

PARID Annual Membership Meeting

April 26, 2014

Seven Springs Mountain Resort
Seven Springs, PA

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania Registry of the Interpreters for the Deaf was held April 26, 2014, at the Seven Springs Resort in Seven Springs, PA. President, Cindi Brown, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am after determining that a quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting (April 24, 2013) were approved in June 2013. The standing rules were approved.

PARID Board Member Attendance:

President	Cindi Brown	Present	District 1	Vacant	
Vice-President	Elizabeth Setley	Present	District 2	Danielle Phillip	Present
Treasurer	Maribel Escarfullery	Present	District 3	Joyce Gallagher	Absent
Recording Secretary	Brian Smith	Present	District 4	Vacant	
Corresponding Secretary	Courtney Tarselli	Present	District 5	Gina DiFore-Ridolph	Present
Immediate Past President	Brian McHale	Absent	District 6	Vacant	
PSAD Liaison	Harry Marchese	Present	District 7	Kelly Deibert	Absent
ODHH Representative	Sharon Behun	Present	District 8	Suzanne Dunleavy	Present

31 individuals attended. 28 voting members were present.

Interpreters: Steve Phan and Christina Whithouse-Suggs

Motion # 2014 – 12: To approve the standing rules.

Rationale: procedural in nature

Fiscal Impact: none

Moved by: Rachel Copelli / Sharon Behun

Election Results

- Voting was done electronically prior to the conference for officers. The terms of these offices will begin August 1, 2014 and end on July 31, 2016. The results of the election were announced as follows:
 - President – Jessica Adams
 - Vice President – Lori Milcic
 - Treasurer – Maribel Escarfullery
 - Corresponding Secretary – Kelly Deibert
 - Recording Secretary – Gloriana McElheny
- President Brown also announced the following board positions that are currently vacant. Members are encouraged to nominate those themselves or others they know who may be interested in serving on these positions. Job descriptions and other board member contact information can be found at www.parid.org.
 - District 1 Representative
 - District 4 Representative
 - District 6 Representative
 - District 7 Representative (effective August 1, 2014)

Year in Review – Cindi Brown, CI & CT

- President Brown informed the members of the committees that PARID has and solicited members to join a committee. The current list of PARID committees is:
 - Conference
 - Educational Interpreting
 - Fundraising
 - Mentorship
 - Professional Development
 - Public Policy
 - Public Relations
- PARID provides the following Membership Benefits:
 - Professional Development
 - PINRAs – 82.435 CEUs processed this past year
 - Academic Coursework – 45.5 CEUs processed this past year
 - Independent Study – 2.8 CEUs processed this past year
 - Sponsored events – 14.30 CEUs processed this past year
 - PARID has purchased 5 more SWAP seminars to add to the available library. These seminars are available to PARID members free of charge. If a member wishes to receive CMP or ACET CEUs the fee is paid directly to Signs of Development.
 - Communication with members
 - PARID provides a newsletter with updates of what is happening around the state, region, and country.
 - PARID sends emails to the members about opportunities, events, and concerns.
 - Information sharing with RID.
 - Opportunities for peer networking
 - Provides education about PARID to interpreter training programs in Pennsylvania
 - Speaks at public events and has exhibit tables explaining the profession of interpreting
 - Updated website coming with member only section
 - Provides opportunities for member involvement that can lead to participation at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels

Treasurer Report as of 3/31/14

\$ 42,814.24	Checking Acct
<u>\$ 34,020.25</u>	<u>Savings Acct</u>
\$ 76,834.49	Total Assets
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\$ 5,217.51	CDI Funds
\$ 4,659.75	Mentorship Funds
\$ 4,216.76	Conference Funds
\$ 576.10	District 1 Funds
\$ 2,912.99	District 2 Funds
\$ 3,081.96	District 3 Funds
\$ 140.00	District 4 Funds
\$ 13,651.59	District 5 Funds
\$ 7,372.22	District 6 Funds
\$ 6,374.05	District 7 Funds
<u>\$ 14,967.65</u>	<u>District 8 Funds</u>
\$ 13,663.91	PARID General Fund Balance

Corresponding Secretary's Report

- Membership Demographics by Membership Category

Associate	59	15.0 %
Certified	230	62.7 %
Organizational	8	2.1 %
Student	68	16.5 %
<u>Supporting</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3.7 %</u>
Total	380	100.0%

- Membership Demographics by Job Setting

Business	89
Community/Freelance	131
Education K-12	97
Education Post Secondary	97
Government	50
Legal	27
Medical	109
Video (VRI and VRS)	38
Other	35

- Membership Demographics by District

District 1	2
District 2	76
District 3	24
District 4	2
District 5	78
District 6	35
District 7	49
District 8	99
Out of State	25

District Caucus

Due to the success and positive feedback from last year's caucus meetings during the Annual Meeting, the board decided to offer them again. The district representatives will use this information when planning for the upcoming year. Thirty minutes of the Annual Meeting was allotted for this activity.

Other Reports

ODHH Report – Sharon Behun, CI and CT, ODHH Director

- Sign Language Interpreter & Transliterators State Registration Act
 - 50 Provisionally registered interpreters
 - 436 state-registered interpreters
- ODHH is nearing completion on a Hearing Aid Resource Document that will be available to the public on the ODHH website.
- Hearing Loss Expo
 - Radisson Hotel Harrisburg; Camp Hill Bypass
 - November 14 & 15, 2014

- Save the date flyer and exhibitor documents are under development
- System Advocacy
 - Collaborating with OCYF (Office of Children Youth & Families) to develop a disability sensitivity training for OCYF.
 - On-line course is completed and ready for use.
 - OCYF contracts with the University of Pittsburgh for course development. UP is looking for trainers for the (in-person) training.
- ODHH happenings
 - Coordinated interpreting & captioning services for the Governor’s press conference for the recent February snow storm
 - Working with PEMA to develop educational tools regarding texting to 9-1-1
 - Collaborating with the Office of Administration (OA) to ensure on-line courses for commonwealth employees are accessible to employees who are deaf or hard of hearing
 - ODHH participated in a meeting with a few stakeholders to discuss how to improve communication access to inmates who are deaf.
 - The group specifically discussed the installation of videophones in the State Correctional Institutions (SCIs).
 - ODHH will outreach to the Department of Corrections.
 - ODHH & the Western PA School for the Deaf Programs co-sponsored 4 workshops for parents.
 - The presenter was Larry Siegel, an attorney & advocate for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Mr. Siegel resides in California
 - Workshops were held in Williamsport, Harrisburg, Erie, and Pittsburgh
- House Bill 1608 (HB 1608)
 - Link: www.legis.state.pa.us then search (lower left corner) for HB 1608
 - Bill is complicated
 - As the current bill reads, it will impact who customers contact when they have a complaint regarding service and/or quality
 - With this bill, PUC will regulate companies who are considered “ non-competitive” and will not regulate companies who are considered “competitive” (definitions are in the bill)
 - It is anticipated the bill will undergo many changes; 2 public meetings have occurred thus far
 - It may impact relay services. The bill was discussed at the March 2014 Telecommunications Relay Advisory Board quarterly meeting
- Support Service Provider (SSP) for People who are Deaf-Blind
 - ODHH, OVR/BBVS, & Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) are partnering to establish a statewide SSP program
 - The committee will host 3 town hall meeting to solicit feedback. The meetings will be held in Exton, Lancaster and Pittsburgh during April & May 2014.
 - A grant will be awarded to an organization who will administer the program
 - Grant will be posted March 2014
- 2013: Total number of Requests

Advocacy:	446
Information:	866
<u>Referrals:</u>	<u>432</u>
Total	1744

Contacts by organizations 370

Contacts by individuals 1166

- A new on-line system for registering with ODHH is in the works.
The goal is to have this system integrate both provisional and state registered interpreters in the same way.
 - It is envisioned that this new system will allow the interpreters to upload documentation directly to their profile for ODHH to verify.
 - They system may even allow on-line payment of registration fees. This new system is in the works with the state Information Technology Department.

PSAD Report – Harry Marchese, PSAD Member at Large

- PSAD is offering a special membership rate for lifetime membership.
 - The reduced lifetime membership fee will be offered until October 4, 2015.
 - After October 4, 2015, the lifetime membership will go back up to the normal rate of \$125.00.
- Hearing PSAD members can now vote at PSAD meetings. This has come about due to structural changes over the last few years.
- PSAD has a standing interpreting committee that pertains to interpreter issues. This committee is always open for others to join if they are interested.
- The 2014 PSAD conference will be in Gettysburg on July 17 – 20, 2014. Schedule information and conference registrations details can be found on the PSAD website at www.psadweb.org
 - PARID is sponsoring a seminar at the PSAD conference. The Seminar topic will be related to ethics. The presenter is Ben Hall, former president of RID. This seminar is designed to have both Deaf individuals and Interpreter involvement.
- The PSAD 2-year study results will be released in June at a meeting in Reading.
- A question was asked as to how many interpreters are PSAD members?
 - The number is very small. At the most this number would be estimated to be fifty or less. This demographic information is self- reported by those applying for membership and is not a demographic which is collected on the membership form.
- A question was asked inquiring if PSAD would consider adding a PARID liaison representative to the PSAD board. PARID already has an established PSAD liaison position on the PARID board. The rationale was that a greater alliance and reciprocation could benefit both organizations. Harry mentioned that he would look into this possibility and will get back to the PARID board with information about this.

AOPC Report – Natalia Petrovia, Interpreter Certification Coordinator, AOPC

- A representative from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) was unable to attend the conference in person, however; a DVD presentation was recorded to be shared at the Annual Meeting. Specifics and detailed information about the AOPC interpreter registration program in Pennsylvania can be found at: www.pacourts.us/judicial-administration/court-programs/interpreter-program.
- To be AOPC certified, an interpreter must do the following:
 - be state registered with ODHH.
 - Attendance at a 2-day orientation offered by AOPC. This training happens once a year in Harrisburg.
 - Pass a written exam administered by the AOPC.
 - AOPC certification needs to be renewed every two years on the date of your initial registration. The AOPC has specific CEU requirements. CEUs must be approved in advance by the program administrator.

New Business

Motion # 2014 – 13: That PARID recognize outgoing Vice President, Beth Setley, for her service to the PARID by providing a complementary registration for the 2015 PARID Conference and a 1 year membership for PARID.

Rationale: To honor members who volunteer their services in leadership positions.

Fiscal Impact: \$30 for membership plus cost of the 2015 conference registration.

Moved by: Timothy Snider / Annie Hardway

Motion Carried

Motion # 2014 – 14: That PARID recognize Lynette Jones posthumously for her service to PARID as the CMP Coordinator by sending a letter of recognition and gratitude to her family.

Rationale: She supported us in our professional development by processing CEUs in a timely and friendly manner. She will be greatly missed.

Fiscal Impact: postage expenses

Moved by: Gloria Myers / Ashley Shenk

Motion Carried

Motion # 2014 – 15: That PARID thank Brian Smith for his years of service as recording secretary. As a means of thanks, I move that he should receive a one-year complementary membership as well as complimentary registration for the 2015 PARID Conference.

Rationale: He is deserving of these thanks for all of the work he has done.

Fiscal Impact: \$30 for membership plus cost of the 2015 conference registration.

Moved by: Adrienne Bodisch / Joyce E. Johnson Smith

Motion Carried

Motion # 2013 – 16: That PARID thank Courtney Tarselli for her years of service as Corresponding Secretary. As a means of thanks I move that she receive a 1-year complementary membership as well as complementary registration for the 2015 PARID Conference.

Rationale: She is deserving of these thanks for all of the work she has done.

Fiscal Impact: \$30 for membership plus cost of 2015 conference registration.

Moved by: Adrienne Bodisch / Beth Setley

Motion Carried

Motion # 2013 – 17: That PARID establish an ad-hoc committee to research establishing a YouTube channel.

Rationale: This is one way that PARID can apply RID's 4 R's (roots, respect, relevance, and results) to its work. It is a way to collaborate between deaf and hearing communities.

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Moved by: Jodie Ackerman / Cindy Allen

Motion Carried

Motion # 2013 – 18: That PARID thank Cindi Brown for her years of service as President. As a means of thanks I move that she receive a 3-year complementary membership as well as complementary registration for the 2015 PARID Conference.

Rationale: She is deserving of these thanks for all of the work she has done.

Fiscal Impact: \$80 for a 3-year membership cost plus cost of 2015 conference registration.

Moved by: Cindy Allen / Pam Dymond

Motion Carried

Recognitions and Appreciation

- PARID members and interpreters who reside in Pennsylvania who earned a certification during the past year (May 2013 – April 2014) were recognized. Congratulations!

Achievement of First Certification

Jesse Thomas, CDI
Kendra Barlet, NIC
Hannah Thebarger, NIC
Maribel Escarfullery, NIC
Dan Fisher, NIC
Ashley Robinson, Ed:K-12
Andrea Young, Ed:K-12
Christine Rhodes, Ed:K-12
Ashley Janelle Shenk, NIC (should be under additional certification)
Sue Houser, Ed:K-12
Jill Owens, Ed:K-12

Achievement of Additional Certification

Katie Noll, NIC
Elizabeth Setley, Ed:K-12

- Appreciation and thanks were offered to the following individuals for their service to PARID at the 2013 Conference and through the past year.

Lynette Jones, CMP Coordinator
Stephanie Ellison, Interim CMP Coordinator
Lauren Pastore, CMP Coordinator
Heidi Hartley, CMP Coordinator
Sandy Robinson, SWAP Coordinator
Ramona Martin, Webmaster
Stephanie Ellison, Newsletter Editor
Nichole Wade, Conference Coordinator
Gloria Myers, Conference Favors and Conference Photos
Jodie Ackerman, Conference Support Staff – Bloomsburg University
Allyson Mahan, Conference Support Staff – Mt. Aloysius College
Julianna Boyle Breeze, Conference Support Staff – Mt. Aloysius College
Melissa Reeves, Conference Support Staff – Mt. Aloysius College

Upcoming Events

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| • June 28, 2014 | Medical Interpreting Seminar | Bethlehem – District 7 |
| • July 17 – 20, 2014 | PSAD Conference | Gettysburg, PA |
| • July 31 – Aug 3, 2014 | Region One Conference | Wakefield, MA |
| • August 23, 2014 | PARID Board Meeting | State College, PA |
| • Nov. 14 – 15, 2014 | Hearing Loss Expo | Harrisburg, PA |
| • December 13, 2014 | PARID Board Meeting | Online via GoToMeeting. |
| • February 2015 | PARID Board Meeting | Online via GoToMeeting |
| • April 10 – 12, 2015 | Mount Aloysius Student Interpreting Conference | Cresson, PA |
| • April 24, 2015 | PARID Board Meeting at Ramada Inn | State College, PA |
| • April 24 – 25, 2015 | PARID Conference at Ramada Inn | State College, PA |
| • August 11 – 18, 2015 | RID National Conference | New Orleans, LA |

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Smith, Recording Secretary