



January 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amie Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

Greetings and a very Happy New Year to all!

I hope this finds you all with a renewed sense of energy for 2009, fueled by hearts grateful after a memorable holiday season. I spent the holidays surrounded by family and friends; as we enter the New Year I do so with a commitment to spend more time and energy honoring those relationships that mean so much to me. Life, work and volunteer service has a way of diverting my attention from those relationships that provide me with the energy to continue giving back...I fully intend to give them the attention that they deserve and hope you will do the same.

As I turn my thoughts toward what is ahead for Region IV, I see that the laws of change are already at work in 2009. It is with many thanks on behalf of Region IV that I announce that the Region IV Historian for the past 11 years, Barb Coffan, is transitioning on to other areas of service, as is Robert Helms, the master of Region IV fundraising for the past few years. In addition to looking for members willing to contribute in these two areas, we are also implementing a position new to Region IV – Financial Steward. *Position descriptions and duties for Region IV Historian, Fundraising Coordinator and Financial Steward are located at the end of the Affiliate Chapter Reports section of this document.* Please review them, submit an application if one of the positions speaks to you, and share with those you think may have a particular interest and desire to contribute to Region IV.

In other news, if you have not yet begun to plan for the 2009 RID National Conference, now is the time to do so! In addition to a full slate of workshops and networking opportunities, you will see more ways in which your voices can be heard. Look for more details in upcoming RID conference update e-mails or check out the RID Web site at www.rid.org for more conference information; August 1st – 6th in Philadelphia, PA.

In addition to these national conference sponsored events, the Region IV President's Council will be taking an active role in planning the 2009 Region IV Caucus. This is a time for members from around the region to gather with their peers, celebrate the accomplishments of those in our Region over the past two years, get to know one another a bit better, and share the Spirit of Region IV!

It is my sincere hope that you will join us in Philadelphia for an amazing week of laughter, learning and just being in the presence of others that understand the heart of an interpreter. Now, on to more from around the Region...

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Oklahoma RID

President Lisa Mathes

Oklahoma RID (OKRID) held our state conference January 16 & 17. The following individuals presented: Amie Seiberlich, Maria Ruiz-Williams, Keith Gamache, & Trenton Marsh; .9 CEUs were available.

In addition, the licensure draft prepared by the OAD/OKRID Licensure Task Force will soon be introduced to the legislature. This has been an almost three-year process, and we are looking forward to continued collaboration with OAD in seeing this endeavor succeed! Look for updates on our Web site.

New Mexico RID

Co-President Dana Sumrow

New Mexico RID (NM RID) is ringing in the New Year. We are working on establishing a date for our first board meeting of 2009 and foresee it occurring sooner, rather than later. We will soon establish an Ad Hoc committee to run the upcoming elections for board positions, and look forward to seeing new faces and perspectives on the board. In addition, we just learned that we, along with many of the agencies that work with interpreters, have been selected to present at the national conference. The presentation is titled, "A Community's Approach to Mentoring" and will focus on how the NM interpreting community has worked collaboratively to provide opportunities and scaffolding within the profession to our recent graduates and novice interpreters.

Alberta Chapter - RID

President Dona-Marie Rossi

Greetings!

Alberta Chapter (ACRID) had a busy few months while bringing 2008 to a close, and we have an active agenda ahead. Since October, with a goal to foster our connections within our Communities, I have hosted two casual "President's Wine and Cheese" evenings with our membership and a more formal wine and cheese event with the Presidents and Vice-

Presidents of our local and provincial Deaf organizations. Both events were very successful. The drop-in events for our members allowed for some great discussion in a relaxed environment. I was able to book a space that allowed for conference callers which opened the opportunity to participate regardless of the member's locale. The event hosted with the Deaf organization Presidents resulted in a joint workshop about Ethics and the Grievance Procedure being planned for the spring and a co-operative project researching the possibility and procedure of securing a Deaf Advocate as a standard within the provincial court system. We are very excited about both ventures and the Wine and Cheese events will continue in the New Year.

We celebrated our 30th Anniversary in November with a smashing party that brought both tears and laughter to all in attendance. Our keynote speakers provided us with a walk down memory lane and a glimpse of the possibilities to come. Our live auction had some very tense bidding wars that set records and I am sure will provide plenty of stories for our 35th Anniversary.

In December, we were able to complete and submit the application for Protection of Title. Once approved, it will give our members government recognition as a profession. In the New Year, a committee with representatives from Deaf and interpreting communities throughout the province will be struck to continue the work of this initiative.

We get to ease in January with a workshop on the 31st, and we roll into a fevered pitch in February. In addition to the planned Wine and Cheese events for both members and Presidents, we are hosting the board from our national organization AVLIC for their meeting. We have also accepted the challenge from the provincial Deaf organization to create a team to compete in a Community Volleyball Tournament at the end of February.

Work is also underway with the planning of our busy AGM weekend in March. We host a workshop on the Saturday and the AGM is Sunday. This year we will be establishing our ACRID Awards Gala. It will be held on the Saturday evening and, this year, there will be three awards presented recognizing our volunteers, mentors, and Community. In 2010, there will be five awards presented and the Gala will then be hosted as a biennial event held in conjunction with election year AGMs.

That brings us up to date and I hope everyone is having a marvelous start to the New Year!

KAI-RID

President Kathy Stewart

This last month has been busy for KAI-RID. We have worked on a couple of fundraising activities and have seen some moderate success with them. The first was with Barnes & Noble Bookstores, where volunteers took on specific shifts to wrap presents for the holiday. The most recent fundraising event was "An Evening of Silent Entertainment, Breaking the Sound Barrier" where we showed an old silent movie, some videos from D-PAN, and had some visiting mimes join in on the fun. While we didn't make huge amounts of money, we did make some and got a good start at getting our name out into the community. Plans are continuing for our annual conference April 3-5, and we are making progress on our mentoring program. All in all, KAI-RID is on the move!

RID Region IV Application for Historian

The responsibility of this position is to track the activities and events of RID Region IV in order to document our history.

Qualifications

- Member in good standing of National RID
- Member in good standing of a RID Region IV Affiliate Chapter

Skills

- Ability to organize photos and other records to accurately display the history of RID Region IV
- Is comfortable with digital technology and possesses knowledge in how to use and display it effectively
- Ability to use a camera
- Ability to use a computer
- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing
- Ability to establish successful working relationships

Responsibilities

- Keep accurate and up-to-date records related to the events and activities of RID Region IV
- Report to the Presidents' Council
- Record and document members of RID Region IV at the national and regional conferences (in the event that the Historian is not able to attend, the Historian will assign duties to another, the Historian will be expected to pay for his/her own conference expenses.)
- Post photos and/or reports on the Presidents' Council's yahoo group

Term

2 years

Letter of Interest

Submit a letter of interest stating RID and Affiliate Chapter status, credentials, experiences, personal and professional background related to the description above.

Submit Letter of Interest to: Amie Seiberlich at region4rep@rid.org

RID Region IV Application for Fundraising Coordinator

The purpose of this position is to coordinate fund raising efforts for RID Region IV to support its membership in professional development, leadership training and other endeavors as the RID Region IV Presidents' Council deems appropriate.

Qualifications

- Member in good standing of National RID
- Member in good standing of a RID Region IV Affiliate Chapter

Skills

- Interest and imagination on fundraising efforts
- Creative ideas on engaging the members of RID Region IV in fundraising efforts
- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing
- Ability to establish successful working relationships
- Possess effective organizational skills

Responsibilities

- Organize, engage and implement at least one fundraising effort per year
- Work effectively with RID Region IV Presidents' Council
- Work effectively with RID Region IV Financial Officer
- Report to the Presidents' Council on a regular basis
- Report to members of RID Region IV at the national and regional conferences

Term

2 years

Letter of Interest

Submit a letter of interest stating RID and Affiliate Chapter status, credentials, experiences, personal and professional background related to the description above.

Submit Letter of Interest to: Amie Seiberlich at region4rep@rid.org

RID Region IV Application for Financial Steward

The purpose of this position is to track the financial records of RID Region IV and to work with the National RID Treasurer to ensure proper reporting of the financial transactions of RID Region IV.

Qualifications

Member in good standing of National RID
Member in good standing of a RID Region IV Affiliate Chapter

Skills

Working knowledge of the principles of accounting
Working knowledge of computers, MS Word, Excel
Ability to perform arithmetic computations accurately and quickly
Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing
Ability to establish successful working relationships

Responsibilities

Keep accurate and up-to-date records related to the financial business of RID Region IV
Record each source and amount of income of RID Region IV
Record each source and amount of disbursements of RID Region IV
Report to the Presidents' Council during the quarterly conference calls
Report to members of RID Region IV at the national and regional conferences

Term

2 years

Letter of Interest

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February 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amie Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

Greetings!

I hope this finds each of you well, happy, fulfilled and optimistic as we continue our journey into 2009. This year is already bringing tremendous change and expansion both for me personally and for our national organization.

You may have read in other venues that RID recently filled the position of director of certification and education. This brings the total of directors in the national office that have been on board for a year or less, to three. The board has also seen a significant transition in the past year; three of the five region representatives are in their first year of service.

Such tremendous change in leadership and management can be challenging; new leaders require time to get acclimated to the business of the organization and desire to honor the work of those that have paved the path to success, and at the same time, want to bring in new ideas and energy that will forward this success. This new energy, when combined with the seasoned expertise of those that have been in service for several years, has created changes that you may start to notice on a regional level:

- A shift toward regions working together in projects such as the "State of the Regions" article in the *VIEWS*,
- A shift toward regions receiving more support from the national office for region conference planning, and the creation and maintenance of region web pages,
- A shift toward utilizing more assertive means to garner member input and feedback about the direction of the organization, and
- A shift toward increased efforts to provide efficient and two-way communication between members and leaders.

One of the ways that I see communication increasing is in the creation of these e-News reports. I realize that oftentimes information that Region IV state affiliate chapters submit to these reports contain information that you may have access to in other forums, at the same time, these reports allow for the sharing of information that may happen between bi-monthly or quarterly state newsletter publications. Your Region IV Leadership Team hopes that you find these reports helpful and of interest.

In the event that there is anything that I can do as your Region IV Representative to make the changes we are experiencing as a national organization more transparent, or support the transitions you may be experiencing in your own state

affiliate chapter, please call on me either directly or through your state leadership team.

One more final comment before I turn this over to your state leaders...**RIV needs your help!** We are still accepting applications for Region IV Fundraising Coordinator, Historian and Financial Steward. Applications can be obtained by clicking [here](#), then scrolling down to "Region News." Each of these positions is one that Region IV members have asked for to help us manage the business of our region – if you are looking for ways to expand your life of service please take a look at these applications and submit a letter of interest. The deadline for applications is March 1st – in the event you are unable to meet this deadline but are interested in one of these positions please email [me](#).

Ok, on to other news from around the region!

KAI-RID

President Kathy Stewart

KAI-RID met in Wichita for a board meeting on January 10, and received valuable input from members. That input is leading to improvements in our Web site and our methods for working with volunteers at our annual conference.

The same evening, we hosted "An Evening of Silent Entertainment—Breaking the Sound Barrier." This was an evening at the Orpheum Theatre where we were delighted to show an old silent movie classic, "College," with Buster Keaton, and several videos from D-PAN. We also had an unusual visit from two mimes that were doing some advance advertising for their own performance. Our group was small, but the entertainment was great! We had so much fun that this is an event we will look at repeating in the future!

We have recently tapped into a new resource, www.acceptiva.com, that allows us to provide our members with a way to pay online for membership, conference registrations or any other event. We are excited about the impact this will have on our members and on our ability as a board to manage all of our records online.

We have several things coming up, and I invite you to check out our Web site to stay updated. One thing I will mention is our 2nd Annual 2009 KAI-RID Conference, "Passport to Interpreting," in Junction City, KS, April 3-5. Hope to see you there!

Iowa RID

President Jennifer Taylor, President

The Iowa State Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf will be having their Spring Conference to be held in Sioux City on March 27-29. For more information please visit our Web site at www.iowastaterid.org.

Nebraska RID

President Connie Herndon

From across Nebraska and neighboring states came cast, crew and crowd to the sold-out spectacle, "Unleash the Possibilities," Nebraska RID's annual fall conference, November 14-15, 2008. The curtain rose to unveil a series of new stars reflecting the vision, labor and love of dedicated interpreters. The crowd responded with collective awe and spontaneous applause when each star took the stage.

Star 1: New Logo

After a casting call was issued to members and interested persons, Thomas Beyer (Lincoln) emerged as creator of the winning logo. His creation and representations of the basic design reflect the identity and dreams of our organization. The official grand banner graced the stage during the entire event.

Star 2: Provocative Proposition

No production succeeds without a well-written script. Our script, a provocative proposition drafted and perfected by members at the spring retreat, was presented in print, spoken English and ASL. A large poster allowed the printed words to remain a focal point of the set as the event unfolded. Sarah Monaghan read the meaningful English words to the listening audience. Lindsay Darnall, Jr., presented the script in a stunning ASL performance.

Star 3: Conference Mascot and Theme

The award for Best Actress in a Leading Role undoubtedly goes to Rosie! Gretchen Whitney (Carter Lake) unveiled a poster of the lady who has come to be known as Rosie the Riveter. To embellish the scene, Whitney came in costume as a real-life Rosie to portray the theme of the event, "Unleash the Possibilities."

Star 4: New Web site

Meghann Cassidy (Council Bluffs) and Rebecca Cook (Omaha) unveiled a new Web site to an interactive crowd. The result of grueling hours of rehearsal and technical preparation, the Web site made its entrance complete with a new, easy-to-remember address (www.nebraskarid.org). As a bonus for those who join our cast, the Web site features a "members only" page.

Star 5: Facebook

One of the newest members of Nebraska RID's cast is the Historian, portrayed by Bethany Koubsky (Omaha). In addition to documenting the history we're making with traditional records, scrapbooks and

photographs, Koubsky presented our new virtual outlet for frequent updates and interaction among members—Nebraska Interpreter on Facebook.

Star 6: Cool Merch!

De Anna Twigg (Bellevue) worked with Thomas Beyer to represent the new logo on a T-shirt. She unveiled the stunning shirts, along with two button designs to commemorate the conference.

In addition to the new stars, veteran guest artists delivered outstanding, well-received performances in the workshop portion of the event. Kim Barron (Sioux Falls, SD) and Austin Andrews (Rochester, NY) returned for repeat performances to spellbound audiences. Nebraska's own Maureen Larsen left her audience asking for an encore.

The red carpet was filled with Nebraska RID's very own celebrities who came to be enriched and left radiating satisfaction, enthusiasm, and a genuine longing for the next big event.



Meghann Cassidy (Executive Director) and Gretchen Whitney (Professional Development Chair) unveil the conference banner featuring the new logo designed by Thomas Beyer.



Kim Barron challenges her audience to interpret idioms.



Gretchen Whitney presents the conference mascot – by poster and in costume.

Colorado RID

President Ilah Jackson

I am pleased to announce that everything you have ever wanted to know about the 2009 CRID State Conference in Colorado Springs has been uploaded to the CRID Web site. Visit www.coloradorid.org for the workshop schedule, descriptions, and presenter biographies. In addition, there is a link for the registration form and hotel information. Conference interpreter applications are also available. See you soon in Colorado Springs.



March 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amie Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

Happy Spring RIV members!

I hope this finds you all feeling the hope and newness of energy that spring brings. The little snow we had this year in the mountains of Colorado is beginning to melt, the air is taking on a spring-like quality and I'm ready to swap my snow skis for my water-ski - spring is definitely right around the corner!

With the advent of spring comes state conference planning for many Region IV Affiliate Chapters. If your state is hosting a spring conference that I am not able to attend, know that I'm sending all my best for a successful, synergetic event. Special greetings go out to the TSID membership - if I could have found a way to get back and forth from the face to face board meeting in Washington D.C. and South Padre Island I would have! (Note to self: check out prices of leer jets.)

I have been fortunate enough to be able to get a few state conferences on my calendar this spring - I'll be seeing members of KAI-RID and Colorado RID in April, and Arkansas RID in June. Then it's off to Philadelphia for the RID National Conference! As a member I have always loved attending national conferences; as a board member I have a feeling I'm going to love it even more! Your national leadership team has put together an amazing conference with a multitude of opportunities for you to participate in the business of RID including extended business meeting sessions and "issues forums." Look for more information on these opportunities in communication from President Moose and your state president.

One more quick comment and one plea for help, and then I'll turn this over to members of your Region IV President's Council.

Comment: To those members who have contacted me in the past few months with questions and concerns, thank you. Each time I am contacted by a member, I am given the opportunity to support and learn more about my colleague, and become more educated about what it means to be a leader in this organization.

Plea for help: The Region IV President's Council has gratefully accepted letters of interest for both the Region IV Financial Steward and Historian positions (selected members will be announced after the March 21st President's Council call). We are, however, still in need of a Fundraising Coordinator. While this task may seem overwhelming, the Region IV President's Council has done much of the legwork to ensure a successful term for whoever might step into this position. In fact, we

are currently investigating a very exciting fundraising program – and you may be just the person to oversee it! If you are interested in contributing to the financial well-being of Region IV please contact me at region4rep@rid.org for information on applying for this position.

Now, on to comments from your state leaders...

Alberta Chapter – RID
President Dona-Marie Rossi

Greetings!

As reported in January, we accepted the challenge from the provincial Deaf organization to create a team to compete in a Community Volleyball Tournament. I am proud to report that the “ACRID All-Stars’ won second in their division and fourth in the overall tournament – smile - much to the surprise of many, including us! The event enjoyed a terrific turnout and it was a fun way for us to make connections within the Interpreting and Deaf Communities. We also hosted the Board from our national organization AVLIC for their meeting that same weekend. It worked out wonderfully as the Boards from both the provincial and national organizations were able to socialize and catch up with each other and with the local Deaf Community at the Volleyball Social hosted by the Deaf Sports Association that Saturday evening.

Our AGM weekend was March 14/15. We hosted a very successful workshop on “Interpreting Humour” on Saturday and held our AGM on Sunday afternoon. Having everyone come together for the Brunch and the AGM was the perfect time to actively recruit members in an effort to fill some of the vacant positions on the Board. This year we also established our ACRID Awards Gala. The Awards Brunch was held on the Sunday morning before the AGM. We were proud to present three awards – the Community Spirit Award, the Outstanding Volunteer Award, and the Donna Korpiniski Mentorship Award which was created in memory of one of our Interpreting Community leaders. It was quite touching as we invited Donna’s family members to the Brunch to present the inaugural award to the first recipient. We have had a tremendous start to 2009 and, with our Goal Setting/ Board Planning Meeting set for April, I look forward to things to come.

KAI-RID
President Kathy Stewart, President

We are busily preparing for our 2nd Annual KAI-RID Conference to be held in Junction City, KS on April 3-5. As part of our preparations, we researched and found a new online payment system called Acceptiva, and it is fast becoming an integral part of our online activities. We are using it now for conference registration and membership fee payments, and can even be used for specific

fund-raising events. The really great part about it is that it works seamlessly with our Web site, makes our bookkeeping much more streamlined, and provides a real boost in public relations with our membership.

We are looking forward to a great conference this year, with some outstanding presenters, including our very own Region IV Rep. We will be offering workshops that cover legal interpreting, educational interpreting, ethics, classifiers, visual music, and much, much more! Hope to see you all there!

Nebraska RID

President Connie Herndon

neRID created a lot of energy and sharpened its focus at the spring retreat last year under the leadership of Amie Seiberlich. From that strong beginning, many 'new' looks and features of neRID were unveiled at the fall conference. With healthy pride and energetic satisfaction, the organization formally debuted the crown jewel of their labors: the provocative proposition.

Now it's time to allow that inspiring document to propel the group to the next level! The few, the proud—not Marines, but neRIDians—will gather to continue working to activate the group's provocative proposition March 13-15, 2009, at the Embassy Suites in La Vista, Nebraska. Through the activities of the weekend, members will re-group, re-think, re-new, re-energize, and re-do some necessary little details and some huge dreams of choice.

Billed as the "Spring WORKING Retreat," the event will emphasize the theme, "Beyond Our Provocative Proposition." While developing new action to reflect who we are in the bigger picture, the group will also explore the history, purpose, and design of bylaws to keep the organization legally compliant.

Although attendance will be purposefully small, the registrants express a unanimous enthusiasm for the organization and look forward to a weekend devoted to shared passion and continued growth! *A full report on this event will be available in the April 2009 Region IV Report.*

New Mexico RID

Co-President Dana Sumrow

New Mexico is gearing up for its first conference May 2. We hope you'll join us for a day filled with meaningful professional development and an evening of social and networking opportunities. Stay tuned to the yahoo group for details!

We would also like to encourage those who plan on attending the national conference in Philly to apply for a professional stipend. We have funds available to ITP students AND certified members alike. Please e-mail Leah Ekzut at lgekrut@yahoo.com for details.

North Dakota RID

No report at this time

Oklahoma RID

President Lisa Mathes

OKRID held its annual conference in January at East Central University in Ada. We had a great turnout (over 100 participants) and excellent workshops presented by Amie Seiberlich, Maria Ruiz-Williams, Trenton Marsh, and Keith Gamache.

Additionally, the OAD/OKRID Licensure Task Force is pleased to announce that the Licensure Bill (HB1842) passed the House with an overwhelming majority of 91-7. It will soon be sent through the Senate, and we are hoping for similar results! If you have questions feel free to contact Lisa Mathes at lisamathes@sbcglobal.net.



APRIL 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amie Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

Happy spring!!!

Being from Wisconsin, I truly love the change of seasons. And the advent of spring, for me, is a time of creativity and rejuvenation. I find myself with more creative energy – ok, and a *strong* desire to play – as summer inches closer. I'm finding that this cycle of creativity and rejuvenation is not bound only to my personal life; I also see the effects of spring in the work of the RID board. I recently attended a face to face Board meeting at the RID national office and came away from our five days together feeling optimistic, excited and inspired with creative ideas for the upcoming fiscal year. Some of these ideas are already in motion and will manifest themselves to members as *change*. Fear not, change can be a powerful and wonderful thing!

As you may know, this is a time in our country when the business of non-profit organizations is becoming more closely scrutinized. New, more stringent IRS regulations have been enacted to protect members of the public, and members of organizations, from leadership abuse of financial power. While these regulations serve to protect the integrity of organizations, they also require that we alter some of the long-standing mechanisms that we have relied on as our organization has grown to nearly 15,000 members.

The changes that you will begin to see in RID over the next year or two are being initiated as a result of increasing governmental scrutiny of non-profit organizations. The board labors long and hard over changes recommended by legal and fiduciary counsel; changes recommended solely to maintain the integrity of our 501 C3 status. In response to some recent changes, I have heard members state that the board is trying to maintain control that rightly belongs to members. I can assure you that the current board's intent is to allow members to participate in determining the direction of the organization, while allowing those in the national office to provide guidance on moving forward in a legal and fiscally responsible manner.

That said this is an exciting time to be a part of the RID Leadership Team! There are a number of initiatives being discussed that have the potential to bring members of the organization, the field and the larger community closer together. These initiatives include:

- The Philosophy, Mission, Goals and Diversity Workgroup: Simply put, this workgroup is tasked with connecting with as many members as possible to determine whether or not our guiding documents truly reflect the values, mindset and goals of our members. The proposed approach for doing so, approved at the recent board meeting, is creative, inspiring and one that will serve not only the purposes of the workgroup, but will help to bring members of the organization and community together in unique and powerful manner. The first workgroup session will be held as an "issues forum" at the upcoming 2009 RID National Conference. We hope you will attend! In the event you are unable to for whatever reason, look for

another opportunity to participate in this dialogue on either a state or regional level soon.

- Examination of RID Committee Structure: As RID continues to grow in numbers, experience and organizational expertise it is becoming clear that some of the structures that have been in place for some time may need to be reviewed and tweaked. Just as occurs on a state level, from time to time national committees come full circle, fulfill the needs they were originally created to fulfill, and find themselves looking for new direction. The RID board is reviewing the purpose of each committee to ensure that we are putting time and energy into structures and projects that truly support member needs. Look for more on how the board is working to optimize committee work in upcoming president's letters in the *RID e-News* and *IEWS*.
- Assessment of Regional Conferences: As you may know, RID recently hired a new Director of Meetings, Cori Dossett. As a part of transitioning the responsibility of national conference planning from the RID Executive Director Clay Nettles to Cori, a need to review our current regional conference structure has arisen. At this point I have no details to share; I just want to make you all aware that you may be hearing more about new ways of providing regional educational and networking opportunities in the coming year.

As always, there is so much more to share! In the event you would like additional information on anything mentioned in this article I hope you will take a moment to contact me at region4rep@rid.org. I will continue to use this e-News column as the primary means of communicating other updates and changes that will impact you as members and professionals.

Before I let you go, I also want to give a shout out to two new members of the RIV Leadership Team. Help me welcome the first RID Region IV Financial Steward, Barbara-Jean Slopey (pictured on the right) and Connie Herndon, outgoing Nebraska RID President and the new RID Region IV Historian. We are thrilled to welcome Barbara-Jean in this capacity and look forward to extending Connie's creativity and passion for Region IV as she transitions into her new role.



We are still looking for just the right person(s) to move into the role of RID Region IV Fundraising Coordinator – if this is something that is of interest, please reach out to me via e-mail and I'll send you all of the pertinent information you will need to make an informed decision about joining the RIV Leadership Team.

Now, on to more updates from RIV State leaders.

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Nebraska RID
President Connie Herndon

Nebraska RID ambitiously sponsors two conferences annually. Spring 2008 marked the beginning of a new approach to the typical conference setting when 20 dedicated and diligent members gathered for a retreat. The impressive results led members to request another retreat for spring 2009.

March 13-15, 2009, 16 energetic and focused neRID members gathered in LaVista, Nebraska, at the Embassy Suites and LaVista Conference Center for the "Spring Working Retreat." The environment was neither rustic nor too far from the city, but the venue provided an escape from the routines of daily life and a very comfortable and technologically convenient place for work, fun, networking, and rest. The attendees also served as a scouting party to determine the suitability of this brand new facility for the upcoming fall conference. The theme of the weekend, "Beyond neRID's Provocative Proposition," challenged members to rise to the next level of energizing activity for the organization. The group faced the reality of bringing bylaws in line with the national office while capturing the energy and vision of the organization's provocative proposition. To avoid the expenses involved with out-of-state presenters, member Connie Herndon presented "Bylaws: Where's the Nose?" The tailor-made presentation engaged members in the study of the etymology and meaning of "bylaws." The hierarchy of entities who govern the format and content of bylaws was introduced. Participants examined what bylaws should entail and compared documents from sister affiliate chapters and the national organization to determine what elements must be included in a heavily revised bylaws document for neRID.

However, the focus extended beyond just bylaw details. Brainstorming, action plans, and teamwork formed a challenging framework for the weekend's purpose. Members worked in teams aligned with the tenets of the provocative proposition. The first letter of each tenet forms the acrostic "N E R I D." All activity of neRID now falls into one of the five tenet categories.

Members first brainstormed and created a snapshot of the "big picture" of what the provocative proposition inspired for their particular team. Using that macro view, members identified elements of the vision that required definition in the bylaws or guidance in a policy and procedure manual. As activities of the weekend progressed, the macro and micro workings of neRID became more apparent.

During the course of the weekend, members identified how the teams' work would be interdependent, developed a survey to assess member perspectives and needs, and formulated a thorough timeline of actions to give life to the dreams prior to the fall conference.

To reflect the intent of the provocative proposition, neRID members decided to adopt some "nicknames" for the typically corporate-sounding labels for organizational activity. Traditional names will appear in legal documents, but members will use the "nicknames" in general conversation and planning. Committees will be called "action teams." The chair or coordinator will be known as the "action team lead." Since one of the tenets emphasizes a collaborative, shared experience, the board members will be called "collaborators."

A special treat for the weekend was a collection of inspirational quotes. Each attendee, as part of her preparation for the retreat, brought one or more inspirational quotes. During the weekend, members took turns drawing a quote from a quote bucket. Oddly enough, each quote seemed to be very apropos to the focus of the moment and helped create a stronger bond among those present.

Action team members who attended the retreat represented veterans, CDIs, recent graduates, certified, and pre-certified. Three of four state areas were represented. Every imaginable interpreting setting was represented. Differences were not evident. All persons present united to discover ways—personally and collectively—to unleash the possibilities with neRID.

New Mexico RID

Co-President Dana Sumrow

No report at this time.

North Dakota RID

President Cindy Kupfer

No report at this time

Oklahoma RID

President Lisa Mathes

The most recent news from OKRID relates to our endeavors with the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf on the OAD/OKRID Licensure Task Force. We prepared a licensure draft that was introduced this legislative session. It passed the House of Representatives, but died in Senate committee. The process has been very educational to say the least! We remain committed to our goal of seeing licensure enacted in Oklahoma. Over the next year we intend to hold a series of public meetings in order to continue to educate the interpreting and Deaf communities regarding these issues and will submit it again next session. Feel free to contact me at <mailto:lisamathes@sbcglobal.net> if you would like more details regarding the draft or our experiences thus far.



May 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amie Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

Hello Region IV!!!

I hope this finds each of you well and in a position to take some much deserved time off soon to enjoy the outdoors, the warmer weather and all of the pleasures that spring brings.

I'd like to start this issue of the RIV e-news off by introducing Monica Parks. Monica is a Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf (TSID) member, and your *new* RID RIV Fundraising Coordinator! We are so honored to have Monica on the RIV leadership team; she has a wealth of fundraising knowledge and experience including coordinating fundraising for the 2008 TSID/RID RIV Conference. Thanks to her efforts, we were able to put over \$15,000 into the RIV coffers!

Monica's first task as Fundraising Coordinator is to finalize the details of a fundraising opportunity the RIV President's Council has been working on for the past few months. RIV is partnering with the Deaf Performing Arts Network, or D-PAN, to help spread the word about ASL and the Deaf Community and to help both organizations boost their bottom line. You may remember D-PAN from the 2007 RID National Conference; their work on the John Mayer song "Waiting on the World to Change" was highlighted during closing ceremonies. D-PAN has created a powerful DVD that showcases this piece as well as a few others. This DVD is the main tool for this fundraising promotion. Look for more information on this opportunity in the next few months; this groundbreaking partnership has the potential to be both impactful and extremely successful for all involved!

You may be wondering where all of the money we are generating as a region is going – good question! Some of the money in our account supports the yearly RIV Leadership Retreat. The RIV President's Council is currently discussing how best to give the rest, and the bulk of RIV funds, back to members by way of scholarships to attend conferences, to take performance tests or to financially support other creative endeavors that may meet member needs. Again, look for more information on how the money we have all worked so hard to generate is being put to use to serve you, RIV members. I hope to have more to share soon.

While there are always a multitude of topics to talk about and updates to share, I will keep it at that for this issue. Please be sure to take a little time to read your most recent issue of the *IEWS*, the rest of the e-news articles and any other correspondence you receive from your state, regional and national leaders. There is a plethora of information available to help you prepare for the 2009 National Conference, Business Meeting and RIV Caucus. As I have mentioned in previous articles, we are at a critical juncture in our association's history and need the active participation of each and every member. That participation

can come in the form of e-mails to share your views on topics that will be discussed during the Conference Issues Forums, voting on the issues brought before members via our online survey tool, attending local and state workshops and events, networking with your peers – in short, becoming fully educated on the issues that are facing our field and our association, helping to educate others, and then sharing your thoughts and views.

And if you are attending the 2009 RID National Conference, *please* plan on joining us for the RIV Caucus. This two hour event is a time for us to come together as RIV members, share camaraderie, laughter and support, and to celebrate all that's right in RIV, smile. I hope to see you there!

amie

Kansas Association of Interpreters RID

President Kathy Stewart

Kansas Association of Interpreters RID (KAI-RID) enjoyed a very successful annual conference in Junction City on the weekend of April 3-5. With about 250 people in attendance, counting attendees, exhibitors and presenters, we had a great time networking and learning together. Glenace Humphrey, former RIV Representative and now a current member of KAI-RID, served us as our keynote speaker and challenged us to re-think the way we look at change, and to become involved to make our organization all that it has the potential to become. Elections were held and our roster of officers stands as follows: Kathy Stewart, President; Kim Weidler, Vice-President; Kate Williamson, Secretary; Stephanie Winslow, Treasurer.

Oklahoma RID

President Lisa Mathes

Oklahoma RID (OKRID) will be electing new officers for the 2009-2011 term within the next month. We are looking forward to an exciting two years and will have an update regarding our plans for the fall in the next e-news report. Please check out our new website at www.okrid.org. Happy Summer!

Wyoming RID

President Darla Sullins

After 5+ years of “on again, off again” negotiations, educational interpreters will be required to have a permit to interpret in the school system. This permit will go into effect June 1, 2011. There is some flexibility in the permit, but the bottom line is... an EIPA of 3.5 or better will be eventually required of all interpreters. Since every deaf child in Wyoming is mainstreamed, this permit is the least we can do to help ensure a more appropriate education.

April was the month for our Spring Workshop. We had the second part of a voicing workshop called, “ASL – English Interpreting Using On-Line Resources.” Our presenter was once again, John Chambers, M.A., J.D., CI and CT. He did an excellent job of giving us voicing strategies and showing us how we can

continue to improve our voicing skills, while out in the great Wyoming backcountry.

Our next workshop/conference will be held in September, when we will elect a new president and vice president. We will also have a combined Deaf Association of Wyoming and Wyoming RID celebration to dedicate a plaque to a wonderful Deaf couple, Lola and Dean Cosner. (More about this in the next e-News.)



June 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amie Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

Greetings RIV members!

As I sit down to craft this month's article I realize that we are less than two months away from our national conference! For those of you that are registered to attend you should have received a plethora of information about the educational sessions being offered as well as the issues forums being hosted by the board. If you are short of any information that you need in order to fully participate in this year's conference please let me know and I will point you in the right direction.

If you are planning on being in attendance, I sincerely hope that you will find time to attend the Region IV caucus scheduled for Monday, August 3 from 7 – 9 p.m. If you are attending the conference but have no clue what a caucus is, read on!

Regional caucuses are a traditional gathering at the national conference; this time is set aside for region members to meet as a group. Every region organizes and carries out their caucus in a different way. Caucuses are typically 2 hours in length, run concurrently and are held a day or two before the RID business meeting at the national conference. (This year's caucus is being held between the two business meeting sessions.) Typically, regional caucuses are very loud events with a great deal of cheering and laughter. There are no set rules for caucuses, but some uses of the time include the following:

1. Provide an educational opportunity for members. Plans for a special commemorative presentation are in the works for this year's event;
2. Provide reports from chapters and the regional representative. You have heard plenty from me over the past months so my piece will be brief;
3. Establish an atmosphere of cohesion, rapport and excitement. There are so many ideas, projects and blessings to be grateful for, not the least of which is our Region IV membership;
4. Provide an opportunity to discuss current issues in an information forum. If there are any issues you would like to address please let me know (region4rep@rid.org);
5. Provide a social time for the members. We will have light refreshments to loosen you up (grin);
6. Promote the next regional conference.

The 2010 RID Region IV Conference Planning Committee needs your help! The 2010 Region IV Conference will be held July 15-18 in Bismark, North Dakota. We are in need of Region IV members willing and able to contribute some time and expertise to this event. Please look over the list of committees below. If you have experience in any of these areas, would like to gain some experience or

are simply interested in giving back to Region IV please contact the 2010 Region IV Conference Committee Chair, Cindy Kupfer at cjkrandijo56@hotmail.com. She will forward your name and contact information to the appropriate chair. The more hands we have helping the lighter and more fun the work will be. Can you pitch in?

Here is the list of committees looking for support:

- Exhibit /Sponsorship
- Silent Auction
- CEUs
- Student Reps /Volunteers
- Hospitality
- Food /Banquet
- Presenters /Conference Program
- Registration
- Program Book
- Interpreters

If you are not in a position to contribute right now, we hope you will get the conference dates on your calendar and begin making plans to attend. The planning committee is dedicated to providing a conference that will be well worth the effort it takes to get there. If you think you may need some financial support to attend, start looking into scholarships offered through your state affiliate chapter. As mentioned in an earlier Region IV e-News report, your president's council is also in the process of setting up criteria and guidelines for Region IV monies to support members. Keep your eyes peeled for Region IV support for conferences in the coming months.

Finally, if a group of members from your area is interested in attending and is up for a road trip, consider renting a van and traveling in a pack (or whatever groups of interpreters traveling together are called). Consider it your adventure for 2010. Your group could head up the "2010 Traveling Interpreter Extravaganza!" Hmmm...maybe we could get some press for this idea.

Now onto news from around the region...

Namaste,
Amie

Alberta Chapter of RID
President Dona-Marie Rossi

Greetings! The Alberta Chapter of RID (ACRID) continues to work on some long term initiatives including Protection of Title, the Association of Visual Language Interpreters of Canada (AVLIC) 2012 National Conference and the President's Tea.

Protection of Title

The application process started with our documents being submitted. To date, we are waiting for word to indicate our next steps in the process. If successful,

Protection of Title will establish sign language interpreters as a profession formally recognized by the government.

AVLIC 2012 National Conference

We will be hosting the AVLIC National Conference in 2012. There have been two fund-raising workshops so far. Both have been a terrific success. We will be involved in more fund-raising events, committees and planning as time goes on.

President's Tea

I continue to host Tea with the President. The drop-in event allows members to meet and stay connected with the organization and the community. The members who reside in regions throughout the province are invited to attend via conference call. The president's wine and cheese events, hosted for the presidents and vice-presidents of the local and provincial Deaf organizations, also continue.

Oklahoma RID

Lisa Mathes

Oklahoma RID (OKRID) is proud to have recently been among the many sponsors of the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf (OAD) 100 Year Celebration! We are grateful to have such a long history of collaboration with our sister organization and wish them many more years of service to the Oklahoma Deaf community. Congratulations OAD!

OKRID is in the midst of electing new officers. In addition, we continue to work with OAD on the OAD/OKRID Licensure Task Force. Public meetings will be held over the next few months to prepare for presenting licensure to the legislature again next year. For more information, please visit our Web site www.okrid.org.

We look forward to see many of you in Philly!



July 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amie Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

RID Region IV

Representative Amie Seiberlich

Hello again RIV members! My comments this month will be short and sweet as this report contains plenty of additional information for you to review. Let me begin with a brief addition to some information that appeared in my last RIV e-News Report.

In my June submission I talked about what a "caucus" is and what it entails. I failed to mention that much of the information I shared with you appears in the RID Region Representatives Handbook. The presentation of the material I shared differs slightly from what has been approved for the handbook, but it is important to note that I am not the original author of this information.

The second piece of information I would like to share with you this month is that your RIV president's council has opted to begin including a modified copy of their approved meeting minutes in future e-News submissions. The council feels that this is one additional means by which you, as RIV members, can become more aware of what is happening on a regional level. The president's council meets via conference call approximately every two months; minutes will be included in e-News reports after they have been approved by the president's council and will appear in roughly every other e-News submission. At the end of this report you will find meeting minutes from our March and May 2009 meetings. Please direct any questions about these minutes to either your state affiliate chapter president or myself.

Before I let you go and head off to finalize my 2009 RID National Conference preparations, here is one final interesting piece of information that those of you going to conference may enjoy. The following is a breakdown of conference registrations by RIV state as of July 17, 2009. If you are headed to conference please be sure to rally your troops and

head to the RIV caucus held Monday, August 3 from 7-9 p.m. in Salons C & D.

Alberta - 4
Arkansas - 11
Colorado - 31
Iowa - 11
Kansas - 11
Louisiana - 11
Missouri - 12
Montana - 6
Nebraska - 18
North Dakota - 1
New Mexico - 22
Oklahoma - 16
South Dakota - 2
Texas - 90
Wyoming - 4

I look forward to seeing many of you in Philadelphia. If I miss you there, I will look forward to seeing you at an upcoming state conference!

Warmly,
Amie

Arkansas RID
President Pat Nickell

Greetings from Arkansas! I am Pat Nickell, the new president of the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ARID). Joining me on the board are Laney Yates as vice president, Jami Hollingsworth as secretary and Elise Kirkpatrick as treasurer. Our members-at-large are NeCol Wilson, Nikki Cherry and Akeya Peoples. My appreciation goes out to our previous board who worked so hard to get many important issues accomplished.

Our most recent event was our ARID 2009 Biennial Conference held June 4-6, 2009 in Hot Springs, AR. Amie Seiberlich was our keynote speaker and one of the workshop leaders. Thanks, Amie! The theme, "Fortifying Foundations: Back to the Basics" is the best description that one can use when trying to summarize the overall spirit of the conference. It started with the opening of the presidential reception and business meeting addressing the beginning of a "new look" for ARID. ARID has a new logo

that the board deliberated over the past two years to reach a consensus. The "unveiling" of the new logo was shared at the biennial conference. The breakout sessions were all four hours in length. WOW! What an overwhelming experience for all! The life-long learning experiences impact individuals' lives by more than just enhancing their interpreting skills—analyzing why one does a certain activity or responds in a certain manner, attempting to understand others' perspectives before responding and acknowledging best practices within day to day interactions in various settings were all a part of what was taught, shared and learned.

At the Banquet, honor was given to ARID's first president, Ken Musteen. He retired February 2009 after 39 years of service to the state of Arkansas in various positions—all impacting the lives of the Deaf community at large. Little did ARID know that one month later we would be honoring his memory in a very different way as he passed away July 3, 2009. He will be greatly missed and his legacy will live on in the lives of many Arkansans and in the history of ARID.

Thanks to Ray James, our past vice-president and chair of the biennial committee for the above summary and the great job he did organizing this event. I look forward to working with Amie and all of the RIV presidents as we work toward making RID an even greater organization!

Montana RID

President Missy Grinnell

In June, the Montana Association of the Deaf (MAD) hosted their bi-annual conference in Bozeman. The keynote speaker at the event was president of the National Association of the Deaf Bobbie, Beth Scoggins. The workshop was informative and dynamic, but what stands out in this local president's mind is the award for service that Montana RID was given. Here is what was stated by the MAD President as the award was given, "During the past two years many people stood out in supporting the Deaf community. When thinking about who should receive this award it did not take very long to decide it should be MRID for: their support, free interpreting services at the K-12 standards Forum, interpreting free for the MAD President on MAD matters, interpreting at the last minute, flexibility, and outstanding performance for the Deaf community." It is a tremendous honor to be recognized for this service and support. It is our intention to continue to strengthen the ties between MAD and MRID.

Montana RID held elections for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Board members were elected as follows:

- President: Missy Grinnell (Bozeman)
- Vice-President: Trisha Smith (Belgrade)

- Secretary: Sheryl Lute (Great Falls)
- Treasurer: Tiffany Harding (Great Falls)
- Workshop Chair: Cathy Copeland (Billings)
- Fundraising Chair: Crystal Kramer (Bozeman)
- Media Chair: Shelley Garretson (Great Falls)

We initiated a new workshop called "Travel Trainings" in which we took the same training to three different areas of our state. This was a huge success. Interpreters appreciated the opportunity of having a workshop so close to home and valued the skills and education that they gained. Our Annual Big Sky Interpreting Conference is in August. We have invited Bern Jones and Julie Simon. It should be a dynamic time of learning and networking. We will also host a game night and silent auction and have invited the Deaf community to join us. For more information, go to www.montanarid.org.

Oklahoma RID

President Lisa Mathes

Oklahoma RID (OKRID) is pleased to announce officers for the 2009-2011 term. They are as follows:

- President: Lisa Mathes
- Vice-President: Janna Byrd
- Secretary: Suzanne Graham
- Treasurer: Sandie Busby
- Parliamentarian: Windell Smith
- Member-at-Large: Adam Marlin
- Member-at-Large: Maryanne Huber
- Member-at-Large: Paula Thompson
- Member-at-Large: Pam Hollowell
- OAD Representative: Lynn Null

Out-going board members include Amy Linfoot, Jeanette Buttram, Traci Prince and Judy Ingram. Thanks to all of you for your service not only to OKRID, but to the interpreting profession!

Wyoming RID

President Darla Sullins

2009 Fall Conference: WYRID will have their fall conference in Casper on September 12-13, 2009. The Deaf presenter will be Keith Gamache from Utah. He will be sharing information on prosody. During the business meeting, we will elect a new president and vice-president.

Plaque Dedication: September 12, the evening of the fall conference, WYRID and Deaf Association of Wyoming (DAW) are holding a joint celebration. We are commemorating a plaque in honor of Dean and Lola Cosner. They were a Deaf couple who had accomplished many notable achievements for both the Deaf and interpreters in Wyoming.

Mentoring Program: Colorado RID has invited us to participate in a mentoring program with them starting in August. We are very excited about this opportunity and hope that the interpreters in our state will take advantage of this chance to improve their skills.

Keep reading for RIV AC President's Council Meeting Minutes!

***RID Region IV Affiliate Chapter Presidents Council Meeting
via conference call on March 21, 2009
~ Minutes~***

Amie Seiberlich, RID Region IV Representative presided with Secretary Tricia Frank present.
Call to Order 8:00AM MT

Attendance by State/Chapter (attendance is indicated by *)

1	Alberta	sub - Karin Frizzell*
2	Arkansas	sub - Pat Nickell*
3	Colorado	Ilah Jackson*
4	Iowa	sub - Ellen Hayes*
5	Kansas	Kathy Stewart*
6	Louisiana	Leslie Knowles
7	Manitoba	No Chapter
8	Montana	Missy Grinnell*
9	Nebraska	Connie Herndon*
10	New Mexico	Dana Sumrow* Amanda Retsek
11	North Dakota	Cindy Kupfer*
12	Oklahoma	Lisa Mathes*
13	Saskatchewan	No Chapter
14	South Dakota	Kasey Entwisle
15	Texas	Christopher Grooms*
16	Wyoming	Darla Sullins
17	Trust Fund Chair	Open
	Fund Raising	Open
	Chair	
	Secretary	Tricia Frank*
	Historian	Open

RIV
Representative

Amie Seiberlich*

Introduction of: Interpreters, Invited guests, Observers

Scott Guy, D-Pan Executive Director, joined the call at 9:00AM.

Region IV Vision Statement: *The vision of RID Region IV is to promote a community that inspires personal and professional transformation by offering cutting edge and innovative opportunities that honor the evolving and diverse needs of its membership* was read by Ilah Jackson.

Round Robin Check-in: "What is the best thing that has happened to you since we spoke in January?"

Minutes

- A. The minutes of the January 31, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

Reports

- A. Region IV Representative Report
1. February and March 2009 reports posted to the Yahoo site. Feel free to share them with your members.
 2. Thank you NMRID for donating \$150 (one night's hotel stay) for the WASLI Mexican delegate to attend the RID Conference. Thank you for supporting the global interpreting community!
 3. Amie's upcoming travel is:
 - 3/25 - 3/29 – face-to-face RID Board of Directors meeting
 - 4/3 - 4/5 – Kansas
 - 4/17 - 4/19 – Colorado
 - 6/4 - 6/6 – Arkansas
 - 7/29 - 8/6 – RID Conference
- B. RID Strategic Plans
1. Amie has requested a hard copy of the Strategic Plans from RID for the AC Presidents Council.
- C. Affiliate Chapter Reports
1. February and March 2009 e-News Reports, including AC Presidents reports, were uploaded to the Yahoo site.
 2. NeRID Spring Retreat and Bylaws Revisions, Connie Herndon
 3. KAI-RID Online Payment Service, Kathy Stewart
- D. Legislative issues

1. Oklahoma – their licensure bill passed the house and will go to the senate within the next 2-3 weeks.
 2. Colorado – their title protection bill was signed by the governor on March 19 and will go into effect September 1, 2009. The Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) representatives felt that the stories of harm were not compelling enough to go for licensure.
 3. Iowa – they have licensure but the legislators are looking to make changes to it. They are concerned that not enough people are working under supervision. Anyone can work under a temporary license for two years and can then get an extension for another two years.
- E. Regional Committees (none at this time)

Unfinished business

Action items from the January 2009 meeting:

- 1 – All AC presidents will send their respective state pending legislation to Amie Seiberlich. DONE
- 2 – Amie Seiberlich will ask the National Office (NO) if she can send out the spreadsheet showing testing response times. DONE
- 3 – Amie Seiberlich will contact Scott with D-Pan about selling DVDs as a fund raising activity. DONE
- 4 – We will discuss member issues, such as what members want from their state organization, on our next conference call. UNDER NEW BUSINESS
- 5 – Amie Seiberlich will follow up on the Trust Fund issue; she will take it to the RID Board. IN PROCESS
- 6 – Amie Seiberlich will follow up with Devon Finnman about notes she took at the retreat. IN PROCESS
- 7 – Amie Seiberlich will track expenses for the past 2 retreats. DONE; uploaded to the Yahoo site.
- 8 – Cindy Kupfer will contact Glenace Humphrey about getting expense information from the 2007 retreat. DONE; uploaded to the Yahoo site.
- 9 – Amie Seiberlich and Tricia Frank will research policies regarding seed money, including how it is done in other regions. DONE
- 10 – Amie Seiberlich will follow up with Cindy Kupfer about the best way to get the seed money to her. DONE; the conference planning committee will establish a RIV Conference account.
- 11 – Amie Seiberlich will create a Discussion Forum listing proposed dates and times for our RIV caucus at the 2009 RID Conference. MOOT; the RID Conference planners will make the determination.

RIV Historian

1. Congratulations to Connie Herndon!

Financial Steward

1. **Motion RIV 2009.03** by Chris Grooms that we appoint Barbara-Jean Slopey as the RIV Financial Steward **was passed with 2 abstentions.**

Fundraising position

1. We received no applications.

Plans for the RIV Caucus

F. 2010 RIV Conference update

New Business

- A. Webpage updates
- B. Request from RIII Representative: the **RID-NCIEC Mentoring Grant Funds have increased.** The RID-NCIEC Mentoring Grant Program is now accepting grant applications. Applicants may apply for grant ranging from \$3,000 to \$8,000, an increase from funds available in years past. The deadline for grant applications is May 1, 2009.
- C. 2009 RIV Goals – ideas about how to begin creating these? Special work session at the 2009 RID Conference?
- D. Member issues – what do members want from their state organizations?
- E. Monthly check in with Presidents?

Crack the whip

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM MT.

Tricia Frank, Region IV Secretary

MEETING SUMMARY

MOTIONS

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RID Region IV Affiliate Chapter Presidents Council Meeting via conference call on May 16, 2009

~Minutes~

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4	Iowa	sub - Laura Lord*
5	Kansas	Kathy Stewart*
6	Louisiana	Leslie Knowles
7	Manitoba	No Chapter
8	Montana	sub - Cathy Copeland*
9	Nebraska	sub - Missy Throckmorton*
10	New Mexico	Dana Sumrow Amanda Retsek*
11	North Dakota	Cindy Kupfer*
12	Oklahoma	Lisa Mathes*
13	Saskatchewan	No Chapter
14	South Dakota	sub - Beth Driesen*
15	Texas	sub - Rita Lee Wedgeworth*
16	Wyoming	Darla Sullins*
	Financial Steward	Barbara-Jean Slopey*
	Fundraising Coordinator	Monica Parks*
	Historian	Connie Herndon
	Secretary	Tricia Frank*
	RIV Representative	Amie Seiberlich*

Introduction of: Interpreters, Invited guests, Observers

1. Barbara-Jean Slopey – new RIV Financial Steward
2. Connie Herndon – new Historian role.
3. Monica Parks – new RIV Fundraising Coordinator.

Region IV Vision Statement: *The vision of RID Region IV is to promote a community that inspires personal and professional transformation by offering cutting edge and innovative opportunities that honor the evolving and diverse needs of its membership was read by Darla Sullins.*

Round Robin Check-in: None

Minutes

- B. The minutes of the March 21, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

Guest Presenter

Monica Parks – Raising Funds in Challenging Times presentation

Reports

- F. Region IV Representative Report (uploaded to the Yahoo site)

4. The presidents voted to include the Presidents Council Meeting Minutes in the RIV e-News
 5. From March BOD F2F (5 day) meeting:
 - o RID is on pace to hit 15,000 members by the end of the fiscal year.
 - o The website will be cleaned up this fall to make it more user-friendly.
 - o The RID Policies and Procedures Manual has been posted to the RID website.
 - o There will be several opportunities for members to be involved and make an impact on the organization at the RID Conference. There will be 8 hours of business meeting and 7 issues forums.
 6. AC Bylaws should mirror National's – especially the fiscal year cycle
 - o Contact Amie or Lucy James, Bylaws Committee, with any concerns.
 7. Communicating Revised Guidelines and Standards for Running a Regional Conference Forum
 - o The regional meetings that we have called "Business Meetings" have been changed to "Regional Membership Meetings".
 8. "Rule Making"
 9. Greenbag.info
 10. Affiliate Chapter Relations Committee needs members
 11. Amie Seiberlich traveling 5/23 – 6/8
 12. General committee restructure letter
 13. OKRID WASLI Donation
 - o OKRID donated \$100 to WASLI and another \$100 for the Mexican delegate to attend the RID Conference. Kudos to OKRID!!!
 14. Take time to look over all the documents uploaded to the Yahoo site.
- G. Affiliate Chapter Reports
2. April and May 2009 e-News Reports, including AC Presidents reports, were uploaded to the Yahoo site.
- H. Financial Steward Report
4. Copy Barbara-Jean on any reimbursement requests sent to Matthew O'Hara.
- I. Historian report
1. There was no report.
- J. Regional Committees (none at this time)

Unfinished business

Action items from the January 2009 meeting:

4. We will discuss member issues, such as what members want from their state organization, on our next conference call. UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Action items from the March 2009 meeting:

2. Amie Seiberlich will send the link to the RID Strategic Plans to the AC Presidents. DONE
3. Tricia Frank will send the 2008 RIV Business Meeting minutes to Chris Grooms ASAP and put them on the Yahoo site. DONE
4. All AC Presidents will send the names and email addresses of possible fundraising coordinators to Amie Seiberlich. MOOT
5. Amie Seiberlich will inform Monica Parks of our desire to have her apply for the fundraising coordinator position and will ask her to present to us on the next conference call about how to be a successful fundraiser. DONE
6. Amie Seiberlich will put 'discussion about a mechanism to set aside scholarship monies' on the next conference call. DONE
7. Lisa Mathes and Connie Herndon will work on fleshing out the information to be resubmitted to BOB and send it out to the group via a DF. IN PROCESS
8. Amie Seiberlich will put together the expenses from the 2008 RIV Retreat. DONE
9. Amie Seiberlich will start a DF about how seed money for the conferences will be handled. IN PROCESS
10. *Not on the formal action list* – Missy Grinnell and Connie Herndon will create and share a letter about the Financial Steward selection. DONE

IEIS Financial request

2009 RIV Caucus plans

2. Caucus in ASL; visual communication will be used.
3. **Motion RIV 2009.04** by Ilah Jackson that we approve no more than \$1500 for the refreshments at the Region IV Caucus **was passed.**

Plans for Presidents Council meeting at the 2009 RID Conference

- G. Include Glenace Humphrey and other past officers in one or more of our events? – discussed earlier
- H. 2010 RIV Conference update
- I. RIV Financial report – discussed earlier
- J. Mano a Mano request

New Business

- F. How do we use RIV funds?
- G. 2009 RIV Goals – ideas about how to begin creating these? Special work session at the 2009 RID Conference?
- H. Member issues – what do members want from their state organizations?
- I. Monthly check in with Presidents?

J. RIV 2009 Conference pins?

Crack the whip

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM MT.

Tricia Frank, Region IV Secretary

MEETING SUMMARY

MOTIONS

Motion RIV 2009.04 by Ilah Jackson that we approve no more than \$1500 for the refreshments at the Region IV Caucus **was passed.**



August 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amie Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

RID Region IV Vision

The vision of RID Region IV is to promote a community that inspires personal and professional transformation by offering cutting edge and innovative opportunities that honor the evolving and diverse needs of its membership.

Dear RID Region IV members,

I hope this finds those of you that attended the 2009 RID National Conference home safely and well-rested after a week full of activity. For those of you that were not able to attend, I am happy to report that each Region IV affiliate chapter was represented, and I'm confident that you will be hearing more about the conference from your local leadership and/or members that were in attendance. Upcoming issues of *VIEWS* and the RID Web site will also be resources to learn more about the conference so be sure to check in as time and energy permit.

With the national conference behind us, your Region IV leadership team now turns its attention to planning the 2009 RID Region IV Leadership Retreat. This year's retreat will continue to expand upon regional goal development, fundraising commitments and the creation of Region IV scholarships—work that began during the national conference. Many thanks to the Region IV Presidents Council including Region IV affiliate chapter presidents; Colorado RID President-Elects Erma Webb (Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf, TSID) and Kari Baker; past Region IV Representative, Glenace Humphrey; Kim Wiedler, KAI-RID sub; Tricia Frank, Region IV Secretary; Barbara-Jean Slopey and Region IV Financial Steward for giving up an entire afternoon (and CEU opportunities) to devote to Region IV work. You are all an inspiration to me, and I look forward to serving with you in the upcoming year.

I would also like to thank former Region IV Representatives Dr. Daniel Burch, Linda Stauffer and Glenace Humphrey for the walk down Region IV memory lane during the Region IV caucus. Your perspective served as a reminder to many as to how far we have come and provided insight into our growth for those newer to the field and Region IV. Thank you!

A big, warm “thank you” is also extended to Rita Lee Wedgeworth, TSID President and Laney Yates, Arkansas RID Vice President for their help in coordinating goodies for the conference. You helped to make my first national conference as Region IV Representative much easier. Leadership truly is a team effort!

Finally, I would also be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to acknowledge the following outgoing Region IV Presidents:

- Chris Grooms, Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf;
- Karin Binko, Arkansas RID;
- Jody Morrison, Alberta RID;
- Amanda Retsek, New Mexico RID;
- Mary Brandt, Iowa RID.

Your work on the Region IV President’s Council is forever appreciated.

Oh yes and to Glenace, we thank you for the words of encouragement you left us with at the 2008 Region IV/TSID Conference, witnessed by our very own Cindy Kupfer, North Dakota RID President.



We were thrilled to have an opportunity to honor you one more time at the Region IV caucus—much gratitude for your six years of devoted service to RID Region IV.

As I reflect back on the 2009 RID National Conference, standing on the same stage with the RID Board of Directors, past RID presidents and our 40 and 45 year members, I am overcome with feelings of honor. I truly am honored to be allowed to serve as the RID Region IV Representative for this past year. Thank you all for your support and for allowing me to walk alongside you on this journey. It has been nothing short of a blessing.

The next Region IV President's Council meeting will be held September 30. Look for approved minutes from the July 2009 Presidents Council meeting in the October e-NEWS.

Namaste,
amie

Arkansas RID
President Pat Nickell

Greetings from Arkansas!

I, along with 16 other Arkansans, have just returned from the 2009 RID National Conference in Philadelphia. What an awesome experience being with over 2,500 interpreters and the deaf participants, along with wonderful workshops, opening and closing ceremonies and entertainment.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Amie and the affiliate chapter presidents of Region IV for the first time during the conference. I just want to say thanks to you all for warmly welcoming me into our group. I look forward to getting to know each of you better at the retreat.

Here in Arkansas, our new board met for the first time on August 8, making plans for the immediate future and setting up a meeting schedule for the next two years. We will be having a workshop in Rogers on September 25 and 26. Our workshop presenter will be Bonnie Goben, the training and development director for Sign Language Specialists in Lee's Summit, MO. She will be helping us develop our skills in working with minimal language clients.

Kansas Association of Interpreters – RID

President Kathy Stewart

Kansas Association of Interpreters – RID (KAI-RID) has had a great month! Many of our board members, committee chairs and committee members met together on July 18 for an all-day “work day.” We spent the day revisiting our vision statement, making sure we all still believed in it and then set about working on plans that would bring everything we do in line with that vision. We took the time to personally connect with each person at the “work day.” It will be exciting to see how these new connections serve us during this new year.

We established a schedule of monthly conference calls for the board and encouraged all committees to do the same. We set the dates for our quarterly board meetings and determined the location for each so that our membership has the opportunity, at least once in a year, to participate in a board meeting in their own district. We even decided that each board meeting would happen in conjunction with a district meeting and would include lunch with any and all participants. What better way for people to get to know each other! We also decided that after each of our regular board meetings, the board and any committee members in attendance would stay for another mini “work day.” These mini “work days” will give us the opportunity to continue the energy and the networking that began July 18. We are looking forward to a great year!



September 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amy Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

RID Region IV Vision

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Dear RID Region IV members,

As fall officially begins so does the state conference season for many Region IV affiliate chapters. I am grateful for invitations to attend events in Louisiana, Missouri and Iowa and look forward to spending some quality time with these Region IV members. I will also be visiting my home state of Wisconsin and attending the WisRID state conference later this year, although Wisconsin is not a Region IV state I look forward to connecting with my colleagues from the land of cheese and the Packers!

In addition to my travel to these conferences this fall I will be attending two RID board functions: our face-to-face meeting at the home office and a board source training in Florida. The Region IV Leadership Team is scheduled to gather for their yearly leadership retreat in November. This fall is shaping up to be full! In the event that you are in need of my support during the next couple of months I ask for your patience with my response times as I make my way through our region and beyond.

Time to go pack...more from your roaming representative in next month's e-News!

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Arkansas RID

President Pat Nickell

Greetings from Arkansas!

Since the RID conference in August, our Arkansas RID (ARDI) board met to get meetings and workshops set for the next several months. Our goal is to

continue to have board meetings and workshops in several parts of the state in order to involve more interpreters and the Deaf.

Kansas Association of Interpreters – RID

President Kathy Stewart

The energy is building in Kansas Association of Interpreters – RID (KAI-RID)! Our board traveled to Girard, Kansas and had our first quarterly business meeting on September 12. While we were there, we finished up the day with a workday with the board and committees. We are excited about the progress we are making in learning to function as a team where each member plays an important role.

We are looking forward to some changes/improvements in the near future. Here's a short list, just to name a few:

- Changes on our Web site, including a members-only section
- Uniform contact capabilities with kai-rid.org email addresses
- Fundraising that includes Barnes & Noble gift wrapping events
- HANDS UP Mentoring

There is no better time to be a member of KAI-RID!

New Mexico RID (NMRID)

President Dana Sumrow

New Mexico Licensure is in effect. The requirement for interpreters to be licensed to work officially went into effect following the meeting of the Signed Language Interpreting Practice Board (SLIPB) on July 21.

Interpreters have a 90-day grace period to get licensed. Applications must be received by the Regulation and Licensing Department by MONDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Everything needed to apply for a license can be found on the SLIPB Web site: <http://www.rld.state.nm.us/SignedLanguage/index.html> . Application forms are found on the "forms" page.

Everyone who does any interpreting at all must be licensed. There are a few exemptions, such as for students who are enrolled in an ITP/IPP. Please see the rules and statute for a complete list. New Mexico has fantastic interpreters who have shown a commitment to their profession and community. Please do not delay. Get your license today!



October 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

Submitted by:
Amy Seiberlich
Region IV Representative

RID Region IV Vision

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Dear RID Region IV Members,

I realize that you typically receive this communication via the RID e-News. My apologies for not getting this out in time for publication in RID's monthly electronic communication. Sometimes that's just the way things roll, sigh.

By this time you should have all received communication about my plans to resign from board service effective December 31, 2009. I want to thank each of you that took the time to send messages of support my way. They mean more to me than you know. I was not anticipating the level of compassion and support that I have received from Region IV members and your collective responses speak loudly to the character of our region—just one of the many reasons I will miss serving in this position.

That said, life is already moving on and very quickly at that! I am doing my best to remain on top of all things RID and Region IV although as you can see, a few things (like *e-News* reports) are falling through the cracks. Never fear, relief is on the way! Resumes and letters of interest for the position of RID Region IV Representative are being accepted through mid-November. All candidates for this position will be interviewed, the board of directors will appoint a new representative towards the end of the calendar year and the new representative will fulfill the remainder of my term (through July 2010). In the event you would like additional information about what this position entails or how to apply, please feel free to contact me at region4rep@rid.org.

Before I turn you over to members of your Region IV President's Council I would like to extend a warm welcome to new Presidents Darlene Austin (Louisiana RID), Kari Baker (Colorado RID) and Denise Morse (Wyoming RID). We look forward to welcoming you in person at the 2009 Region IV Leadership Retreat later this month! And sadly, with every hello also comes a "hope to see you again soon." Many, many thanks to outgoing Presidents Ilah Jackson (Colorado RID), Darla Sullins (Wyoming RID) and Leslie Knowles (Louisiana RID) for your time, energy and dedication to your respective states and Region IV members.

Now on to more from around the region!

Arkansas RID

President Pat Nickell

Greetings from Arkansas! We had a wonderful fall workshop in Rogers, AR, during the weekend of September 25. Our title was originally "Interpreting for Minimal Language Skills Clients" but was changed to "Cognitively Challenged Clients," the updated terminology for this type of interpreting. Our workshop presenter was Training and Development Director for Sign Language Specialists, Bonnie Goben from Lee's Summit, KS. Bonnie did a wonderful job of making this a hands-on experience for us all. Many thanks go to Program Chair, Debbie Pearce and Member at Large Representative, NeCol White for making this a successful event. We also held our general membership meeting where the membership in attendance passed our newly amended by-laws that are more in line with the RID By-Laws.

Our next event will be December 5 in Little Rock, AR. This will be a combined general membership meeting along with our annual Christmas celebration. At our Christmas celebration, we invite all members of our deaf and interpreting community to entertain us with their wonderful talents of singing, telling stories or acting out skits. We end the celebration with a very special guest, a deaf Santa, who will be there to take all Christmas present requests from children and adults!

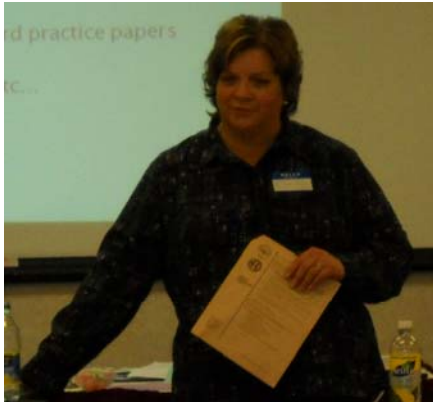
North Dakota RID

President Cindy Kupfer

North Dakota RID (NDRID) had their fall conference on October 23 and 24, with around 23 people attending. This was actually a great turn out for North Dakota as there are only around that number of NDRID members total! Those in attendance were students, non-certified interpreters and

certified instructors/interpreters. We all came away with knowledge we could use in the future.

The morning session was titled "Ethics for Interpreters" reviewing scenarios, which was a help for those that were thinking of taking the NIC test. The afternoon session was "Mean? The Art of Interpreting in Context." We also learned and discussed how to sign idioms and how the Deaf understand them.



We also elected new board members: President, Eileen Gray (pictured on the left); Vice-President, Renae Biter; Secretary, Kayla Hovland and Eastern Rep., David Coons.

At the end of our business meeting, our new president surprised Mary Heintz, out-going treasurer from 2008 (pictured below on the right), and myself, Cindy Kupfer (pictured below on the left), with plaques in the shape of North Dakota for our hard work and

dedication to NDRID. Mary had been a board member for six years and I was a board member for 12 years. As this chapter of my life is over, it is something I will not regret. I will take many memories with me. Thank you for everyone's support!

As North Dakota prepares for the RID Region IV Conference here in Bismarck, we have the board of directors, NDRID members and NDAD members, all willing to step up to the plate and make this a success! So, come one, come all, by bus, car, train or plane to Bismarck, ND, July 15-18, 2010 to the Region IV Conference! Hope to see you all next year.



Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf ***President Rita Lee Wedgeworth***

Howdy from Texas! We've been quite busy in the last few months. We held our board training and first board meeting right after the RID conference in August. We welcomed our new President-Elect, Erma Webb from Houston. Goal setting was a priority and we look forward to accomplishing them as the year moves forward.

Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf (TSID) and the state organization for the Deaf, TAD, are in talks to hold the 2011 TSID and TAD's annual

conference together. The two organizations are working together to see how we can make this a reality.

The Texas Legislature has passed HB 233 to establish an "Advisory Committee on Qualifications for Health Care Translators and Interpreters." Sherri Roberts from College Station, TX, was selected to be our "voice" and recommendation to sit on this task force. Keep your fingers crossed that she will be appointed.

TSID, among other RID Region IV Affiliate Chapters, is excited to be involved in the fund-raiser selling DVD's, "It's Everybody's Music, Vol. 1" that are created and produced by D-PAN (Deaf Performing Artists Network).

Lastly, we are pleased to announce the establishment of our newest special interest group of TSID, Interpreters with Deaf Parents. This group collected signatures at our last annual conference and recently submitted their rules of operation, which were approved, creating their formal establishment. Very exciting times in TSID!

RID Region IV Affiliate Chapter Presidents Council Meeting on July 11 Conference Call Minutes

Amy Seiberlich, RID Region IV Representative presided with Secretary Tricia Frank present.

Call to Order 8:09AM MT

Attendance by State/Chapter (attendance is indicated by *)

1	Alberta	sub - Karin Frizzell*
2	Arkansas	sub - Laney Yates*
3	Colorado	Ilah Jackson
4	Iowa	sub - Laura Lord*
5	Kansas	Kathy Stewart*
6	Louisiana	Leslie Knowles
7	Manitoba	No Chapter
8	Montana	Missy Grinnell*
9	Nebraska	Connie Herndon*
10	New Mexico	Dana Sumrow*
11	North Dakota	Cindy Kupfer*
12	Oklahoma	Lisa Mathes*
13	Saskatchewan	No Chapter
14	South Dakota	Kasey Entwisle*
15	Texas	Rita Lee Wedgeworth*
16	Wyoming	Darla Sullins*

Financial Steward	Beanie Slopey*
Fundraising Coordinator	Monica Parks*
Historian	Connie Herndon*
Secretary	Tricia Frank*
RIV Representative	Amy Seiberlich*

Introduction of: Interpreters, Invited guests, Observers

1. Welcome new officers – Pat Nickell (ARID) and Rita Lee Wedgeworth (TSID)
2. Thanks to Amanda Retsek, Karin Binko and Chris Grooms for their service.

Region IV Vision Statement: *The vision of RID Region IV is to promote a community that inspires personal and professional transformation by offering cutting edge and innovative opportunities that honor the evolving and diverse needs of its membership* was read by Rita Wedgeworth.

Round Robin Check-in: “The national conference is right around the corner! If you have been to a national conference, what is your favorite conference memory? If you have not, what are you most looking forward to?”

Minutes

- A. The minutes of the May 16, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

Reports

- A. Region IV Representative Report
 1. June and July BOD reports uploaded to the Yahoo site.
 2. The presidents agreed that the Presidents Council meeting minutes should be included in the RIV e-News report.
 3. My summer schedule
 - o July 16 – 23: limited email and phone access
 - o July 29: leave for the RID Conference
 4. “Bright Ideas” column from Tina Schultz, RID Director of Communications and Education:
 - o It is a column in which affiliate chapters can share details about initiatives, programs or projects that have been successful with other affiliate chapters and the membership as a whole: Ideas that have increased membership, saved money, raised money; projects that have enhanced mentorship opportunities or resulted in greater outreach into the Deaf community. We are looking for ideas both big and small that have had a great

impact on your affiliate chapter. Please submit your columns to Tina Schultz, at tschultz@rid.org. The following are the upcoming deadlines for VIEWS:

- October 2009 issue – deadline August 15th
- January 2010 issue – deadline November 15th
- April 2010 issue – deadline February 15th
- July 2010 issue – deadline May 15th

5. National Conference update

- RIV Caucus
- AC Presidents meeting – Monday from 1:00-5:00 in Amy's suite
- Conference motions discussion
- The Deaf Caucus and Interpreters with Deaf Parents Members Sections are sponsoring the following Community Forum at the 2009 National Conference on August 2, 2009, 3:00 – 8:00PM.
- Conference schedule – important that AC presidents attend:
 - Saturday, 8/1
 - 1:00 registration opens
 - 2:00 Bummy Burstein and Libby Pollard, conference parliamentarians, provide a workshop
 - 3:00-4:30 1st timers orientation
 - 4:30 NMRID presents a workshop
 - 7:00-9:00 opening ceremony and reception
 - Sunday, 8/2
 - 3:00-8:00 Deaf Caucus and Interpreters with Deaf Parents forum
 - 6:30-8:30 Interpreters in Education (IEIS) and Navigating the Business Meeting 101
 - Monday, 8/3
 - 8:00-noon business meeting
 - 1:00-5:00 AC Presidents Council meeting
 - 7:00-9:00 region caucuses
 - Tuesday, 8/4
 - 8:00-noon business meeting
 - 5:30-7:00 BOB forum
 - Wednesday, 8/5
 - 10:30-noon ACRC presentation (Board Games)
 - 7:00-9:00 Closing ceremonies
 - Thursday, 8/6
 - 1:00-3:00 issues forums

B. Affiliate Chapter Reports

1. June and July 2009 e-News Reports were uploaded to the Yahoo site.

C. Financial Steward Report

- D. Fundraising Coordinator report
- E. Historian Report
 - 1. For those ACs who have an AC historian, send that information to the Historian.
 - 2. She would like to see RIV purchase a camera or camcorder that would pass from historian to historian.
- F. 2010 RIV Conference Planning Report
 - 1. Cindy Kupfer – update
 - 2. The conference planning committee was asked to provide a detailed report prior to each Presidents Council meeting.
 - 3. We will be spending considerable time at the retreat on the conference.
- G. Monthly check in
 - 1. Email Amy if you want one.

Unfinished business

Action items from the March 2009 meeting:

- 6. Lisa Mathes and Connie Herndon will work on fleshing out the information to be resubmitted to BOB and send it out to the group via a DF. **DONE**
- 8. Amy Seiberlich will start a DF about how seed money for conferences will be handled. **(Not completed – after receiving a start up budget from the 2010 RIV Conference planners, it will be shared with the Presidents Council; we can then revisit the amount of seed money approved and discuss whether this amount is a gift or should be returned to the Region.)**

Action items from the May 2009 meeting:

- 1. Amy Seiberlich will send the new document explaining the change from Business Meeting to Membership Meeting via email and then include it in an upcoming e-News issue. **(Not done – it felt premature given the national conference is upon us. She will do so after the national conference is behind us.)**
- 2. AC Presidents will share with their members: **(Missy Grinnell and Dana Sumrow are DONE; keep on agenda until next conference call)**
 - o The RID Policies and Procedures Manual is on the RID website
 - o The document that discusses the name change from “business meeting” to “regional membership meeting”.
 - o Mano a Mano conference information
- 3. Amy Seiberlich will contact IEIS and explain our thoughts and plans. **DONE**
- 4. AC Presidents will send ideas on speaker topics or items that should be discussed at the Caucus to Amy Seiberlich. **DONE**

5. Amy Seiberlich will take care of the logistics for the Sunday afternoon meeting at the 2009 Conference. She will send out formal invitations including one to Glenace Humphrey. **IN PROCESS** (date has been changed to Monday)
6. Amy Seiberlich will look at the 2009 Conference schedule in order to find another time slot to get together and will send out a DF. It might be fun to do something towards the end of the conference. **DONE**
7. Amy Seiberlich will set up a DF about how to use RIV funds. **DONE**
8. Amy Seiberlich will set up a DF about the idea of having a monthly (30 minute?) check in with the AC Presidents. **ADDRESSED EARIER IN THE AGENDA**
9. Amy Seiberlich will set up a DF about whether or not to make RIV pins and if so, how they should be used. **DONE**
10. Amy Seiberlich will set up a DF about establishing RIV goals. **DONE**

New Business

- A. 2009 Retreat
 1. Start thinking about a possible location.
 2. Dates

Crack the whip

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM MT.

Tricia Frank, Region IV Secretary