

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
Annual General Board Meeting June 7, 2018
Minutes

Call to Order at 12:16pm.

Roll Call: Board members present: Henley Curry, Judy Robertson, Sharon Spencer, Diana Wagoner, Amanda Liddie, Chris McGaha, Judith Gilliam. Please see attached sheets for a list of voting members, non-voting members, and visitors present.

Reports:

- President: Chris McGaha
 - See attached report.
- Vice-president: Sue Graham
 - No report at this time.
- Treasurer: Sharon Spencer
 - See attached report.
- Secretary: Diana Wagoner
 - See attached report.
- AAD Representative: Judith Gilliam
 - No report at this time.
- Member At Large: Jodie Jernigan
 - See attached report.
- Member At Large: Wendy Darling
 - No report at this time.

Regions:

- North Region: Dawn Vanzo
 - No report at this time.
- Central Region: Pat Smartt
 - See attached report.
- Southeast Region: Amanda Liddie/Judy Robertson
 - No report at this time.
- Southwest Region: Lisa Gould
 - See attached report.
- Student Representative: Jessica Duke
 - No report at this time.

Committees:

- PDC Committee: Stacie Yarbrough
 - See attached report.
- CMP Committee: Cindy Camp
 - See attached report.
- Public Relations/Website: Diana Wagoner
 - See attached report.
- CDI Cohort: Harriett Hollingsworth
 - No report at this time.

- So glad to have participants from the CDI Cohort here this weekend. Take some time and mingle with them. See what they have learned during this time!
- Ways and Means Committee: Judy Garrett
 - No report at this time.
 - Due to the busy schedule held by everyone, this has been a committee where not much activity has happened. This will be up and coming in the future.
- Legislative Committee: Belinda Montgomery/Sharon Spencer
 - See attached report.
- Scholarship Committee: Belinda Montgomery
 - See attached report.

Old Business:

- Approval of June 2017 Minutes.
 - One amendment: Under the CMP Committee: Change 2016 to 2017. Changed by Diana Wagoner, secretary, during meeting.
 - Motion 2018-03-AI: Harriett Hollingsworth/Stacie Yarbrough
 - “I, Harriett, motion to accept the minutes as amended.”
 - No discussion.
 - Vote: All in favor = 18, Opposed = 0, Abstained = 0. PASSED.
- Ted Kotis Seat at the Table Scholarship Update
 - This is up and coming within the board. Please stay tuned for more updates.

New Business:

- Elections
 - President: Chris McGaha via slate from Nomination Committee
 - No nominations from the floor.
 - By acclamation.
 - Vice-president: Diana Wagoner via slate from Nomination Committee
 - No nominations from the floor.
 - By acclamation.
 - Secretary: Jill Moran via slate from the Nomination Committee
 - No nominations from the floor.
 - By acclamation.
 - Treasurer: No nominations
 - Clarification: any board positions left vacant at the end of the meeting can be appointed by the President.
 - North Region: Harriett Hollingsworth via slate from the Nomination Committee
 - No nominations from the floor.
 - By acclamation.
 - Central Region: No Nominations via slate from the Nomination Committee
 - Alice Moss - Nomination from the floor.
 - By acclamation.
 - Southeast Region: No nominations.
 - Southwest Region: Beverly Bownds via slate from the Nomination Committee
 - No nominations from the floor.
 - By acclamation.
 - Student Representative: Alicia Hornberger
 - No nominations from the floor.

- By acclamation.
- New business from floor
 - No motions at this time.

Adjourn at 5:02pm.

Attachments:



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	NON-VOTING MEMBER NAME	MEMBER EMAIL ADDRESS
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	VOTING MEMBER NAME	MEMBER EMAIL ADDRESS
1	Deborah W. Gibson (R1022858)	info@signsforallonline.com
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PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

In 2017- 2018 we continued to follow the vision of Lead. Serve. Connect.

Lead

We sent 3 board members to the RID Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City. The conference focused on leadership development and open discussions around RID and the organizations status and direction. I was very proud to represent ALRID as a facilitator for the conference. Also, during the region 2 meeting, ALRID did a wonderful job presenting our state and what we have been doing over the last few years.

Serve

We continue to provide workshops across the regions to serve the professional development needs of interpreters. We offered a total of ???? CEUs. I have the opportunity to serve on several boards across the state- AAD, COSDA, Troy ITP Advisory Board, and Hands and Voices. We also reestablished our CMP program, and are ready to provide CEU support to the members of ALRID and the state of Alabama.

Connect

I have represented ALRID in the LEAD-K movement and continue to provide support for this crucial legislation. We have established the CDI cohort which started with 9 and have a solid group of 6 continuing in the cohort. ALRID is excited to continue this endeavor and provide ongoing support for Deaf interpreters.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

No report at this time.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

ALABAMA REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

TREASURER’S REPORT

As of
05/30/18

BANK BALANCE \$ 23,766.78

LINE ITEM BREAKDOWN

- REGION – NORTH \$ 941.95
- REGION – CENTRAL \$ 2,894.84
- REGION – SOUTHWEST \$ 2,791.81
- REGION – SOUTHEAST \$ 696.42
- SUE SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ 795.00
- LOUISE WOHLFORD MEMORIAL \$ 3,269.63
- CONFERENCE BALANCE \$ 9,376.78
- CDI COHORT \$ -299.73*
- ALRID GENERAL FUND \$ 3,300.08

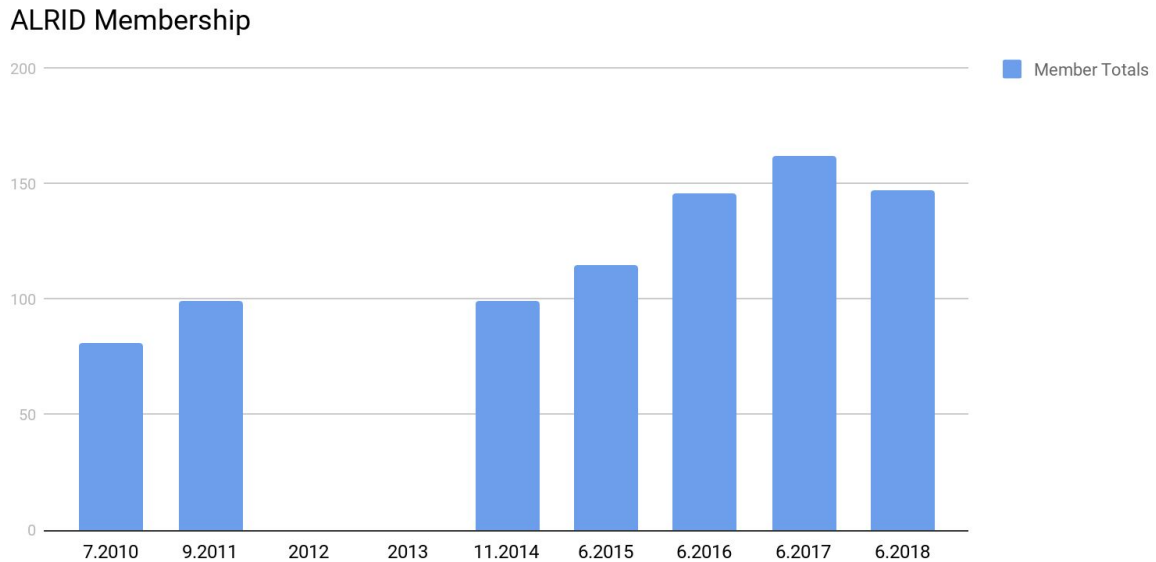
PAY PAL ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 1,236.56

(Not included in bank balance)

*Expectation of \$5,700 from the AL State Dept of Ed and expectation of \$1,250 registration completion reimbursements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

**ALRID SECRETARY / PR (MEMBERSHIP) / WEBSITE REPORT
JUNE 2018 - GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**



We have 147 active members, 77 lapsed members, and a total of 340 contacts on the website. Numerous emails have been sent out using the website platform. We are currently at around 40-60% open rate on blast emails to members/non-members/contacts.

The website (www.alrid.org) has been and is continually being updated. We have included the minutes and newsletters from previous years, added the donate feature, updated the region pages to accurately reflect the current regional maps, added an RID Compliance page where you can find our compliance report submissions, and have an ever changing home page with upcoming events, important information, etc. We were able to accept and track donations for the CDI Cohort from people all over the map. Along with one of the software updates from Wild Apricot, we are now able to offer online membership cards!

Our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AlabamaRID) is now up to 370 likes! The posts with the most reach tend to be our interpreter appreciation posts done in May. We have contacted Facebook about taking the old page down but have not had any success.

AAD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

No report at this time.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT: JODIE JERNIGAN:

I have no report other than to say as I roll off the board it has been an honor to serve my colleagues and peers in many positions for the last twenty years, most recently as Member at Large. I look forward to seeing how the future unfolds and pray others will continue to choose to invest in this community and profession many of us hold so dear.

Sincerely,
Jodie Jernigan
Member at Large

MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT: WENDY DARLING:

No report at this time.

NORTH REGION: DAWN VANZO:

No report at this time.

CENTRAL REGION: PAT SMARTT:

The Central Region had four successful round tables on mental health, medical, legal and K-12 interpreting venues. We had great participation discussions and networking at these events. Stay tuned for more great opportunities after the June ALRID Conference.

SOUTHEAST REGION: AMANDA LIDDIE / JUDY ROBERTSON:

No report at this time.

SOUTHWEST REGION: LISA GOULD:

**ALRID SOUTHWEST REGION
2016 – 2018 Report**

We had a total of 21 members in the Southwest Region this past year. Hopefully we will have more join and/or renew with us in the new fiscal year.

We had a “Paint Your Stress Away” workshop and “Member Appreciation” on March 11, 2017 at AIDB, Mobile Regional Center and provided 0.4 GS CEUs. We only had 6 members attend but we had the best time and really enjoyed spending time learning how to relax! We provided lunch and snacks and did some really inspiring art projects! We plan to do something like that every year to appreciate our members!

We sponsored a deaf person, Cherrie Watson, to attend the Alabama Association of the Deaf Conference that was held in Mobile June 7 – 10th and paid her early bird registration fee.

We have one winner of the “Thumbs Up” Award – Beverly Bownds! Her dedication to the field of interpreting and her continuous attitude of striving to improve and learn are exemplary examples of what it means to be a Professional Interpreter and we are fortunate to have her in Mobile.

We held a “Polish Your Gloss” workshop at AIDB, Mobile Regional Center and was presented by Lisa Gould and Beverly Bownds on September 26, 2017. This workshop offered 0.3 PS CEUs. We had a total of 38 people attend our workshop! It was a great night and ended with a Kahoot game with prizes! Everyone had a good time and were very engaged in the activities.

We held two workshops on January 20, 2018 both presented by Paula Browning and were held at Convo Videorelay Call Center. The first was “The EIPA Written Exam” and the second was “Ethics and Social Media” with 25 people in

attendance for these workshops. These two workshops provided 0.6 PS CEUs. Convo Videorelay sponsored our refreshments for these workshops.

We sponsored the South Alabama's American Sign Language Association's premiere of the film "Hedy and Heidi: The Lost Sister" in the amount of a \$100.00 donation.

We look forward to another great year and more learning and networking with fellow interpreters!

Sincerely,
Lisa Gould, SW Region Rep.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: JESSICA DUKE:

No report at this time.

PDC COMMITTEE REPORT: STACIE YARBROUGH:

***Professional Development Committee Report
June 6, 2018***

CDI Cohort

We are wrapping up our CDI Cohort. A special thanks to Alabama State Department of Education and the NTID Regional STEM Center as two major sponsors. As well as others who have contributed scholarships.

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**2018 Biennial Conference**

It's here! This is always an exciting time.

**Suggestions for future conferences:**

- In an effort to increase attendance:
  - It may be best to select a designated weekend allowing participants to plan ahead by always holding the conference on the same weekend. The last weekend of June seems to be a better weekend. Many people go on vacation as soon as school ends. Father's Day Sunday falls in June and should be avoided.
  - Perhaps consider a "resort" type area such as Perdido Beach. If participants can add two or three days before and/or after the conference at the conference rate for a family vacation they may be more inclined to attend.
  - Consider reducing the registration fee to make the conference more appealing to those without agency support.

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General Representation

- There's a need for **ACTIVE** Region Reps who will commit to providing professional development opportunities in their local communities. Enthusiastic and motivated Region Reps will strengthen ALRID as a whole.
- I, Stacie Yarbrough, will be stepping down as the Chairperson of this committee.

I've enjoyed my time serving Alabama interpreters as the Professional Development Committee Chairperson and look forward to exciting conferences in our future.

CMP COMMITTEE REPORT: CINDY CAMP:

After a lot of work and a second submittal to RID, we were approved as a CMP Sponsor on 08/30/2017. Thus far we have processed CEU's for 64 different workshops including the 2017 SERID conference, various independent workshops, academic coursework, and the upcoming ALRID conference. PINRA's, academic coursework, single day, multi day, and

single workshop CEU's are being offered at no charge to both individual and organizational members and a reasonable cost for non-members.

CDI COHORT: HARRIETT HOLLINGSWORTH:

No report at this time.

WAYS AND MEANS: JUDY GARRETT:

No report at this time.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: BELINDA MONTGOMERY:

ALRID Legislative Report 2018

The Legislative Committee members comprised of Sharon Spencer, Laurel Standley, Belinda Montgomery, have met and provided the following services:

The Legislative Committee provided the AOC with an updated roster as of October, 2017.

The Legislative Committee Sharon Spencer and Laurel Standley met with the current Administrator of Courts to discuss current concerns with procurement of qualified interpreters, per the statute

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/codeofalabama/1975/12-21-131.htm>

ALRID Legislative Committee in conjunction with the AOC, is seeking to adopt training and education standards that our foreign language interpreters currently must abide by in order to provide interpreting services within the Unified Judicial System of Alabama. These standards have been established by the AOC for spoken language interpreters and exceed the requirements of ASL interpreters who have not yet achieved the RID Specialist Certificate Legal. A specific sign language track will be added to the already existing AOC curriculum to address and accommodate the needs of Deaf individuals utilizing the court system. We recommend that this training be required for interpreters interested in being on the court roster.

The Legislative Committee responded to AAD in answer to a question of addition of names to the court roster.

The next roster should be collected for submission to the AOC by October, 2018.

LOUISE WOHLFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: BELINDA MONTGOMERY:

ALRID Louise Wohlford Memorial Scholarship Report

The Louise Wohlford Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to benefit all ALRID members by providing paid registration for workshop and/or trainings providing CEUs. Each member may apply for this scholarship opportunity. These scholarships are awarded to promote and encourage professional training and development in earning the required annual CEUS.

Since our last ALRID conference, the Louise Wohlford Memorial Scholarship Committee received and awarded 6 applications, including 3 who were able to go to the RID conference last year. This brings the total expenditures since our last conference to \$1,770.

LWMS Committee:

Cynthia Wohlford Frey

Belinda Montgomery

Jodie Brewer Jernigan

Lisa Frey Barrick