



January 2009 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

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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

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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

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