

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting  
March 13, 1971

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1 The initial meeting to organize a state chapter of the Registry of Inter-  
2 preters for the Deaf was held at the Domino Restaurant, College Park, Md., on  
3 March 13, 1971, under the chairmanship of Alexander Fleischman. The arrange-  
4 ments were under the sponsorship of the Maryland Association of the Deaf.

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6 Attending were the following:

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| 7 Sheldon A. Blumenthal      | Re: Lowman               |
| 8 Virginia Borggaard         | Arthur Norris            |
| 9 Thomas Cuscaden            | Donald Phelps            |
| 10 Mr. & Mrs. David Denton   | Daniel Pokorny           |
| 11 Eorraine DiPietro         | Luther Prickett          |
| 12 Alexander Fleischman      | Mary Jane Rhodes         |
| 13 Mr. & Mrs. James Flaherty | Earl Stevens             |
| 14 Claire Gibson             | Rev. & Mrs. Eugene Smith |
| 15 John Hook                 | Alfred Sonnenstrahl      |
| 16 Jerry Hutson              | Barbara Stewart          |
| 17 Lois James                | Mr & Mrs. Mark Wait      |
| 18 Donald Leitch             | Mr & Mrs. Howard Watson  |
| 19 Virginia Lewis            | William Zerwick          |

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21 The meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM with Mr. Fleischman presiding,  
22 setting forth an agenda along with a R.I.D. model constitution to be acted on,  
23 The chairman introduced Mr. Earl Stevens, president of the Maryland Association  
24 of the Deaf, who spoke that such a chapter was necessary and after two attempts  
25 in the past to set up a meeting he asked Mr. Fleischman to promote the under-  
26 taking. Sheldon A. Blumenthal was appointed secretary pro tem.

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28 Chairman Fleischman requested that each person present should introduce  
29 himself and his professional connections.

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31 As the first step of the agenda, the question of whether or not to organize  
32 the chapter was posed. After some discussion, Thomas Cuscaden proposed that  
33 we should form a chapter, seconded by John Hook, It was unanimously carried.

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35 Sheldon Blumenthal (Mrs. James) proposed that this chapter be named as  
36 Maryland Registry of Interpreters. This was unanimously passed.

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38 Adoption of the model constitution was the next step on the agenda. With  
39 modifications coming from the floor, the constitution was accepted with the  
40 following changes:

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42 Article I -- Mr. Arthur Norris (Mrs. Lewis) proposed that we should accept mem-  
43 bership from adjoining District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. Passed  
44 unanimously.

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46 Articles II, III, IV -- favorable

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48 Article V -- Mr. Earl Stevens offered to have the M.A.D. take care of the ex-  
49 penses for the first year which was gratefully accepted. The question of dues  
50 would be brought up at a future meeting.

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52 Article VI -- Mr. Norris (Mrs. Wait) proposed that the whole article be abol-  
53 ished. Passed unanimously.

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55 Article VII -- favorable

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57 Renumbering will follow on Articles: VII to VI; VIII to VII; IX to VIII.

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3 Bylaws:

4 Article I, sections 1, 2, 3 -- favorable

5 section 4 -- Mr. Norris (Mrs. Gibson) moved to substitute: "any two of  
6 three signature are required to sign checks." Approved.

7 sections 5 & 6 -- insert word Executive prior to the word Board.  
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9 Article II, section 1 -- Howard Watson (J. Hook) proposed that 60 days notice  
10 of meetings be substituted for 30 days as specified in the section. Passed.

11 sections 2, 3 -- favorable.  
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13 There is no Article II so the following articles should be renumbered accordingly  
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15 Article IV (III), section 1 -- Alfred Sonnenstrahl (Mr. Watson) proposed that  
16 no more than four members shall be deaf or hearing. Rev. Pokorny (Mrs. James)  
17 moved to table this proposal and for the president to appoint a committee of  
18 three to write up a proposal for the next meeting. Approved.  
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20 Article V (IV) -- There being a mention of two vice presidents in this section,  
21 Mrs. Virginia Lewis (Virginia Borggaard) moved to delete one which was accepted.  
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23 Mrs. Lewis (Mr. Sonnenstrahl) proposed that the officers be elected annually  
24 with directors being on 3-2-1 year basis. Failed to carry.  
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26 Mr. Donald Leitch (Rev. Smith) moved that they be elected every two years. Passed  
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28 Mr. Sonnenstrahl moved that the Vice President automatically be President-Elect.  
29 Rev. Pokorny seconded. Passed.  
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31 Article VI (V), section 1 -- Mr. William Zerwick (Tom Cuscaden) moved to delete  
32 the phrase "regardless of race, creed or ethnic origin" from the section. Failed.  
33 sections 2, 3 -- favorable  
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35 Article VII (VI), Article VIII (VII) -- favorable.  
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37 Sheldon Blumenthal (Mr. Stevens) moved to accept the revised constitution and  
38 by laws as a whole except the tabled ones. Passed.  
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40 Mr. Leitch (Mr. Hook) proposed that Md. R.I.D. be affiliated with the M.A.D.  
41 Passed.  
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43 Elections of Officers:

44 Rev. Daniel Pokorny -- President

45 Mrs. Claire Gibson -- Vice President

46 Mrs. Mildred Wait -- Secretary

47 Mr. William Zerwick -- Treasurer

48 Mr. Rex Lowman, Mr. Earl Stevens, Mrs. Virginia Lewis -- Directors  
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50 Immediately thereafter, Mr. Fleischman swore in the elected officers and turned  
51 the chair over to Rev. Pokorny.  
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53 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.  
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55 A delicious steak dinner followed.  
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57 Respectfully submitted,

Attested by:

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59 (s) Sheldon A. Blumenthal, Sec. Pro Tem

(s) Alexander Fleischman, Chairman  
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