

ALRID Bylaws

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Alabama Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ALRID).

Article II

Objective

The principal objective of ALRID shall be to promote policies and activities that will further the profession of interpreting by initiating, sponsoring, promoting and executing events state-wide that will further the profession of the interpretation of American Sign Language and English.

Article III

Membership

Section 1 *Category of Membership and Voting Eligibility*

- A. Voting Members: members in good standing of both ALRID and RID and are voting members of RID who may vote in any and all matters open to membership vote.
- B. Honorary Members: Members who have been named by ALRID as recipients of the Mary Lou Bingham Award shall have full voting rights in all matters open to membership vote.
- C. Organizational/Institutional Members: Non-voting, non-person entities that support the goals and objectives of ALRID (may or may not be members of RID).
- D. Student Members: non-voting, individual, currently enrolled in a recognized ITP program, that supports the goals and objectives of ALRID that may or may not be a member of RID.
- E. Supporting Members: non-voting, individuals that support the goals and objectives of ALRID that do not aspire to become professional interpreters.

Section 2 *Voting Rights*

- A. Voting members in good standing shall have one vote in all matters open to membership vote.
- B. Non-voting and Organizational/Institutional Members shall not be permitted to vote on any matters.
- C. ALRID does not issue or honor proxies.

Section 3 *Termination of Membership*

- A. Membership in the ALRID can be terminated for the following reasons:

1. Suspension or expulsion for cause as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.
2. Non-payment of dues as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.
3. Resignation.

Section 4 *Reinstatement*

- A. Application for Reinstatement – As outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.
- B. Appeals – As outlined in the Policies and procedures.

Section 5 *Change of Membership Category*

- A. A member who has a change in membership category will immediately be entitled to the privileges thereof.
- B. Beginning with the next fiscal year, all dues, fees, and assessments for said member shall be based on the new membership category.

Article IV **Directors**

Section 1 *Composition of Board of Directors:*

- A. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the
 1. President
 2. Vice-President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. Regional Representatives
 6. Two (2) members-at-large
 7. Student Representative.
 8. Immediate Past President
 9. Alabama Association of the Deaf Representative (1)
- B. The Immediate Past President may serve as a voting ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for one term.

Section 2 *Powers*

- A. To conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of ALRID and to make rules and regulations consistent with the bylaws in between meetings of the membership.
- B. To properly control, disburse and/or invest the financial assets of ALRID in accordance with the bylaws.

Section 3 *Limitations*

- A. Unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, shall have any power or authority to bind the ALRID by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.
- B. All charges, responsibilities and membership directives shall persist until fulfilled regardless of any changes to the makeup of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 *Duties*

A. General Duties

- 1. To perform any and all duties as prescribed by the voting membership, the Board of Directors, bylaws, or as required by law.
- 2. Approve the budget annually.
- 3. Provide a comprehensive annual report at each general meeting.

B. Officers:

1. President

- a. Represents the ALRID in all appropriate activities including AAD meetings and events.
- b. Presides at meetings of the members and/or directors.
- c. Appoints committees.
- d. Has the authority to sign check in compliance with the duties of the office of President.
- e. Provides quarterly reports to the membership concerning business and Board of Directors activities and financial status of the ALRID.

2. Vice-President

- a. In the absence or inability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President.
- b. Serves on committees as appointed by the President and works with the Board of Directors in assisting with the coordination of activities.
- c. Has the authority to give approval to the Treasurer to sign checks in the event the payment is made to the President or the President is otherwise unable to authorize payment.

3. Secretary

- a. Maintains complete and accurate records of the proceedings of the Board of Directors.
- b. Supervises the keeping of all ALRID records.
- c. Has the authority to sign checks as directed by the President.

- d. Keeps a full and correct list of the membership, their addresses, and the Policies and Procedures Manual.
- e. Shall send the annual report to the Executive Director of RID as prescribed in the RID Bylaws.

4. Treasurer

- a. Has custody of all dues and funds of ALRID and disburses such funds upon directive by the President and/or Board, or as motions passed and recorded in the minutes of the business minutes.
- b. Has the authority to sign checks with the approval of the President and/or Vice President, or Regional Representative in relationship to their respective regional line item account.
- c. Submits a financial statement of all receipts, expenditures, and balance on hand at annual meetings or as requested by the President and/or Board of Directors.
- d. Follows guidelines of duties as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

5. Regional Representatives

- a. Shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting.
- b. Serve as a representative of his/her regional area of the state of Alabama at ALRID Board meetings and must reside in the region in which they represent.
- c. Actively recruit ALRID members from his/her region.
- d. Appoint local committees to carry out duties assigned by the board within the region and to carry out locally initiated programs and projects.
- e. Convene and preside over no less than two annual meetings for ALRID members, residing in that Region, to discuss the direction of local events and issues for ALRID.
- f. Shall report the activities and concerns of their region to the Board of Directors.
- g. Shall have authority to approve use of funds, in their respective regional line item account, in accordance with the members of that region.

6. Members-at-Large

Work with the Board of Directors assisting with the coordination of activities, committees and communication.

7. The Student Representative shall:
 - a. Maintain a collaborative relationship between the ALRID Board and the students enrolled in the state's ITP and Deaf Education programs.
 - b. Act as a liaison between the ALRID Board and the students enrolled in the state's ITP and Deaf Education programs by bringing the concerns and ideas of students to the Board's attention and by updating ITP students across the state as to the programs and initiatives of the Board.
 - c. Maintain a presence at the biannual ALRID Conference and assist in the solicitation and coordination of student volunteers at the conference.
 - d. Contribute to the quarterly ALRID newsletter by soliciting and collating articles and events sponsored by students and those events catering to students.
 - e. Student representatives will be limited to serve a one year term.

8. Immediate Past-President
 - a. Works with the Board of Directors assisting with the coordination of activities, committees and communication.
 - b. May serve as a voting, ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

9. AAD Representative – Appointed by the AAD President
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Section 5. *Qualifications*

- A. All candidates for the Board of Directors shall have been members in a good standing for at least 12 months immediately prior to candidacy.

Section 6. *Terms of Office*

- A. Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve two year terms. No Officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. They shall be elected by ballot during biennial meeting years and their term shall commence at the conclusion of the biennial meeting, but no later than December of that election year, providing that they are not already serving an unfinished term office.
- B. Members-at-Large
 1. Shall be elected for a term of three years.
 2. Shall be limited to two consecutive terms. .
- C. Student Representative shall serve one two-year term.
- D. Immediate Past President shall serve one two-year term.
- E. AAD Representative is appointed by the AAD President.

Article VIII**Amendment of Bylaws**

The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by approval of two-thirds majority of the eligible, present and voting members of the ALRID during a regular or special meeting of the membership, with 45 days prior notice.

Article IX**Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and consistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order this ALRID may adopt.

Article X**Dissolution**

Dissolution of ALRID will require that all remaining funds be turned over to the Alabama Association of the Deaf, Inc.