



November 2008 e-NEWS RID REGION IV REPORT

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Happy Holidays!

By the time you read this the holidays will be right around the corner...yikes! Where did the fall go?

This month finds your Region IV Affiliate Chapter Presidents and Treasurers preparing for the 4th Annual RIV Leadership Retreat. This year's retreat will be held in Boulder, CO. We are proud to welcome RID President Cheryl Moose and RID Treasurer Brenda Walker-Prudhom to this year's event; Cheryl and Brenda will be sharing information on a number of topics that are impacting the work of your RIV State Affiliate Chapters including:

- Local Affiliate Chapter conversion
- Dual membership requirement
- General affiliate chapter compliance with RID
- Possible new paradigm for Regional Conference Planning
- NIC Task Force review
- CDI test review
- Strategic Challenges Bylaws Review Task Force
- Voting at national conferences
- RID work group to examine the philosophy, mission and goal statements
- Role of Committees
- Bylaws revisions

All of these issues will affect you, as a member, in some way so please reach out to your affiliate chapter leaders for more information after the weekend of November 21.

In other news, I have had the pleasure of spending time with RID members in a number of states this past month; first and special thanks goes out to New Mexico RID for the warm welcome at their fall conference.

I have also been honored to be a part of Florida and New Jersey RID's fall conferences and to have been in attendance with nearly the entire national board at the Conference of Interpreter Trainer's 2008 Conference in Puerto Rico.

My time at each of these events, interacting with members from across the country, allows me to continue to deepen my understanding of what members need from their national organization, and I'm thankful for each opportunity.

Taking you back in time to the RIV/TSID conference held this past summer, I would like to officially and formally congratulate the conference planning committee and TSID on their success! Financial reports for this conference have been finalized; the *RIV share* of conference proceeds came in at just over \$13,000! Your RIV Affiliate Chapter Presidents Council will be looking at ways in which these funds can be given back to, and be of greatest benefit to RIV members.

Finally, one of our RIV affiliate chapters, St. Louis RID, has released their charter back to RID – in other words, they have closed their doors. Although this chapter of RIV history is ending, I do hope members in Missouri will give thought to what both RID and I, as the RIV Representative, may be able to do to continue to support your professional development needs.

Ok, on to more from your RIV state leaders!

Iowa RID

President Jennifer Taylor

The Iowa State RID (ISRID) has just wrapped up our annual fall conference. The conference was held in Des Moines, on October 10-11 at the historic Hotel Fort Des Moines. There were two tracks offered on Friday evening and Saturday. They included The Certified Deaf Interpreter: Getting Started in Iowa, Vocal Dynamics: A Tool for Any Interpreter and Vicarious Trauma.

The conference was received extremely well and participants were pleased with the hands on approach and the information they gained during each of the tracks. The membership meeting was held on Saturday during lunch. During that time the membership voted in three new board members. They are Jennifer Taylor, President; Ellen Hayes, Vice President; and Carrie Wood, Treasurer. We look forward to a great year ahead! If you would like to know more about ISRID feel free to visit our Web site at www.iowastaterid.org or if you have any questions or comments please e-mail me at jtkat@q.com.

Thanks and Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!

KAI- RID

President Kathy Stewart

KAI-RID is working on several projects right now. We recently issued our call for presenter for our annual conference to be held in Junction City, April 3-5, 2009, and we're hoping to see many of you there with us. Extensive details about the conference and presenter application process are available here - http://www.kai-rid.org/2009_Call_For_Presenters.html.

We are also sending out mentor applications to our membership and will be following up with mentee applications soon. We are so excited to have received a mentoring grant for RID and NCIEC and we look forward to the lasting benefits that we will gain from this work.

Nebraska RID

President Connie Herndon

Nebraska made history with its first general membership conference call, August 17. Cheryl Moose shared national updates with the enthusiastic group. Amie Seiberlich expressed enthusiastic support and congratulations for our action in bringing our recently crafted provocative proposition to life.

Nebraska RID's Provocative Proposition

We are a passionate, forward-moving organization. We:

- N**urture creativity through trust and support
- E**nergize excellence through cutting-edge learning opportunities
- R**espect diversity by embracing all interpreters
- I**nvent destiny through honoring the past, living in the present and looking forward to the future
- D**esire change through a collaborative shared experience

We live with integrity. We are dedicated to fostering growth.

We perpetuate the outrageous. We are the change we want to see.

The five tenets of the provocative proposition suggest five areas or teams for our organization. All of our current and newly-organized team activity aligns with one of the areas. To engage members (at passive and active levels) in an area of interest and for ongoing communication, follow-up, and information purposes, we encourage each member to select a team to join. Joining a team is not a commitment to work on any project; it's primarily a method of communication and focus.

Board members (team leaders) will oversee each team to make sure that the group stays on target and remains inclusive with all projects and communication. During the conference call, some board members presented updates and dreams for their respective teams.

Nurture creativity through trust and support.

The "N" team uncovers resources to enable us to achieve our creative dreams. Some require money; some require the discovery of other innovative resources. This is a good area for people interested in our trustworthy financial endeavors (e.g., fundraising) and also in developing other resources to support NeRID in its endeavors.

Energize excellence through cutting-edge learning opportunities.

Professional development, certification, CDI goals, and special interest groups (e.g., our new Interpreters in the Educational Field—IEF—member group) lie within this realm.

Respect diversity by embracing all interpreters.

Membership—recruitment and retention—is one of the most obvious ways to show our desire to embrace all interpreters. To encourage a warm and supportive culture and environment, we promote social activities. This team is a great place for people who enjoy interacting with others, planning (or attending) social events, or recognizing little (or big) accomplishments.

Invent destiny through honoring the past, living in the present, and looking forward to the future.

The newsletter editor, Web master and historian (another new focus group) will spearhead efforts to recognize the past, present and future. Members who enjoy writing (or reading), photography, history or scrap-booking, will enjoy the activities of the "I" team.

Desire change through collaborative shared experience.

Many of the changes we see require some legislative action or interaction with other groups active in the Deaf Community. Members intrigued with by-laws, state legislation, community collaboration (e.g., ORTD, NEAD) will align with the "D" group.

NeRID welcomes new board members:

To the "E" Team—Myla Thompson, Grand Island, who will spearhead efforts with the newly formed Interpreters in the Educational Field (IEF) group

To the "I" Team—Bethany Koubsky, Omaha, who will serve as our first historian. She has created on Facebook a virtual scrapbook for "live" updates and images to keep all abreast of current activities.

"I" Team members Meghann Cassidy and Rebecca Cook are redeveloping neRID's website with a new address: www.nebraskarid.org. The site is still under construction, but accessible to users.

"E" Team members, Gretchen Whitney and her professional development team, have organized what promises to be an excellent annual fall conference, November 14 and 15, in Omaha. Featured presenters include Austin Andrews (Rochester, NY), Kim Barron (Sioux Falls, SD), Maureen Larsen (recently earned Nebraska's first SC:L), and Omaha's "doctor to the interpreters," Jeffrey Meyers, DC. The second annual Parker's ASL Café, neRID's dinner theatre, will feature local and regional talent as well as the creator of Deaf Ninja.

~~Okla RID (OKRID)~~ ~~Okla RID (OKRID)~~ is pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual conference January 16 - 17, 2009 at East Central University in Ada, with details pending. For more information contact me at lisamathes@sbcglobal.net.