



## May 2011 e-NEWS RID REGION V REPORT: Washington RID

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### **Greetings Region V Members, Colleagues and Friends,**

We are quickly approaching the 2011 RID National Conference "Growing Globally!" I hope to see you there! Please watch for updates at:  
<http://www.rid.org/conferences/calendar/index.cfm/AID/172>.

Voting for the next RID Secretary is well under way. Don't forget to place your vote! You can vote by accessing your RID account and taking the survey. Every vote counts!

This month we meet the current Board of Directors from Washington RID.  
Happy reading!

Best,  
Dawn J. Bolduc  
Region V Representative

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### **Washington RID (WSRID)**

*Eloisa Williams*  
*President*

Washington State's geography includes snow-capped mountains; deserts, scattered with sagebrush; lush, green rain forests and fertile farmlands. The interpreting profession in our state offers a similar range in diversity. Meeting the needs of our members and creating a sense of community has been an ongoing challenge for our organization.

WSRID has utilized a multifaceted approach to create connections between members across the state. Taking advantage of social networking, WSRID created a Facebook page in the spring of 2009. This allows our 466 members and fans instant access to workshop notices, job announcements, social events and public meetings. Additionally, we have begun hosting social events. This provides the opportunity to visit in a casual atmosphere outside the workplace. The social events have come in the form of 'sign and sing' events or a gathering with hors d'oeuvres and fellowship. Finally, we continue to foster relationships with stakeholders in order to support organizations and events that promote communication access and services to deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing citizens of our state.

WSRID is fortunate to have board members with a wide range of background, education and work experience. This offers an array of perspective as we discuss issues related to membership, outreach and our affiliate chapter responsibilities.

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**President:**



Eloisa Williams, of Spokane, served as WSRID Director for two years before becoming the current President. She graduated from the interpreter training program at Spokane Falls Community College in 1997 and later earned her CI and CT and NIC certifications. Since 2002, Eloisa has been deeply involved in the Professional Development Committee in the Spokane area and firmly believes "If you want something done, you must be willing to assist in making it happen." In addition to her primary work in post-secondary education, she is a freelance interpreter with a special interest in medical assignments. For fun and relaxation, Eloisa loves working in her garden and is a voracious reader.

**Vice President:**



Bob Huven is the current Vice President for WSRID in his third year at the position. He missed the annual conference and some other things lately because he was on his honeymoon in Argentina. Bob has been a member of WSRID since he was RID certified in 1984 (though he still feels like a newbie). He served on the board as treasurer in the late 1980s and felt it was time to become more involved. He works some interpreting jobs as well as full-time as an advocate in the field of rehabilitation. His career has always involved teaching children and adults who are deaf or deaf-blind as well as some full-or-part-time interpreting. He is looking forward to the next year and working with some new and experienced board members.

**Secretary:**



Angela Riggs is WSRID's Secretary--her first time on the board. She lives in Elk, a small town north of Spokane and works as a community and post-secondary interpreter as well as video relay service (VRS) and video remote interpreting (VRI). Angela received her NIC in 2009. In 2004 she received her A.A.S. Degree and Certificate of Interpreting from Spokane Falls Community College. She has been active in WSRID's Professional Development Committee (PDC)-East for the past two years. She began signing at age 13 when her family moved to Spokane and became friends with several deaf families. Angela has two "babies"--son-21 and daughter-20. She enjoys camping with family and friends and loves cats.

**Treasurer:**



Dawn McKenna is the current Treasurer for WSRID, in her second term. She currently lives in Everett, and works primarily in the post-secondary education and freelance settings. She is certified, CI and CT. She graduated from Seattle Central Community College (SCCC) in 2000 and has her A.A.S. degree in interpreting. She enjoys crocheting and reading her Kindle.



**Member at Large:**

Emily Hill is the current Member-at-Large of WSRID. She began learning sign language at Central Washington University while pursuing her business degree and fell in love with both the language and the people in the community. After graduating from Central, she moved to Minneapolis, MN, to receive a second degree in Deaf Studies. She moved back to Washington in 2003 and began working for the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She now manages the statewide sign language interpreter contract for DSHS. Emily is certified, NIC Advanced, and lives in Lacey, where she enjoys reading and cross-stitch, being active in church and captaining a Relay for Life team.



**Directors:**

Whitney Hill has been a Director of WSRID since 2009, and she currently works as a freelance interpreter in the south sound. She graduated with a B.A. in Interpreting from Western Oregon University in 2003, with a minor in philosophy so she always has something to fall back on. She has been NIC certified since early 2006. Whitney has also volunteered at the Annual Deaf Blind Retreat in Seabeck, every year for the past 12 years. Seabeck Christian Conference Center also happens to be the place Whitney's family lived growing up. Her father, Larry Hill, was the executive director there for 22 years.



Shelby Smock (Clark) is a Director for WSRID, in her first term. She currently lives in Mill Creek, and works primarily in the post-secondary education setting, with some VRS and freelance. She is certified, NIC. She first became involved with sign language in high school, and decided to become an interpreter after developing a close friendship with her ASL teacher. She completed her sign language interpreting A.A.S. and Deaf Studies A.A. at SCCC in 2007. She also enjoys crocheting and playing with her dogs.



Melissa Klindtworth is a Director for WSRID, in her first term. She currently lives in Spokane, and works primarily in freelance settings. She earned her NIC-Advanced certification in 2007. Melissa has enjoyed developing and presenting workshops and is passionate about keeping interpreting a healthy profession. She first became involved with sign language in high school with a friend and later went to school for interpreting after her two children started school. She began her A.A.S. degree at SCCC and finished the last quarter at SFCC when she moved to Spokane. She enjoys being an active member of the PDC-East and looks forward to a productive year on the board!



Brenda Aron is a Director of WSRID, in her first term. Since 2006, Brenda has been a member of WSRID. Brenda has been an instructor since 2006 at Seattle Central Community College Interpreter Training Program. She has been CDI certified since 2007. She has held a RSC certification and also possesses an ASLTA Professional certification. Brenda had taught ASL for many years at several colleges and schools and had taught interpreting education at Georgia Perimeter

College in Atlanta, GA, before relocating to Seattle. She has a bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University and a Master's degree in Teaching from McDaniel College. Brenda lives in Renton with her husband, Len, and a toy maltipoo, Sugar. Both Len and Brenda are very proud of their two grown daughters. Brenda enjoys long walks, yoga, reading books and crafting



Jarren Kinch is a Director for WSRID, in his first term. He currently lives in Lynnwood, and works primarily in the post-secondary education setting, with some VRS and freelance. He is certified, NIC Advanced, and also a trained TypeWell transcriber. He first became involved with sign language and interpreting after working with a deaf coworker, and then decided to use ASL as his foreign language requirement. He completed his A.A.S. degree at SCCC and then got his B.A. in General Studies:

Humanities from Central Washington University. He also plays the tenor saxophone and is a lifetime member of the Husky Marching Band Alumni Association.



Jacque Knight is a Director for WSRID in her first term. She graduated from SCCC ITP in 2002 and is certified, CI and CT. Jacque works mostly as a freelance interpreter with a good healthy mix of VRS and post-secondary educational work thrown in for good measure. Jacque started learning sign language when she was 12 to be able to communicate with her younger sister, for whom she is now legal guardian. Jacque currently lives in Marysville and enjoys hiking, mountain biking, movie-

watching, cross-stitching and is a voracious reader.

#### ***Student Director:***



Colleen Jones is the current Student Director and a second year ITP student at Seattle Central Community College. Her first ASL class was at her small high school in Northern California, and she has many fond memories of the field trips her class would take to attend deaf events in bigger cities. She attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she received a B.S. in Kinesiology, then moved to the Seattle area in 2004. In 2007, Colleen

started taking ASL again with the intention of becoming an interpreter. She is looking forward to the learning experiences that will come with her involvement in the WSRID board and the greater interpreter and Deaf communities.