to the motion.

14. All voting shall be done with valid voting card/s received from the credentials coordinator. Each member may hold a maximum of one card (Certified or Associate). Each card will indicate the type of member.

15. These standing rules shall be amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

16. These standing rules shall apply to all officially designated business meetings held at the conference.

C2009.01

To have the *Policies & Procedures Manual* and the *Articles of Incorporation* of the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf published online within 90 days of the end of the 2009 Biennial Conference and for the documents and any subsequent changes to be accessible on a permanent basis to all members after logging in to their RID account.

C2009.02

To amend the RID Bylaws ARTICLE IV Section 2. by adding language in the body of Section 2 and then A and B containing the following language:

Article IV. DIRECTORS

Section 2. — Powers and Limitations: All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors except as limited by Sections A and B below. Unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount. All charges, responsibilities and membership directives shall persist until fulfilled regardless of any changes to the makeup of the Board of Directors. Specific powers and limitations are defined in the Policies and Procedures Manual and are in accordance with the RID's Articles of Incorporation.

A. The Board may add certificates to or add or change categories for membership in RID only with prior approval of 2/3 of the eligible membership voting on the issue.

B. The Board may enter into a contract that changes, adds to, or amends certification or membership status only with prior approval of 2/3 of the eligible membership voting on the issue.

C2009.03

RID conduct a formal investigation on remote meeting access (including voting processes) to ensure maximum member input and report back to the membership for a vote by July 1, 2010, and have a system in place for the 2011 Conference.

C2009.04

The board of directors investigate the feasibility of ensuring dual membership in the national organization and at least one state affiliate chapter through a combined payment option as the new standard of membership in RID and offer it to the members for a vote.

C2009.05

That RID establish an ad hoc committee to develop a position paper to address the issues Interpreters face during emergencies/disasters and non-declared local emergencies/disasters.

R2009.01

Motion to accept all courtesy resolutions *in toto*.

Resolution A.

Whereas, The National Conference Committee, conference staff and national office staff has organized a conference with many CEUs, many participants, engendered significant deaf community involvement,

employed the concept of deaf and hearing co-chairs, better employed the concept of cultural diversity, and organized a truly enjoyable and educational conference; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express full support and congratulations to the National Conference Committee, conference staff and national office staff for their outstanding work.

Board of Directors

Resolution B.

Whereas, The RID Conference costs a great deal to conduct (now over one million dollars), and;

Whereas, Registration fees rarely cover the costs of conducting a conference, and;

Whereas, Sponsors have many demands for their limited funds; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation and gratefulness for the generosity of the sponsors of the 2009 RID Conference.

Board of Directors

Paramount Sponsors - (\$50,000) – Purple Communications

Premier Sponsors - (\$25,000) - Sorenson Communications

Gold Sponsors - (\$10,000) – National Consortium of Interpreter Education Centers, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

Silver Sponsors - (\$5,000) - American Sign Language Services, Interpretek, Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf

Bronze Sponsors - (\$1,000) - Administrative Office of the Courts/Court Interpreters Program; Communication Access Ability Group; Chicago Hearing Society, a division of Anixter Center; Conference of Interpreter Trainers; DawnSign Press; Deaf Access Solutions, a division of BayFirst, LLC; DHH Insurance Agency, University of Northern Colorado/ Distance Opportunities for Interpreting Training Center; Eaton Interpreting Services; Interpreting and Consulting Services; Language Services Associates; Mill Neck Interpreter Service; Network Interpreting Service; Professional Interpreter Exchange; Sign Language Interpreting Professionals; Sign Language Interpreting Specialists; Sign Language Resources; Sign Language Specialists; Signs of Development; Sign Talk

Resolution C.

Whereas, The educational aspects of the RID Conference have continued to improve in recent years; and;

Whereas, Speakers and Presenters have given more of their time to provide a wider range and deeper depth of topics; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the speakers and presenters of the 2009 RID Conference.

Board of Directors

Resolution D.

Whereas, The role of the Board of Directors is to govern the organization by making broad policy decisions; and,

Whereas, The members of the Board of Directors serve with little to no pay, and often without complete reimbursement for expenses; and;

Whereas, Board members devote countless hours in the desire to advance the profession; and;

Whereas, The Board of Directors has sought to advance the profession and, in doing so, faced difficult and unpopular decisions; and,

Whereas, Progress has been made by the profession during the service of the current Board of Directors; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of the members of the 2009 RID Board of Directors.

Glenace Humphrey and Glendia Boon

Resolution E.

Whereas; The members of the RID national committees serve with no pay, and often without complete reimbursement for expenses; and;

Whereas, Committee members devote countless hours in the desire to advance the profession, and;

Whereas, Tremendous progress has been made by the profession during the service of the current committee members; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of the members of the 2007 - 2009 RID committees.

Board of Directors

Resolution F.

Whereas, Conference Support Staff members serve long hours with no pay and little compensation for food and travel, and;

Whereas, Conference Support Staff members work from very early in the morning until very late in the night, and;

Whereas, Conference Support Staff members are a large part of the success of the National Conference; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of the 2009 RID Conference Support Staff members.

Board of Directors

Resolution G.

Whereas, The staff of the RID national office often work long hours, and;

Whereas, Pay has improved in recent years, members are compensated at levels at or near the 50th percentile of comparable association salaries in the Washington, DC. metropolitan area, and;

Whereas; Many areas of member service have improved dramatically in recent years; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of the staff members of the National Office of RID.

Board of Directors

Resolution H.

Whereas, Conference Interpreters work under very difficult conditions with their peers watching every aspect of their work, and;

Whereas, Conference Interpreters work from very early in the morning until very late in the night, and;

Whereas, Conference Interpreters are a large part of the success of the National Conference; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of the 2009 RID Conference Interpreters.

Board of Directors

Resolution I.

Whereas, Connie Jo Lewis served on the RID Board of Directors as Region II Representative from 2006 to 2008; and;

Whereas, Connie Jo Lewis served tirelessly and admirably; and;

Whereas, The association experienced great growth and progress during that period; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Connie Jo Lewis to the association and to the profession.

Board of Directors

Resolution J.

Whereas, Robert Balaam served on the RID Board of Directors as Region V Representative from 2003 to 2007; and as vice-president of the association from 2007 to 2009; and

Whereas, Robert Balaam served tirelessly and admirably; and;

Whereas, The association experienced great growth and progress during that period; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Robert Balaam to the association and to the profession.

Board of Directors

Resolution K.

Whereas, Glenace Humphrey served on the RID Board of Directors as Region IV Representative from 2002 to 2008; and

Whereas, Glenace Humphrey served tirelessly and admirably; and;

Whereas, The association experienced great growth and progress during that period; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Glenace Humphrey to the association and to the profession.

Board of Directors

Resolution L.

Whereas, Anthony Aramburo served on the RID Board of Directors as Member at Large from 2007 to 2009; and

Whereas, Anthony Aramburo served tirelessly and admirably; and;

Whereas, The association experienced great growth and progress during that period; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Anthony Aramburo to the association and to the profession.

Board of Directors

Resolution M.

Whereas, Jeremy Brunson served on the RID Board of Directors as Region I Representative from 2007 to 2008; and

Whereas, Jeremy Brunson served tirelessly and admirably; and;

Whereas, The association experienced great growth and progress during that period; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Jeremy Brunson to the association and to the profession.

Board of Directors

Resolution N.

Whereas, Rebekah Barkowitz served on the RID Board of Directors as Region I Representative from 2008 to 2009; and

Whereas, Rebekah Barkowitz served tirelessly and admirably; and;

Whereas, The association experienced great growth and progress during that period; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Rebekah Barkowitz to the association and to the profession.

Board of Directors