

GVERRID General Meeting
April 21st, 2018
RIT/NTID LBJ #2590
Start time - 10:16am

Board Members Present

Sarah Cannon - President
Lauren Dearman - Vice President
Alyssa Vaisey - Treasurer
Kat Daviton Burand - Member at Large
Erin Ireland - Student Representative

Members Present

(sign in sheet)

Approval of Minutes (from 2/10/18)

Motion to approve the minutes as revised

Moved by Don

Seconded Kat

Vote - Unanimous

MOTION PASSED

President's Report

- Welcoming the new board members
 - Chris Kelley - President
 - Kate Pedersen - VP
 - Eliza Fowler - Treasurer
 - Tristan Wright - Secretary
 - Andi Durkin - Member at Large
- New and old board members having a retreat in June to help transition to the new board

Treasurer's Report (attached at end)

Membership Report

150 Members

86 Certified

39 Associates

21 Student

3 Supporting

1 Organizational

- Down from around 200 but it goes up during years with a national conference

- Working on an organization that says they are a member on their webpage but isn't actually a member - CDR
- Current organizational member is Hunter Eckberg's Hands in Interpreting agency
- Previously there had been a suggestion of having a committee to reach out to agencies to become organizational members but nothing has happened with that due to no interest in joining the committee

PD Report

- Sexual Education workshops in April were successful
- NIC Prep workshop this afternoon
- In June the PD committee will have a retreat to plan the following year of workshops
- Feel free to join the committee to help us plan!
- Workshops need Points of Contacts to coordinate each workshop

New Business from the President

- State licensure
 - Some emails that have been sent are confusing. This meeting was touted as an open forum to discuss the licensure. It's not. It's just a topic we will discuss.
 - Nothing has happened yet with licensure. This has been in the works for 20 years and hasn't passed legislation.
 - The recent bill failed to pass in 2015.
 - Senator Liz Kreuger is trying to get it passed this legislative cycle and is collecting feedback.
 - Feedback is due May 18th. Please send your feedback to president@gvrrid.org by May 12th with the subject **NYS Licensure** for GVR to send your thoughts in a compiled format.
 - General feeling is that interpreters don't want this but we need your exact concerns
- Comments from the members present
 - Who is spearheading this? It appears ESAD, WtDP and Senator Krueger
 - The date on the failed bill is 2013
 - Language of the bill isn't very clear
 - It is another place to pay fees to and another test to take
 - From experience in another state with licensure there was no teeth to the law, nothing that could enforce businesses to use licensed interpreters and no punishments for working without a license
 - Provisional license of 2 years is not enough time to become certified - provisional of 3 years didn't work in Arizona and had to be extended to 5 years
 - Bill only accepts RID certification, not BEI
 - Some interpreters support licensure for the reposit of our field, but not with how this bill is written
 - Nothing in the bill about what the test will look like

- Important to have a discussion about what we want licensure to look like, but currently we need to respond to the failings of this bill
- Our field is dominated by white people. With all these extra costs, we are creating more barriers for deaf interpreters, interpreters of color and people from other minorities
- No licensure for spoken languages
- This bill says sign language interpreters but doesn't include transliterators, oral interpreters, cued speech interpreters, etc
- There is no standard ASL that all clients use, so how can a test assess that range of signed english to ASL that we use to meet the needs of clients?
- Degrees and certifications do not equal ASL skills
- There is a long history of this discussion in this State but the people in legislation don't understand what we do
- How do we ask questions of these people and get answers before the bill is introduced
- Very short deadline, how can we really get answers and give feedback in that timeframe
- Look to ESAD about another bill being proposed to set up a state level Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Not all local interpreters have any reason to become certified because of the work they currently do - there is no benefit. Setting up a requirement of having certification will cause problems because many people aren't currently certified for many reasons
- Send your feedback to Sarah and she will compile it before sending to the state

Motion to close the discussion

Moved by Jennifer Jess

Seconded by Tristan

Vote unanimous

MOTION PASSED

Thanks from a member to current President, VP and Treasurer for all their work.

Announcements

- SPIN end of year party - Monday night 7-9pm College of Liberal Arts 1st floor Stan McKenzie conference room
- URM is recruiting - see Alyssa Vaisey
- Convo VRS is hiring! See
- NIC Workshop right after this
- GVR can always use your help! Membership, PD, website stuff, etc. The next generation needs to get involved and help, please! Help in little ways, it's not only about being on the board.

- Region 1 Conference this July in Connecticut with RID. If you are interested in being sponsored, watch your emails.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Kat

Seconded by Alyssa

Vote unanimous

MOTION PASSED

Meeting ended 11:37am

Treasurer's Report prepared 4/19/18

Current Membership Totals

Total Members	150
Certified	86
Associate	39
Student	21
Supporting	3
Organizational	1

Year to Date Income

Total Income	\$ 10,153.65
Workshops	\$ 5,295.00
Membership	\$ 4,225.00
CMP Income	\$ 595.00
Interest	\$ 38.65

Current Balances

Total Balance	\$ 16,507.92
Capital One	\$ 12,913.12
Key Bank	\$ 3,118.84
Paypal	\$ 475.96

Year to Date Expenses

Total Expenses	\$ 10,062.40
Workshop Expenses	\$ 4,522.76
Insurance	\$ 1,822.81
Merchandise	\$ 975.85
Sponsorships	\$ 836.66
Anniversary Expenses	\$ 366.32
Taxes	\$ 365.00
Website	\$ 300.00
Paypal Fees	\$ 235.36
CMP Processing	\$ 200.00
GM Expenses	\$ 118.44
PO Box	\$ 82.00
PD Retreat	\$ 73.08
Elections	\$ 58.00
Board Retreat	\$ 54.12
Accounting Software	\$ 52.00

Year to Date Workshop Breakdown

Workshop	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss
NIC Prep Workshop (Oct. GM)*	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Pediatric Workshop (Dec)	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 671.81	\$ 2,088.19
Art Workshop (Feb GM)*	\$ 0.00	\$ 210.54	\$ -210.54
Sex Education Weekend	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 3,640.41	\$ -1,130.41
NIC Prep Workshop (April GM)*	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00

* General Meeting Workshops always offered for free to boost memberships

Sponsorships Given

Total Sponsorships	\$ 836.66
RID National Conference Attendance	\$ 500.00
MCD Hub John Smith Comedy Event	\$ 250.00
GVR / SPIN Holiday Event	\$ 49.65

Total Workshop Profit: \$772.24

Total Organization Profit: \$91.25