



RID 2011 National Conference – Membership Meeting
Region III Representative Report
July 19, 2011

This report details all activities of the Region III Representative since the RID Region III Membership Meeting held in Philadelphia, PA (July 2009).

On July 24, 2009, Leandra Williams (IL) became the Region III Representative replacing the previous representative – Kelly Flores (MI). RID Region III consists of seven (7) states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. According to the RID Bylaws, the duties of the Regional Representative are:

- a) Provide reports regarding the activities of the RID Board of Directors, National Committees and the National Office to each affiliate chapter within his/her region.

... REPORTS ARE PROVIDED TO THE REGION III AFFILIATE CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL (R3 PC) PRIOR TO EACH COUNCIL MEETING. R3 PC REPORTS ARE ALSO POSTED ON THE R3 WEBSITE.

- b) Provide reports at least quarterly to the Board and National Office during meetings.

... WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DID NOT KNOW THIS WAS AN EXPECTATION) WRITTEN REPORTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR EACH BOARD MEETING.

- c) Convenes and presides at any regional meetings/conference and teleconference calls and facilitates development of regional activities.

... FULFILLED THIS DUTY WORKING WITH THE 2010 REGION III CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS; AND DURING THE 2010 CONFERENCE – REGION III REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

- d) Attend workshops and conferences in the region, when able and funds are available using region budget and funds from hosting affiliate chapters as available.

... SINCE TAKING OFFICE, THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND EVENTS IN: ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, OHIO, AND WISCONSIN. IT IS HOPED THAT FUTURE TRAVEL WILL INCLUDE EVENTS IN KENTUCKY.

- e) Serve as a resource person to affiliate chapter presidents and members within his/her region.

... AS NEEDED PER MEMBERS OF THE R3 PC.

- f) Submit regular reports to the association newsletter.

... THE STRUCTURE FOR REGIONAL REP/AFFILIATE CHAPTER SUBMISSIONS HAS CHANGED. THIS IS NOT A STRONG-POINT FOR ME, BUT HAVE SUPPORTED OTHER REPS WHO HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD IN WRITING ARTICLES FOR THE GROUP.

g) Assist affiliate chapters within his/her region in their ability to meet affiliation requirements.

... AS NEEDED.

h) Assist any chapter not in compliance with RID's affiliation requirements in moving toward compliance or dissolution. In the event of dissolution or no further recognition of a chapter, s/he will insure the collection and forwarding of all required information to the National Office.

... AS NEEDED.

i) Serve as one of the National Conference Committee Core Group members and participate in the recruiting the conference chair (s) when the National Conference is being hosted in his or her region.

... N/A

j) Assist in the annual reviews of the Chief Executive Officer.

... PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS FOR THE 2010 AND 2011 PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF CLAY NETTLES.

In addition, board conference calls are held approximately every six (6) weeks, face-to-face meetings are held twice annually for 4 – 5 days. Board members are expected to participate in board email discussions, serve as a liaison to one or more National Committees and/or Member Sections, submit regular reports from those committees and respond to emails from members and AC Presidents in their respective regions.

... THE REGION III REPRESENTATIVE HAS ATTENDED ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH PERHAPS ONE INCIDENCE OF TARDINESS. THE REPRESENTATIVE CONSISTENTLY AND QUICKLY RESPONDS TO EMAIL DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN ADDITION, THE REPRESENTATIVE SERVES AS THE BOARD LIAISON TO THE SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS COMMITTEE. COMMUNICATION IS MAINTAINED WITH BOTH THE R3 PC AND MEMBERSHIP VIA CONSTANT EMAIL DISSEMINATION. THE REP WOULD ESTIMATE THAT 15 – 20 HOURS PER WEEK IS COMMITTED TO THE WORK OF FULFILLING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS POSITION.

Other items of regional interest:

Regional Census:

The RID membership continues to grow by leaps and bounds. The 2010 membership year yielded a record 15,468 members.

Region III continues to maintain its ranking as the third largest membership region within RID. In 2008, we concluded the membership year with 2,781 members. In 2009, that number rose to 3,026. We recently closed the 2010 membership year with a record 3,182 members.

Regional Conferences:

The 2010 Region III Conference was both a programmatic and financial success. The final report is posted on the R3 web site.

Plans are underway for the 2012 Region III Conference to be held in Illinois. Conference Co-chairs, Marijo Wimbush (IL) and Lisa Butler (IL) will be in attendance at the 2011 RID Region III Membership meeting to officially promote the conference and solicit conference committee members.

Finances:

As of June 8, 2011 we currently have \$10,634 in our regional treasury. It is anticipated that at least half of this amount will be used to cover various 2011 conference related expenses.

2011 RID Conference:

As you know, there will be many motions coming to the floor of the RID Business Meeting. Included is a recommendation from Region III:

Motion C.

RID research a mechanism for the endorsement of reputable agencies and organizations providing sign language interpretation services in community settings and report back to membership by the 2011 RID National Conference. Region III

Please familiarize yourself with the rationale for this motion as well as, all of the others so you can be prepared to vote accordingly on these issues. A complete listing of conference motions can be found on the RID website.

Last but not least, R3 members are encouraged to attend the 2011 RID Regional Caucus meetings held on Tuesday July 19th in Atlanta, GA. The Membership Meeting will be conducted a little differently than in the past. The first forty-five (45) minutes of the meeting will be devoted to the business issues within the region. During the next hour, the R3 President's Council will host a "*Region III Leadership Forum*". (An agenda and program are forthcoming). Each affiliate chapter will be given assigned seating based on the number of registered attendees. There will be other surprises as well, so plan on being there. Come and see – how, REGION III ROCKS!!!!

Respectfully submitted:

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