OCRID ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

COLUMBUS, OHIO

MAY 5, 2012

1. Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 pm

2. Recognition of Parliamentarian, Judith Carson

3. Establishment of a Quorum, quorum established

4. Approval of the Standing Rules (V. Spencer/ M. Somnitz) motion passes

5. Approval of the 2011 Business Meeting as previously distributed

Minutes approved as submitted

6. Officer Reports

• Jill Josselson, President

Thanks to the many people who serve on RID Boards, Committees, and taskforce committees: Brenda Walker Prudom, RID president; Janet Bailey, Chair of RID Governmental Affairs; Linda Ross, NIC Taskforce; Richard Laurion, Audit Committee and Professional Development; Ben Hall, Executive Director Taskforce Committee; Judith Carson, Honorary National Conference Chair for 2013; Steve Phan, National Conference Chairperson; Verne Taylor Jr, OAD President.

Thanks to our sponsors: Sorenson, Hallenross & Associates, Supreme Court of Ohio, Communication Exchange, Resolute Interpreting, Communication Challenge, Mike Alu of Take2Communications.

Thanks to membership for 2 years of support while serving as President.

• Shalene Germani, Vice President

We have had a great conference so far. Thanks for all for coming. We have had a fabulous planning committee with wonderful presenters, and a great hotel. Thanks so much for choosing to spend your valuable time to come here with so many options for your professional development. Our theme has a focus on change, but one that stays the same are the people in Ohio. We are unique in that we care about each other.

I have spent many years on the board, more than I can count; this will be my last year on the board for this time. Thank you to all who have supported me over the years, you know who you are.

• Tom Berry, Treasurer

We will not pass the hat this afternoon. Thank you for spending Cinco de Mayo with us. I am finishing my first year as treasurer. It has been a great year. It is a great group on the Board. They do a wonderful job with amazing planning. The details are incredible and the Board nails it every time. We have money. As of April 30th OCRID’s balance is $51,980.56, plus additional funds in paypal. The board is looking at ways to use these funds for the benefit of the membership. We have $23,622.90 revenue and $26,354.86 expense for the current conference. The Educational fund is funded by a portion of our membership dues. I am told that the annual Conference always ends with a bit of a deficit, but, we have money to spend.

• Lisa McLaughlin, Secretary

Thank you for opportunity to serve, I will not be continuing on the Board. The minutes stand as my report. The board is a great group of people. It is nice to see the student representatives as well as newer interpreters here and the board is a great way to get involved and support your professional organization.

• Bobbie Huebner, Member at Large

**Membership Report –April 2012**

As of April 30, 2012, our membership numbers as follows:

**Total Members:** 277 (increase of 49 since January 2012)

New: 81 (increase of 32)

Renewing: 196 (increase of 17)

Approximately 58% of our members are certified

Membership categories:

Certified: 160

Associate: 72

Supporting: 11

Student: 26

Organizations: 7

CATIE Center

Community Services for the Deaf-Greenleaf Family Center

Communication Exchange, LLC

Northern Kentucky Services for the Deaf

Resolute Interpreting

Sorenson Communications

Supreme Court of Ohio

Deaf or deaf/blind: 4

• Shanna Cullins, State Representative

We host workshops throughout the state; if you have any ideas about topics, workshops you would like to see, please jot it down and give it to one of the state representatives or other board members.

7. Special Committee Reports

• Awards - Bobbie Huebner

There are no nominations for the Russell Moore or Darlene Jahn award.

Linda Laughlin Williams spoke to the Sara Paullin Casto Scholarship. Upon request of the OCRID Board, Pam Brodie, Jean Parmir, Margaret Murphy and I developed the Sara Paullin Casto Scholarship. This year 2 honorees will receive this scholarship for the first time: Jamie McCartney and Carrie Morgan. Jamie and Carrie will use the scholarship funds to develop a DVD to practice dealing with demands that occur in interactive interpreting settings. Congratulations to the first Sara Paullin Casto Scholarship awardees.

• CMP - Nancy Hazlett

Flyers are on the tables to share the different ways to earn CEUs. At this time Michigan does not have a CMP sponsor, so we are getting more members from Michigan. We get audited every 4 years, so it is very important that all those documents are kept in check. Contact information for those interested in getting CEUs processed is also on the flyer.

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

• Election of Officers

• President, Jill Josselson, nominated by Melanie Somnitz, vote cast unanimously by the secretary, Lisa McLaughlin

• Vice President, Shanna Cullins, nominated by Melanie Somnitz, unanimous vote cast by the secretary, Lisa McLaughlin

• Treasurer, Tom Berry, nominated by Shanna Cullins, unanimous vote cast by secretary, Lisa McLaughlin

• Secretary, Mary Kotila, nominated by Gwen Owens, unanimous vote cast by secretary, Lisa McLaughlin

• Member at Large,

Bobbie Huebner, nominated by Shalene Germani

Susan Harvey, nominated by Lewis Wright

Bobbie has been elected as Member at Large by the membership.

• Amy Delorenzo, Case Conferencing project

Thanks to the support staff people. They have been a fabulous group and I will be happy to work with them again next year.

I am starting a case conferencing project co-sponsored by OCRID and ISLR. Case conferencing is what other fields have been doing for some time and where the interpreting profession is going. There is an article in ISLR’s newsletter which is available to all interpreters. We will be dialoging about cases (our interpreting work) with an intentional structure using demand control schema.

There will 3 pre-assignment videos starting the beginning of June with an open discussion board to have conversations about the videos during the entire month of June. Then in July we will have biweekly meetings on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:00pm. We will take 10 participants, from all over the state; it will be an online project. Thanks to Margaret Murphy for her organization on this. To join, email Amy Delorenzo at [adelore1@cscc.edu](mailto:adelore1@cscc.edu).

Priority status goes to those with an Ohio Educational Interpreting License. You need to be a working interpreter to participate; so it will not be open to students, but we hope to have it as an ongoing project. Info will be posted on the OCRID website on the NEWs page as well as through a constant contact email.

• Awards

Awards go to Lisa McLaughlin for service on the board; Judith Carson, Parliamentarian, who volunteered to come with appreciation for all of her guidance

Special appreciation given by Melanie Somnitz to Jill Josselson for her past 2 years and the next 2 years she has committed.

Special award given by Melanie Somnitz to Shalene Germani who has given dedicated service to OCRID since 1998, which is 14 continuous years. This includes 14 state conferences and 54 board meetings.

The President’s Award is given with thanks to two individuals who have given a great deal of time and service for OCRID. The award is given to show appreciation for their work on the video of Dr. Ed Corbett; for their work interpreting, helping with editing and all their work on that video project. The President’s Award and special thanks goes to Bobbie Huebner and Janet Dobecki.

• Motions and Resolutions Previously Submitted

Resolution #1

Whereas Shalene Germani has put together a committed team of professional volunteers, and

Whereas she has proven that she is dedicated to assuring the success of the OCRID

State Conference, and

Whereas she has worked long volunteer hours in preparation for this year’s conference,

Therefore, be it resolved that the President, Board and current members express our deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Shalene for her leadership and efforts as the OCRID Vice President and the past 14 years of service. Please stand and signify so by a round of applause.

Resolution #2

Whereas OCRID relies on dedicated individuals to serve as committee chair people to the organization, and

Whereas those chair people dedicate their time and energy to assure the success of

OCRID, and

Whereas those individuals are committed to working as a team,

Therefore, be it resolved that the President, Board and current members extend our heartfelt appreciation to Melanie Somnitz, Michelle Corfits, Hallenross & Associates, Lynda McChesney, Heather Endres Andrea Peters, Gwen Owen, Amy DeLorenzo and Christine Riccardio for their dedicated service to OCRID for the purposes of this conference and signify so by a round of applause.

Resolution #3

Whereas Conference Interpreters are always the Best of the Best, and

Whereas Conference Interpreters perform long hours preparing and working in front of peers, and

Whereas Conference Interpreters act as role models and inspiration to future generations of interpreter

Therefore, be it resolved that the that the President, Board and current members extend our heartfelt gratitude for a job well done and signify so by a round of applause.

Resolution #4

Whereas Student Representatives are the future or our organization and profession, and

Whereas Student Representatives provide support to the board and attendees of the conference, and

Whereas those individuals are committed to working as a team for the success of this conference

Therefore, be it resolved that the that the President, Board and current members extend our heartfelt gratitude for a job well done and signify so by a round of applause.

Resolution #5

Whereas Linda Laughlin-Williams has organized OCRID’s third annual “Walk for the

Cure” in honor of beloved member, Sara Paullin Casto and others we hold dear

Whereas she has proven that she is dedicated to treasuring the memory of Sara and others

Therefore, be it resolved that the President, Board, membership and current members extend our heartfelt gratitude for a job well done and signify so by a round of applause.

• Motions and Resolutions from the floor

Motion 2012.05.05-01 To recommend to the national board that a committee be established to investigate the use of technology to vote on matters brought before the membership of RID for those who are not present at the National Conference. (David Shanahan/Tracy Alexander)

Brenda Walker Prudom spoke to the motion saying that this was brought up in 2009 in regards to voting prior to conference and after the conference had been investigated and found that the cost was too expensive for our budget, and was reported as such at the 2011 National Conference.

Motion is withdrawn.

10. Announcements for the Good of the Membership

Announcement by Verne Taylor, Jr of OAD. This morning I went to Janet Bailey’s workshop and was impressed with the seasoned as well as newer interpreters working together. OAD will be sponsoring a Kings Island Day in June and a Cedar Point Day in October. We are looking for volunteer interpreters for the 2 performances while at each park, with 2 tickets and free parking for each interpreter. Please contact OAD if you are interested.

OAD celebrated 50 years at their most recent conference. OAD continues to evolve and wants to educate people as to what is available and to continue to work in collaboration with OCRID.

David Shanahan announced that Deaf Day at the Toledo Mudhens game is May 18; the game starts at 7pm. Cost is $9 and there will be fireworks after the game.

Andrea Zoe Peters announced that on September 22 Signs of Christmas starts. There are 2 weekends in December when we sign. Please join us if you are interested. [www.signsofchristmas.org](http://www.signsofchristmas.org)

Brenda Walker Prudom announced that the RID Region 3 Conference is July 18-21 in Lisle, Chicago. With the use of technology Brenda’s keynote will be simulcast at both R2 and R4 conferences. At the 2013 National Conference in Indianopolis, OCRID will celebrate 50 years (1year early). The 2013 National Conference will be a moment not to miss.

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 (J Dobecki/????)