

Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf
Business Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2009
South Padre Island, Texas

- I. Opening Session
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call of Chapter
 - C. President's Reception
- II. Business Session
 - A. Credentials / Quorum Confirmation
 - B. Approval of 2009 Standing Rules
(Sherri Roberts, Amanda David) move to approve
PASSED
 - C. Approval of Agenda
(Amanda David, Michela Steele) move to approve
PASSED
 - D. Approval of 2008 Annual Business Meeting Minutes
(Amanda David, Michelle Wood) move to approve
PASSED
 - E. Treasurer's Report
Filed as submitted
 - F. Necrology Report
Interpreters:
 - Michael Gonzalez
 - Erma Kleeb Young
 - Jose Rodriguez (husband of CC interpreter)Deaf Friends of TSID:
 - Mary Draughon (wife of N.S. Draughon)
 - G. Trust Fund Report (Larry Barnett) – written report
 - H. Scholarship & Awards Committee Report (Paige Abshire) (written)
 - I. Legislative Committee Report (Monica Parks)
 - J. Mentorship Committee Report (Ginger Bennett) written report
 - K. Forums Committee Report (Randi Turner) written report
 - L. Election of Officers for FY 2010
 - 1. President Elect
 - *Erma Webb (elected)
 - Peggy Cobb
 - 2. Secretary

Monica Parks

*Peggy Cobb (elected)

M. Election of Trust Fund Trustees (3)

1. Larry Barnett
2. Shelley Hardell
3. Rob Granberry

N. Election of FY 2010 Committee Chairpersons

1. Conference Co-Chairs 2010
Sharon Nodine
Christina Gerloff
2. Legislative Committee Chairperson
Co-Chairs: Jackie Mullins and Gina Jackson
*Monica Parks (elected)
3. Forums Committee Chairperson
- a. Eddie Reveles
4. Nominating Committee

Vote for 4 members:

- a. Melody Fitzgerald
- b. *Sherri Roberts (Chair)
- c. *Everett Puckett (elected)
- d. *Randi Turner(elected)
- e. *Debbie Gunter(elected)
- f. Carol Washington
- g. *Chris Grooms (Past President) (elected)
5. Audit Committee (Chairperson plus 2 members)
- a. Bill Green
- b. Rob Granberry (chair)
- c. Don England

O. Unfinished Business

P. New Business

1. Constitution / Bylaws

Move to amend the TSID Constitution and Bylaws as follows:

Constitution: Article III Membership add 'Senior'.

Bylaws: Article II Membership add K. Senior Members are those that have been certified in the interpreting profession for at least 10 years and are over the age of

60. Senior members shall be entitled to two (2) votes at all TSID Business Meetings. Senior Member dues shall be half of that for Certified Members of TSID.

Rationale:

1. First and foremost, it was requested by our membership to have a Senior membership similar to RID's membership category. This would be giving back to the membership as is a goal of TSID.
2. It would allow our "Senior" members to know they and their opinions still count. Without those long time interpreters working so hard "in the past" to establish TSID and their many years to date supporting it, TSID would not be here today! Again, we would be giving back to our membership and allowing senior members to have a voice in TSID.
3. 'Been a previously certified interpreter for at least 10 years.' (This implies someone who is a senior citizen and was a professional interpreter in the field.)
4. We would benefit from their collective knowledge and experience.
5. Lastly and fairly important, it would provide another form of income to TSID to help with operating expenses.

PASSED

Move to present the following motion to the TSID membership at the 2009 TSID Business meeting:

Move to add the following wording to the TSID constitution

Article VIII. FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

TSID is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization

exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

and

Change ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION OF TSID to ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION OF TSID

Change ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY to ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Change ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS to ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

PASSED

2. Motions / Resolutions Committee
 - a. Executive Board
 - b. Motions / Resolutions Committee

CONF-FY2009-01 Move that members of TSID request that the RID Board rescind the RID Board motion 2007.28.

(Amend: add "RID" before "Board motion..." Amendment PASSES)

Rationale: The motion is poorly constructed in its mandate to convert all local chapters to sub-committees when there are no related committees. This motion was passed without adequate information and research regarding the effect and impact on the state affiliate chapters. Furthermore, passing motions that affect the state affiliate chapters without membership input contradicts the spirit and intent of our member driven organization.

PASSES UNANOMOUSLY

CONF-FY2009-02 Move to take the following motion to the RID membership at the 2009 RID Biennial conference: Move that members of RID request that the RID Board rescind the Board motion 2007.28.

Rationale: The motion is poorly constructed in its mandate to convert all local chapters to sub-committees when there are no related committees. This motion was passed without adequate information and research regarding the effect and impact on the state affiliate chapters. Furthermore, passing motions that affect the state

affiliate chapters without membership input contradicts the spirit and intent of our member driven organization.

PASSES UNANAMOUSLY

- c. Local Chapters
- d. SIGs

Interpreter Educators

CONF-FY2009-03 Move that TSID strongly recommend to BEI that the wait time for re-administration of the Test of English Proficiency be reduced from six months to ~~30~~ 90 days.

Amendment:

(Joanne Warren, Rita Wedgeworth) amend 30 days to "90 days" Amendment PASSES

PASSES

- e. Membership

CONF FY2009_04 (Sherri Roberts, Randi Turner) move that TSID send a letter to Representative Eddie Rodriguez in support of HB 233 which encourages credentials for interpreters working in medical settings and to request that the bill includes sign language interpreters.

PASSES

CONF-FY2009_05 (Sherri Roberts, Randi Turner) move that TSID legislative committee work with Representative Jones in regard to HB 2510 to ensure the requirement for videotaping people who are deaf that use sign language interpreters remains in statute.

Rationale: The elimination of the requirement to videotape custodial interrogations could remove important evidence as to the accuracy of the sign language interpretation. Videotaping of custodial interrogations when professional interpreters are utilized is essential to ensure due process of law.

PASSES

CONF-FY2009_06 (Randi Turner, Sherri Roberts) move that TSID send a letter to the Texas Legislature in support of SB 1490.

Rationale: moving the administration of special education due process hearings from Texas Education Agency to the State Office of Administrative Hearings, as this may provide a more neutral setting for these hearings.

PASSES

CONF FY 2009_07 (Erma Webb, Randi Turner) Move that the FY2010 Nominations committee actively search out native signers as potential nominees for the TSID Board and committee chairs.

MOTION FAILS

(Erma Webb, Michelle Wood) amend add “and / or Deaf community members” before “as potential...”

Amendment FAILS

Recessed until Banquet

FY2009 Resolution 01

WHEREAS Anne Kurta as Conference Committee chair, RGVID president Nora McAllister and the entire conference committee, have worked tirelessly on the 2009 TSID Conference, and

WHEREAS RGVID have performed the duty of hosting the conference, and

WHEREAS the presenters and keynote speaker, Linda Stauffer have traveled from across the state and the nation to share their knowledge, and

WHEREAS the conference interpreters have been willing to stand in front of their peers to provide access and models for interpreting, and

WHEREAS the volunteers have given endless hours to help in every area of the conference, and

WHEREAS through the work of Monica Parks numerous sponsors provided the ability to finance the conference, and

WHEREAS the staff of the Isla Grand Beach Resort at South Padre Island, Texas have been extremely accommodating as TSID has invaded the hotel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members in attendance at the 2009 TSID Conference give a big thank you to Anne Kurta, Nora McAllister, the entire conference committee, RGVID, the presenters, Linda Stauffer, the interpreters, the volunteers, the sponsors, Monica Parks, and the hotel staff.

FY2009 Resolution 02

WHEREAS approximately 125 students made their way to South Padre Island for something more than just Spring Break fun and gave their time, money and enthusiasm to attend the 2009 student Pre-conference, and

WHEREAS Jeremiah Sammons, Mike Lee, Erma Webb, Amber Galloway, the Student SIG and TSID Board worked together to organize, sponsor and present the student pre-conference, and

WHEREAS we can all be inspired by the enthusiasm of these students who are the future of the interpreting profession

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that TSID give a big thank you to the organizers of the student pre-conference, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that TSID members show our delight in seeing future interpreters already becoming involved in TSID.

Q. Announcements

Visit exhibits

III. Banquet

A. Special Recognition

B. Installation of Officers

IV. Closing Session

A. Appreciation / Announcements

B. Adjournment