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President's Report Cindi Brown, CI/CT



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The PARID Board has discussed the local chapter to sub-committee transition at length and come to the conclusion that the PARID membership should vote on the revised bylaws at the annual meeting on May 2, 2009. The PARID Board worked with the RID bylaws committee to draft the revision that was sent to the membership. This new structure will allow PAIRD to work together with all of the districts to develop a more flexible and stronger organization. The PARID Board looks forward to working with the membership during this transition.

For the first time, PARID has collaborated with PaTTAN to offer the EIPA performance exams during our 2009 conference. This collaboration was a great success. We will be offering 6 EIPA performance exams. We are also proctoring 9 RID performance exams, 2 RID written exams, and the EIPA written exam. The registration for the EIPA written exam will be open April 22-28, 2009. More information is available on the PARID website.

A Region I Conference will be held August 13-15, 2010, in Albany, NY. Conference co-chairs, committee chairs, and committee members are needed. If you are interested in serving the organization in this capacity, follow the instructions on page 10 to apply.

The PARID board still has a vacant vice president position. The job description for the position is available on the PARID website. If you are interested in serving as the vice president for the remainder of the current term, submit a letter of interest and resume to Cindi Brown at president@parid.org or 1209 Main St Apt 4, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

PARID is also looking for a new CMP Coordinator. After nearly 6 years of dedication, the current CMP Coordinator would like to "retire". There will be a transition time where the current CMP Coordinator will work with the new coordinator to ensure a smooth transition. See the advertisement on page 4 For more details.

PARID is also looking for a newsletter editor. The newsletter editor is responsible for collecting articles, publishing, and distributing the PARID newsletter quarterly. Send a letter of interest to president@parid.org if you would like to be the newsletter editor.

Thank you for your support. PARID cannot continue to grow and do its work without you!

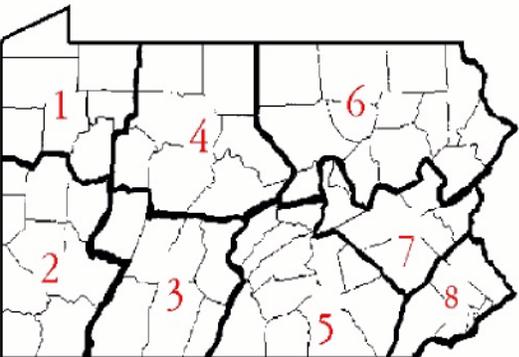
Notice of Proposed PARID Bylaws Revision

At the Annual Meeting on May 2, 2009 in State College, PA, the membership will vote on the bylaws revision that was proposed by the PARID Board. This revision was sent out to the entire membership the week of March 30th in both paper and electronic format. It is also posted on the website. The PARID Board looks forward to your comments and cooperation during this transition.

PARID Board of Directors

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PARID Districts

<p><u>District 1</u></p> <p>Vacant</p> <p>Counties: <i>Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, Warren</i></p>	<p><u>District 2</u></p> <p>Greater Pittsburgh RID</p> <p>Jessica Knoche, CI/CT GPRIDPrez@yahoo.com</p> <p>Counties: <i>Armstrong, Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Green, Lawrence, Washington, Westmoreland</i></p>	
<p><u>District 3</u></p> <p>Vacant</p> <p>Counties: <i>Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset</i></p>	<p><u>District 4</u></p> <p>Vacant</p> <p>Counties: <i>Cameron, Clinton, Centre, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, Potter</i></p>	
<p><u>District 6</u></p> <p>Northeastern PARID</p> <p>Brenda Bozinko President@neparid.org</p> <p>Counties: <i>Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming</i></p>	<p><u>District 7</u></p> <p>Sandy Shaika, CI as1143@epix.net</p> <p>Counties: <i>Carbon, Berks, Lehigh, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Schuylkill</i></p>	<p><u>District 5</u></p> <p>South Central PARID</p> <p>Allison Carr, CI /CT scparidpres@aol.com</p> <p>Counties: <i>Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Snyder, York</i></p>
		<p><u>District 8</u></p> <p>Southeastern PARID</p> <p>Bud Schrader, Jr., CDI BudSchrader@comcast.net</p> <p>Counties: <i>Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia</i></p>

PARID News Information

Deadlines for submission:

- Spring February 28
- Summer May 31
- Fall August 31
- Winter November 30

PARID News is published quarterly by the Pennsylvania Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Articles and notices should be sent to the newsletter editor using email (newseditor@parid.org) or postal service. Paste your original article directly into the email if possible - this saves time and aggravation.

Matters of concern and interest to the membership will be published in the PARID News. PARID News reserves the right to edit, excerpt, or refuse to publish any submission. Unsigned articles will not be published.

District 5 Allison Carr, CI/CT



Hi from District Five! Our district is hosted a dual workshop event on March 7th at Living Word Community Church between York and Red Lion. The two workshops were given by Dr. Leo Yates. They were “Weddings and Funerals: What You Need to Know” and “Expansion Techniques: Breathing Life into the Message”.

We held our last meeting on February 12th at Manor Brethren Church in Lancaster from 6:30 to 8:30. We reviewed a draft for a scholarship application. Members, who live in District Five, if awarded the scholarship, would be able to use these funds towards testing fees. I will amend the draft after comments from members and we will discuss this again at our next meeting. We also discussed what item our district would like to donate to the welcome bags from PARID for the RID Board Members at the national conference in August. Right now, we are leaning towards Hershey Bars. For fundraising, we are currently selling “to-do list” notepads. This has been very successful so far. We also are always conducting our “Work an Hour for SCPARID” fundraiser for those members who don’t prefer to sell things. Our next meeting will be held in May in Harrisburg area. Time and location are to be determined.

District 7 Sandy Shaika, CI



Did someone say SPRING?! What a wonderful time of the year. Time for new beginnings and fresh thoughts. District 7 had a meeting on January 19, 2009. We had a very enlightened and entertaining evening. I am happy to say I am proud to be involved with such a lively group of interpreters willing to lend an ear or hand when needed. Thank you.

Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services moved to 2045 Centre Avenue, Reading, PA 19605 and had its grand opening on March 18, 2009. This is a fantastic building! They have also set up VRS. If you are a registered interpreter, please give them a call if you are interested in VRS. They are also having ASL classes. If you know anyone interested, pass them the information please.

We are still discussing what professional development opportunity we would like to sponsor; you should soon be getting an email from our professional development coordinator, Lori Fisher. If you have any ideas, please let us know and bring the thoughts to our next meeting.

When is our next meeting you ask.... April 18, 2009 @ 7pm

Where: Robin Hill Campground
149 Robin Hill Road
Lenhartsville, PA 19534
800-732-KAMP
<http://www.robinhillrvresort.com/>

Bring a chair, jacket, snack to share, your own drink, and a marshmallow stick. I will supply: campfire, marshmallows, and s’more stuff. Stop at the campground office to get a parking pass and directions to our site. You need to pay a fee of \$4.00 at the camp office. You are welcome to bring your spouses and children but you are responsible for taking care of your children. We will have a meeting and then socialize in a very relaxed atmosphere. Stay until the campfire goes out. Looking forward to having a great time!

Treasurer's Report Mark Hardway



Account	\$ 12,725.79	Checking Account
Totals	\$ 10,604.25	Savings Account
	\$ 2,643.67	Certificate of Deposit #1
	<u>\$ 2,610.50</u>	<u>Certificate of Deposit #2</u>
	\$ 28,584.21	Total Assets

Less the Following:

\$ 5,217.51	CDI Funds
\$ 7,560.93	Mentorship Funds
\$ 1,686.60	Conference Funds
\$ 391.10	District 1 Funds
\$ 835.00	District 2 Funds
\$ 75.00	District 3 Funds
\$ 15.00	District 4 Funds
\$ 805.00	District 5 Funds
\$ 795.00	District 6 Funds
\$ 270.00	District 7 Funds
\$ <u>1,058.00</u>	<u>District 8 Funds</u>
\$ 9,875.07	Actual PARID General Fund Balance

Following is the summary of the PARID Treasury as of December 31, 2008:

Second Quarter expenses included PDC Fund distribution, SWAP payments, and reimbursements for supplies and postage. Most of the income included membership dues and SWAP enrollments. Funds are identified for membership allocation to the districts. Checks will go out to the active chapters in the next quarter.

Membership Report Melissa Reihart, CI/CT, NADIV

PARID has 297 Members. Below are the number of members in each category.

Associate	73	District 1	2	District 6 - NEPARID	55
Certified	170	District 2 - GPRID	64	District 7	27
Organizational	4	District 3	1	District 8 - SEPARID	82
Student	38	District 4	2	PARID only	2
Supporting	12	District 5 - SCPARID	62		



Looking for a way to be involved?

The PARID CMP Coordinator Position is Available.

PARID is an RID approved CMP sponsor. This means that PARID can process CEUs for workshops, PINRAs, academic coursework, and independent studies. For the past six years, Stephanie Ellison has been the CMP coordinator and processed the CEU paperwork for our members. Stephanie would like to retire from the position at this time. Therefore, in order to continue this benefit to the PARID membership, the PARID board is seeking a new CMP coordinator.

This new coordinator would be responsible for processing the CEUs for sponsored workshops and PINRAs. We already have a volunteer who is willing to process the independent studies and academic coursework CEUs for us. There will be a transition period where Stephanie will work with YOU to guide you through the process.

Interested members should contact Stephanie Ellison at cmp@parid.org or 570-320-0111 with any questions regarding the position duties. Submit a letter of interest to president@parid.org if you would like to be considered for this position.

PARID Motions

Motions Passed by the PARID Board on November 1, 2008

Motion # 2008 – 25. To approve the board meeting minutes from August 9, 2008 as read. **Rationale:** Procedural in nature. **Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00. N. Wade / M. Hardway. **Motion carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 26. To approve the mission statement and description for the Public Policy Committee Description. **Rationale:** This document will help in the standardizing of PARID's documents as well as having policies and procedures in place so that when situations arise the board has a plan to follow. **Fiscal Impact:** \$0. J. Knoche / N. Wade. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 27. That PARID purchase 10 Walkie Talkies. **Rationale:** These walkie talkies will be invaluable during conferences and other events for the event coordinator to keep in touch with the individuals who are assisting. **Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$450.00. N. Wade/J. Knoche. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 28. That the PARID Board propose the following motion to the membership to amend its bylaws through a mail vote. Motion #2008-31. To amend the PARID bylaws Article V, Section I, 1. by adding the following sentence at the end "*In addition, the Immediate Past President may serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for one term.*" And, to amend Article V, Section I, 3. by adding the following: "*F. Immediate Past President. Serve in an ex-officio non-voting capacity for one term, assist the president during the transition into office, serve as an advisor to the president and may assume special assignments as determined by the president, and may attend board meetings.*" **Rationale:** The Immediate Past President position will allow for a smooth transition and support for the incoming President. This addition will also make PARID's bylaws more consistent with RID's bylaws. **Fiscal Impact:** Copying and postage costs to be determined. N. Wade / J. Knoche. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 29. That PARID donate \$50.00 to the Clarion Free Methodist Church for the use of the basement for the board meeting. **Rationale:** Rental fees for the church basement were in the form of a donation. \$50.00 is consistent with the rental fees that PARID has paid to other churches. **Fiscal Impact:** \$50.00. A. Hardway / J. Knoche. **Motion Carried.**

Motion # 2008 – 30. To appoint Jessica Bentley-Sassaman as the recording secretary for the remainder of the unexpired term until June 30, 2009. **Rationale:** Jessica has the necessary skills to perform the duties of the secretary. **Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00 procedural in nature. M. Hardway / A. Hardway. **Motion Carried.**

GOT TESTS?? We've got help!!

Join us for the expertise of Tara Potterveld, RID CT & CI, SC:L, on Friday and Saturday April 24th & 25th, 2009 in Johnstown for a workshop that supports your efforts to accomplish the NIC Written Test and Performance Test with information, practice and individual attention as well.

Skill Building for Working Interpreters:

NIC Preparation Class 0.9 CEUs awarded
Friday, April 24th, 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm and
Saturday, April 25th, 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Johnstown, PA

Cost: \$65./light lunch provided

Call to reserve: (814) 659-5755 or slswpa@atlanticbb.net

Deadline: April 6, 2009 Participation is limited to 20. Reserve your space today!

COME JOIN US!

2009 PARID Conference and General Meeting

Friday:	10:00am – 6:00pm	PARID Board Meeting (Free and open to the membership)
May 1st	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Challenging the Warm Body Syndrome: Collective Strategies for Change – Lynette Reep
Saturday:	8:30am – 11:45am	General Membership Meeting (Free and open to the membership)
May 2nd	11:45am – 12:30pm	<i>Lunch Social</i> included with registration
	12:30pm – 6:00pm	Teaming and Partnership: Deaf and Hearing interpreters – Eileen Forestal and Mary Darragh MacLean (this Seminar will be presented in ASL with no voice interpretation provided)
		Schooled in Discretion: From Accountability to Empowerment – Lynette Reep

Will be held at the Ramada Conference Center in State College, PA on May 1st-2nd.

Registration forms, seminar descriptions and presenter biographies are at www.PARID.org.

Please direct all questions to Nichole Wade at conference@parid.org

Legislative Report

Provisional Registration

There are currently 2 bills in the state legislature, Senate Bill 642 PN 697 (SB 642) and House Bill 916 PN 1040 (HB 916), to amend Act 57 of 2004 in regards to provisional registration. Both of these bills propose the same changes. These changes are the same as what was proposed last year in HB 1596 PN 3574. Each bill needs to be referred to several committees and have a first, second, and third consideration on the floor of the Senate or House of Representatives before a vote can be taken. Below is the status of each bill. Contact your senator and representative to let them know if you support these bills. The legislative website is www.legis.state.pa.us.

SB 642 PN 697 was referred to the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee on March 19th. SB 642 was reported back to the Senate floor as committed on March 31st. The first consideration for SB 642 was on March 31st.

HB 916 PN 1040 was referred to the Professional Licensure Committee on March 13th. No other action has been taken to this date.

Testing News from Bloomsburg University

Jessica Bentley-Sassaman, CI & CT, ED:K-12

There is some great news coming out of Bloomsburg University. The Bloomsburg University Testing Services has been approved as a CASTLE WorldWide testing administration site. This means that the National Interpreter Certification written exam is now being offered at Bloomsburg University!

First you must send in your application and payment to RID. When you send in your application to RID for the NIC Knowledge Computer-Based Test, your information is then e-mailed to CASTLE WorldWide. They will contact you via e-mail with instructions on how to select a test date and location from their online registration.

After you receive notice from CASTLE WorldWide, you must register through CASTLE's website: www.castleworldwide.com. Click on "Candidates" and create an account. Then sign up for available testing dates that are found within the software. There are only 2 computers available for the test; this means the tests are limited to two candidates at a time. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Kollar Assistant Director of Housing for University Testing Services at kkollar@bloomu.edu.

As of now Bloomsburg University is not offering any other exams. But, we are happy to announce offering the NIC written exam. Best of luck taking it and moving one step closer to your ultimate goal of national certification!

CASTLE WorldWide also has testing sites in the Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh areas. A complete listing of exam sites can be found on the RID website.

2009 RID convention in Philadelphia

The national conference of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) will be held from August 1 – 6 in Philadelphia, PA. The regular registration deadline is April 30, 2009.

Announcements

Lodging Needed for 2009 RID Conference!

An interpreter from southwest Virginia would like to attend the RID conference in Philadelphia. However, she cannot afford the cost of lodging at a hotel. She is looking for someone who is interested in opening their home to her and her husband for a modest stipend. Send an email to president@parid.org or call 570-784-3145 if you are interested in providing a place for this individual to stay.

Full Time Interpreting position

The School District of Philadelphia is seeking a Sign Language Interpreter. Under the direction of the school principal, the Interpreter for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing provides sign language interpreting for "signing" hard of hearing or deaf students who are mainstreamed into regular classes. Using American Sign Language, and/or manually coded English, the Interpreter facilitates communication between deaf/hard of hearing students and their teachers, their hearing peers, and other personnel within the School District by relaying information to and from the deaf/hard of hearing student.

Position requirements:

- An Associates' degree in Interpreter Education/Preparation.
- Possess a Valid Certification as a Sign Language Interpreter with Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.
- Possess a valid Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) report with a score of 75% or better issued under the auspices of the Educational Interpreter Training Project.

For consideration for this position please email your resume to Girna Mendez-Adkins gmendezadkins@philasd.org. EOE

Survey

My name is LaTanya E. Jones and currently I am in the process of fulfilling the requirements for the degree of a Master's of Science in Management (MSM) via my thesis.

In order to obtain the data necessary to complete my thesis, I am conducting this survey via the internet. The data received from this survey is strictly confidential; there is not any identifying information attached to the responses and the collected data will be analyzed in the same manner. The only thing that I will receive will be your answers...that is all...nothing more.

The questionnaire should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Also, if you know anyone else who fits the criteria for the survey, please feel free to pass it along! This survey will be posted on the PARID website the week of April 6th.

In an effort to comply with all deadlines, please complete the survey no later than Friday, April 10, 2009.

Survey

As professionals, we are always looking for ways to improve our professional skills. We are keenly aware that the field of interpreting has changed dramatically over the past three decades. These changes have reshaped the scope and function of certified sign language interpreting. We now function in "dual" roles as professionals: interpreters and educators. These dual roles relate to what we believe about the educational process and about how individuals learn? In order to adequately plan professional development activities for our fellow professional interpreters, we need information about interpreters' beliefs about these dual roles.

Therefore, we are seeking the help of members of The National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf to find out this information. The purpose of our research study is to describe the beliefs and approach to assisting others to learn, learning strategy preferences, and attitudes toward continuing education of certified sign language interpreters and transliterators. Although participation in this study is voluntary, your input is *vital* to making this study possible. The survey linked to this message should not take more than about 15 minutes to complete. Your responses will be totally anonymous. If you are willing to help, please click on the following link: <http://www.conti-creations.com/Byrd.htm>

Thanks...

Janna Byrd, MS, CSC

Assistant Professor, Counseling Services for the Deaf
East Central University-Oklahoma

Announcements from the EFSLI in brief Newsletter - February 2009

Go to www.eflsi.org for more details on any item listed below.

EFSLI Spring School in Malta April 24 – 26

50% discount for efsli members. The efsli spring school ‘Understanding Deaf Culture’ is open for registration. The training will start on Friday afternoon April 24 and end on Sunday at lunch time. The trainer is Kyra Pollitt, who has been a sign language interpreters for 20 years, very experienced in providing trainings, and who has her own interpreting agency. The training will be given in English.

EFSLI 2009 Conference in Estonia!

On September 18 the efsli AGM will take place, followed by the efsli conference on September 19 & 20. A special welcome is planned at the city hall of Tallinn on Friday evening. This is your chance to come and meet interpreters from across Europe!

EFSLI Summer School in Croatia

July 1 – 5 the efsli summer school will take place in Croatia, hosted by DODIR . The topic is interpreting for deaf-blind people.

New Report on the Situation of Deaf People

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and the Swedish National Association of the Deaf (SDR) released a report “Deaf people and Human rights” written by Ms Hilde Haualand, Researcher, and Mr. Colin Allen, Project Coordinator of the Global Education Pre-Planning Project on the Human Rights of Deaf People. The “Deaf People and Human Rights” report is based on a survey that is, up until now, the largest knowledge database on the situation of Deaf people. The lives of Deaf people in 93 countries, most of which are developing countries, is addressed. The Swedish National Association of the Deaf and the World Federation of the Deaf initiated the survey, with funding from the Swedish Agency for International Development Cooperation (Sida) and the Swedish Organisations of Disabled Persons International Aid Association (Shia). For anyone who would like to download the written English version of the report, it will be available shortly from WFD web site for free. The website is <http://wfdeaf.org/projects.html>. In the coming weeks, the report will also be presented in International Sign on DVD and on WFD website.

(source: DeafHumanRights@yahoo.com.au)

Conference on legal interpreting

26 – 29 November, Antwerp, Belgium

For some time now the EU Commission DG Justice, Freedom and Security has felt the need to be able to consult a representative body of the legal interpreters and translators in the EU. Other legal professionals such as public prosecutors, lawyers, judges or police officers, all have their EU associations and can be heard on matters that are of interest or concern to them or the European Commission. The legal interpreters and translators, as yet, do not have such a representative platform in the EU. That is why a consortium of academic and professional organisations has proposed the establishment of EULITA, an international non-profit European Legal Interpreters and Translators Association. To mark the launching of EULITA and reflect on the opportunities and challenges before us in the field of legal interpreting and translation, a three-day conference is held on ‘Aspects of Legal Interpreting and Translation’, Antwerp (26 -29 November 2009). On the first day of the conference, the aims and Articles of Association of EULITA will be presented and discussed by representatives of national or regional associations, followed by the official launch of the association which is open to all conference participants.

(source: Lessius University College, www.lessius.eu)

Call for Co-Chairs for the 2010 Region I Conference

The Region I President's Council seeks two (2) conference chairpersons for the 2010 Region I Conference to be held in Albany, NY August 13-15, 2010.

Conference Co-Chairs will lead the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) and all of their efforts. Co-Chairs will recruit committee chairpersons for all conference committees (Registration, Registration Bags, Programming, Program Book, Interpreter Services, Webmaster, Student Representatives, Exhibitor/Fundraising, Entertainment, Awards, and Audio Visual). The Co-Chairs, along with the Region Representative, will create and maintain the conference budget. Co-Chairs will hold meetings of the CPC and will be expected to report to and seek approval from the Region I President's Council on all major conference decisions (budget approval, etc.) Conference Chairs will be responsible for submitting a final conference report within 30 days of the close of conference to the Region I Representative.

Requirements: We are seeking two (2) dynamic, talented, flexible and knowledgeable individuals to lead the effort for the 2010 Region I Conference to be held in Albany, NY. Candidates should be comfortable communicating in groups and should be able to lead and facilitate several committees which will be managed by the co-chairs. Candidates should be familiar with budgets, contracts and be able to set and meet deadlines. Experience in conference planning (state, regional, national) is preferred.

All interested parties should send a letter of interest, including your background experiences stating why you would be the best candidate for this position to Rebekah Barkowitz, Region I Representative, c/o Cori Dossett, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, 333 Commerce Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Deadline for Submission: April 10, 2009

All applicants will be notified of the decision by May 15, 2009

*Conference Planning Committee will be recruited spring of 2009.

WASLI Membership

I have been heavily involved with the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI). In fact, I am currently serving on the Board as Treasurer. Even though the idea of WASLI was conceived in 1975, it took until 2005 to get it officially off the ground. This was due in many ways to the support of RID members who had the vision to know we needed to position ourselves on the international stage. We have a great deal to offer, and much to learn! I now ask you to join WASLI as an Individual Member. The cost to Americans is \$50 a year.

We so often ask what benefits membership will bring to us. In this case, it is the benefits you can bring to WASLI and the developing world. Your dollars will help us to continue to support the development of National Associations of Sign Language Interpreters across the globe. We currently have National Members from across Europe, Australia, Japan, and Canada. We are working with Brazil, Botswana, Columbia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Uganda, and the Arab states, to name a few.

We plan to upgrade the website, identify certification guidelines and parameters, and identify education and training guidelines and parameters that can work in countries that have had no certification and little or no access to formal training. To continue this work, we need American dollars. We have the economic potential, despite the current climate, to make real sustainable change in the world by building national capacity at the ground level. Please join! And check out the website at www.wasli.org.

Thanks,
Your Colleague
Daniel Burch

Send your checks to WASLI
10632 Ferncliff Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70815-5215

Results of PARID Bylaws Revision Vote

Motion # 2008-31 to revise the bylaws passed in February 2009. The Immediate Past President position has been added to the PARID bylaws.

2009 RID National Conference Volunteer Job Descriptions

2009 RID National Conference n August 1-6, 2009 n Philadelphia, PA

Volunteers are at the heart of association work, and the 2009 RID National Conference volunteers are no exception. Our strength is a result of the time and effort provided by those who volunteer to serve their colleagues and to further the profession and the association.

The following areas need volunteers:

1. **Conference registration** – At registration, volunteers will assist in giving registrants their conference materials, such as a conference bag, handouts, ribbons, tickets, voting cards, a t-shirt and more! Volunteers will also assist RID staff in re-stocking the registration area with items from the storage room (located just behind registration). These positions could involve some light accounting (adding with a calculator) and counting.
2. **Silent Auction** - At the Silent Auction, volunteers will answer any questions attendees may have about the auction or auction items.
3. **RID Publications** – Meet and work with RID staff and featured RID Press authors as you assist RID Communications staff in selling publications, and stocking the tables books (stored under the tables).

Complete the Volunteer Commitment Form from the RID website and submit it as directed.

Call for International Sign Interpreters

Taipei, Taiwan

September 5-15, 2009

The Taipei 2009 Summer Deaflympic Organizing Committee and the International Committee for Sports for the Deaf (ICSID) are seeking qualified International Sign Interpreters to work during the 2009 Summer Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan, from 5-15 September 2009. IS interpreters will be needed to work in a variety of settings – assigned to various sports venues, assigned to specific technical directors, during the opening and closing ceremonies, and during various meetings.

Proficiency in International Signs and spoken English are required.

Experience in working in international settings is preferred.

Airfare, hotel, meals and a fee will be offered.

Interested interpreters, should contact Diane Morton, ICSID Staff Interpreter at drdymo@aol.com as soon as possible.



PENNSYLVANIA REGISTRY OF
INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

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PARID

Philosophy, Mission, and Goal Statements

The *Philosophy* of PARID is that excellence in the delivery of interpretation/transliteration services among people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and people who are hearing will ensure effective communication. As an affiliate Chapter of the professional association for interpreters and transliterators, PARID serves as an essential arena for its members in their pursuit of excellence.

It is the *Mission* of PARID to provide state and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the profession of interpretation and transliteration of American Sign Language and English.

It is the *Goal* of PARID to promote the profession of interpreting and transliterating American Sign Language and English.

PARID is an affiliate chapter of the Registry of the Interpreters for the Deaf.

