

Board Meeting 9/16/17
RIT / NTID SDC #2405

Attendees:

Sarah Cannon (President)
Lauren Dearman (VP)
Alyssa Vaisey (Treasurer)
Kat Daviton Burland (Member at Large)
Billy Windhorn (Deaf Member at Large)
Don Heinz (Membership Chair)

Absent

Anthony Bizarro (Secretary)
Erin Ireland (Student Representative)
Haley York (Member at Large)

Meeting Began 10:17am

President's Report

1. Region 1 Conference postponed from 2018 to 2020 in Long Island
2. Brenda Schertz sent Thank You card for GVR sponsorship of CDI workshop breakfast
3. Teresa Battiste will be reaching out to ask for sponsorship of a Deaf Blind workshop
4. ENews formatting issues, Sarah will discuss with Jim

VP Report

1. PD had a retreat and set up schedule of workshops
 - a. Still trying to sort out October/November General Meeting and Deaf Blind workshop - Lauren will confirm what date for General Meeting
 - b. Mini Conference early February including 40th Anniversary
 - i. Board recommends History of GVRRID as theme
 - c. Other workshops in development for other months

Treasurer's Report (see attached)

1. Board in unanimous agreement to postpone workshop to the spring.
 - a. PD needs to hammer out more of these details, ensure that there are interpreters available, look for collaboration/sponsorship opportunities, set a date with plenty of time to advertise far and wide (all of NYS, PA, Ohio, etc) - Please see Billy for many great ideas on how to frame advertising to multiple audiences and for workshop ideas

Secretary Absent

1. Unanimously approved May Board Meeting Minutes (only Sarah, Lauren and Alyssa could vote)

Member at Large Reports

1. Nothing new

Membership Report

1. Need to find replacement for Don soon
2. Need to start thinking about elections
 - a. President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary are up for election
 - b. Do we need to change bylaws to make it so that all 4 major positions not up for election at the same time?
 - c. Lauren will reach out to current Elections committee to see who wants to continue.

Meeting adjourned 11:51am unanimously

Next Meetings

- 10/14, 10a-12p, NTID SDC 2405
- November General Meeting - TBD by PD Committee

GVERRID Treasurer's Report

9/12/2017

Membership Totals

Total Members	140
Certified	77
Associate	38
Students	18
Supporting	7

Current Balances

Total Balance	\$ 15,561.63
Capital One Savings	\$ 12,883.21
Key Bank	\$ 2,566.67
Paypal	\$ 111.75

Year to Date Income

Total	\$ 628.74
Memberships	\$ 480.00
CMP Income	\$ 140.00
Interest Income	\$ 8.74

Year to Date Expenses

Total	\$1,451.94
Sponsorships	\$ 787.01
CMP Fees	\$ 200.00
Taxes	\$ 325.00
PD Meeting Expenses	\$ 73.08
Board Meeting Expenses	\$ 54.12
Paypal Fees (Memberships)	\$ 12.73

Year to Date Workshop Breakdown

Workshop	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss
No Workshops Yet This Fiscal Year			

Total Workshop Profit: \$0.00

Total Organization Loss: **-\$823.20**

Workshop Budget Request

Deaf Blind and Pro-Tactile Workshop

November 4th - 8 hours

Presenters: Sarah Morrison, John Lee Clark, Rhonda Voight-Campbell

Presenter Fees (\$800 Sarah, \$800 John, \$0 Rhonda)	\$1,600
Hotel and Travel Expenses	\$1,175
Food and Beverage	\$250 (max)
Interpreters (\$45/hr x 8 hours x 4 Interpreters)	\$1,440
CMP Fees	\$20
Total Budget	\$4,485

Current proposed pricing (avg \$115/person) x 30 attendees = \$1,053 LOSS

Treasurer proposed pricing (\$150/person) x 30 attendees = BREAK EVEN

Treasurer proposed pricing (\$150/person) x 25 attendees = \$715 LOSS

Treasurer proposed pricing (\$150/person) x 20 attendees = \$1,465 LOSS

Concerns

- Currently trying to negotiate presenter fees down to \$1,600. If they don't accept, this will be more expensive (\$163/person to break even)
- Very high registration rate to be able to break even or minimize loss
- PD survey showed little interest in Deaf Blind workshops
- Not much time to advertise (no flyer even made yet)
- Much more expensive than usual \$10-\$15 per CEU. Unsure if interpreters willing to pay high prices for topic they didn't show much interest in.
- Concern if we have 4 Pro-Tactile skilled interpreters available that day
 - We aren't sure how many local interpreters have these skills
- Pro-tactile portion of the workshop is only for 3 hours of the day

Other Considerations

- Can cancel 10/25 or earlier for not enough registration and not have to pay presenters
- Hoping for free room at NTID/RIT
- Unsure if \$45/hour is realistic rate for Pro-Tactile interpreters
- Could use student interpreters but not recommended since they are mainly interpreting for the Deaf-Blind presenters, not attendees
- Could look for volunteer interpreters, but then we “pay” them by letting them attend another workshop for free. Still have to be sure that volunteer interpreters are skilled enough to do Pro-Tactile for the presenters
- Could ask to postpone until the Spring to give more time to advertise all over the region
- Could ask to postpone and see if we can partner with another organization or get sponsorships to lower the registration costs
- Much Deaf-Blind interpreting is now done by Deaf Interpreters, not hearing interpreters. Could ask presenters if workshop is offered only to Deaf Interpreters if they will lower their presenter rates. Probably also requires postponing so we could advertise all over the region.

Treasurer’s Recommendation - Charge \$150/person and only run if we get at least 25 attendees (small loss), or not run at all due to many concerns.