

Agenda
Monday May 15, 2017
Gallaudet University
5:30-9:30pm

The Board:

President (2017-2018)	Gina D'Amore
Director of Community Relations (2017-2018)	Traci Ison
Director of Meetings (2017-2018)	D'Lisa Robinson
Director of Membership (2016 & 2017)	Kevin Dyels
Treasurer (2016 & 2017)	Sarah Blattberg
Director of Professional Development (2017-2018)	Bradley Christlieb
Director of Communications (2017)	Kafi Lemons

Welcome

Round table discussion

- The Allies conference wants us to pay but we are not responsible until we see a structured plan from them. At this point we may process their CEU's but we are not paying them at all.
- CEU processing is a lot of work for our CEU team. We should consider the benefit for us in taking on various CEU request.
- Bradley met with Rosemary Johnson and will meet Erin Schneider to help him get acquainted to his new role.
- Gina will formally introduce Bradley to Alisha and Jennifer Furlam.
- PCRID cant sponsor any event until we have out house in order
- Conference planning is having a slow start, but it seems we are now on the right track. David's wife, Wendy, will be helping us secure a venue. Bradley will also be helping with conference- he has past experience. Its possible we will partner with Discovering Deaf World. Their conference is the same weekend as ours.
- This summer Sarah is thinking about mentoring someone to take on the Treasure position.
- Send all communications needed for the newsletter to our web master (Jennifer Vold). If people do not send things to us timely, we need to be stricter. For instance, late items cannot be put in the Newsletter or e-blast; however, maybe we can put the item(s) on FB.
- **Action Item:** double-check the logo members against the admin members.
- PCRID must be relevant because if we are not, then we will not matter to interpreters.
- **Action Item:** Kafi will talk with Jennifer to discuss what is reasonable for how often the Newsletter will be sent out. Bradley will be included in Kafi's communication with Jennifer and Sequoia.
- **Action Item:** Traci can get all the community events together and send them to Catherine or the communications team in general.
- **Action Item:** Kevin and Gina will tag team sending something to the membership showing what we have been doing so far. PCRID seems quite but its not!
- We still need to get the apology letter to our members (**based on the Minutes from 5.11.17 discussion**).
- **Action Item:** We need a professional picture of Bradley for the web site.
- We must thank DOI and CCBC for their support thus far (cite their logo in our publication/online). In addition, during the next general meeting we should thank them openly.
- Sarah is trying to get our credit care issues, how to lower our fees, resolved. She contacted many organizations that are similar to our origination and use credit cards as well to gauge what are others doing? Of all that were contacted, roughly four responded back, which is disappointing. Anyway, Sarah is continuing to research options that have lower fees and can be better options for us; for example, Paypal, Stripe, Wildzaper and Square. Traci offered her support during this process and Kafi gave her experience with using Paypal in another organization. That organization passed the fees along to the members. The point is, we can expect every company to have fees but can do

better than what we have been doing - we must lower what we pay in fees. Honestly, the best option with the least amount of fees is a paper check. Paper checks have no fees and we can take an image of the check and send them to the bank.

- Traci is looking for a deaf blind contact ...a raving reporter at events...at conference we can have it there as well
- **Action Item:** Gina send Kevin info regarding the conferences in June.
- **Action Item:** D'Lisa will send the conference chair meeting minutes to Bradley
- **Action Item:** Kevin, please sent the conference chairs details on the membership registration numbers. An email has already been sent to you regarding this request.
- Niesha sent an email to Gina and D'Lisa with potential venue options for the conference. Kevin has requested that we do not make any venue decisions without his consultation. Any venue we pick the food and beverage must be considered.

8:04 official meeting is called to order

Call To Order

Presidents Report (Gina)

- MDAD Conference: Traci & Gina attended, both shared at board meeting. Various MD state agencies presented about how they can/are providing access and resources for Deaf community. Panel of Fed agencies took questions and feedback on improving accessibility for Deaf community. Some of the topics brought up were access limitations for Deaf-Blind, & employment barriers to HoH/Deaf/Deaf-Blind community
- Deaf Allies March 2018 - US Deaf & allies will march to the Capitol - MDAD legally applied & was approved. Bradley & Traci will be in touch with Sean Markel at MDAD for more info.
- We need to improve the live streaming utilized during workshops. Also, who has the PCRID camera? Brandon?
- **Action Item:** It is imperative that we set up a meeting with CCBC. Traci please contact Rebecca Minor and facilitate/coordinate a meeting.
- Gina is beginning her relationship with CCBC and asked the board for advice, what has or relationship been like and how the advisory board is run and functions? The advisor boards are nice as it fosters an environment that brings all stakeholders to the table and discuss ways to improve on the profession and ultimately benefit the community. We would love to enhance the mentoring opportunities with CCBC in hopes it would improve the skill of the students there. We would also like to see more ITPs in the community and country. Maybe a 2-year ITP is not sufficient for our community??
- In our meetings, individuals attending online cannot vote. Should we improve this process?
- We have to figure out how to include the deaf community and have their voices present at our conferences. The number of deaf attendees is very low.
- When Sarah was president there used to be a Region 2 Presidents phone call, now there seems to be no RID contact with the chapter Presidents. Gina wants to know how many deaf Presidents or board members there are in our other chapters. It would be nice to start these President calls again. It is possible that people are waiting for RID to smooth out before take steps in that direction. Gina will develop a plan or approach to move forward in re-establishing our connection with RD and other local chapter Presidents and submit that plan.
- Regarding the licensure in Maryland, It would be nice if PCRID can sit in and be involved as the process starts up again. From the town hall Gina attended, it is clear that members want the license, as we have had in the past. Licensing and a lack thereof impacts the deaf community as well.
- **Action Item:** Gina will get more information about the licensure and share it with the board so PCRID can be apart of process.

Director of Communications Report (Kafi)

- Kafi contacted Jennifer, Sequoia and Bradley to see what is a good time for everyone to meet.

- Communication content ideas: We can have a roving interpreter (reporter) that reports live from various events. The communication team will work with Traci on this idea.
- **Action Item:** Sarah will send a blurb to the communication team for interested parties who want to become the treasure at the end of 2017.

Director of Professional Development Report (Bradley)

- Bradley finally was able to get in this PCRID email account and clean it up and catch up on emails.
- With Mercedes help, the CEU forms required for our upcoming workshop on July 8th has been sent off to the CEU committee. It is possible the CEU process with RID has or will be changing.
- Mercedes Hunter will be working with Bradley as workshop chair. They met via FaceTime to get to know each other and discuss how to communicate, support each other and the vision for PCRID this year. Mercedes requested information on Space Walk In. We have 3 workshop ideas, one of which is the power of privilege (Richie Bryant), workshops taught by Pam Collins and Tiffany Hill. Various individuals have emailed his committee expressing interest in presenting workshops. Mercedes will follow up on these ideas and confirm a workshop for July 8th. Traci suggest the strong need for skill workshops such as fingerspelling and training on walking into an assignment "cold". Gina suggested training on platform interpreting.
- Paris M. is still interested in scholarship funds from SAGE. We have yet to pick individuals and we have delayed for long enough. The requirements from last time do not apply anymore, plus we need to consider deaf interpreters as well.
- **Action Item:** Bradley will get in touch with Patty (SAGE) and Rose (Mentorship) soon.

Director of Community Relations (Traci)

- We need to spend time with our community partners. The impact of showing our faces at events is a big impact!
- The apology letter will be sent out shortly.
- We need to continue to identify some stakeholders and partners for PCRID.
- Traci has research technology that could benefit PCRID. Seems there are some opportunities available to us, some of which are more expensive than others. She set up Zoom for whomever wants to take advantage of this technology platform. Kafi mentioned that she gets a receipt for Zoom in the Communications account but Sarah does not get that same receipt. Zoom is a great option because we can store in the cloud, plus there are options in the technology for \$40 a month or \$15 a month.
- **Action Item:** Send the board the technology options available to us.

Director of Membership (Kevin)

- Kevin has noticed in his personal bank account that Survey Monkey has been taking money from his account. It is \$26 a month for the past seven months or so.....he is requesting a refund from PCRID.
- **Action Item:** Sarah please look into the Survey Monkey concerns for Kevin.

Director of Finance (Sarah)

- Our Bylaws say that we are only required to provide a business meeting one time a year.
- We have less money than we have had in the past.
- Paris M. is still requesting scholarship funds to take his certification test.
- **Action Item:** Gina and Sarah need to have a meeting.

Director of Meetings (D'Lisa)

- Gina, D'Lisa and the chairs (David and Niesha) met a few weeks ago. Meeting minutes can be provided to board members upon request. Conference is moving along slowly. The chairs are invited to the next meeting on July 8th.
- **Action item:** D'Lisa will get feedback from last years conference.

Adjourn 9:27pm
