

**Great Lakes Region 4 Regional Board Meeting  
Conference Call Meeting  
March 9, 2020 at 3pm EST**



**Present:** Deb Nofzinger, Renell Roebuck, Jill Vance, Bob Dispenza, Jennifer McDowell, Michelle Fournier, Jenn Kirts, Laurel Zoet, Hannah Teshka, Marie Laudeman, Victoria Zablocki, Aaron Douglass

**Absent:** Cookie Ferguson, Jason Szostek

**Director—Debbie Nofzinger**

- Budget discussion
  - Thank you for submitting budgets. They are going to be submitted April 1 to National.
  - Bird-A-Thon – Income \$300
  - Auction – Income \$2,000, it's about average on what we take in.
    - Szabo-Weaver Donation – We have not put anything out to students yet, but the \$280 donation from Bert needs to be maintained.
  - Ways and Means – Income \$450
  - **RIW Next Year's Estimate – Jen McDowell will look into it.** The contract is signed right now, so we have some ideas.
  - Awards - \$777 Expense, Do Award participants get a meal? Yes, each award winner gets one free meal for themselves or others. The average cost of the meal is \$40-\$45. This means she needs to ask for \$936 for 2021.
  - \$2,000 for lodging for annual meeting, \$500 for deputy director travel, \$150 booth rental at National Workshop, 5 RIW scholarships at \$340 and 1 national for \$750, \$280 for Szabo-Weaver, \$3,000 for IPG, \$750 Ways and Means, \$50 Archives, \$300 Professional Development Scholarship
  - Deb will send it out for final review and the executive committee will vote.
- National Updates

**Deputy Director—Jennifer McDowell**

- Bert Szabo has been nominated for Crane's Business 8 over 80.

Cleveland OH Regional Interpreters Workshop

April 20-24, 2020

*Dazzle the District with Interpretation*

- Currently 54 registered, \$19,910
  - 4 one-day registrations on Thursday
  - 49 full registrations
  - 41 Mobile Workshops Registrations -
    - 2 Best of Unique Cleveland Museums
    - 5 Finding Cleveland Culture Outdoors
    - 6 Urban Birding Adventure
    - 7 Cleveland: A Foodie Town
    - 21 Top of the Tower, Bottom of the Gulch – Holden Arboretum
- Early Bird Registration through 3/15

- Is it possible to put a reminder in 40s4t and fb/Instagram? – Aaron said Yes, it will go out this week.
- Platform Brewery – Charity Night at the brewery March 24, 2020
  - \$1/every beer goes to NAI GLR4
  - Thanks to Jill/Aaron for sharing event on region FB
- Still working on other sponsorship opportunities – not successful so far
- Some concern over workshop attendance and COVID-19
  - Deb has received some emails about it, Deb contacted Paul Caputo and the Director of the Local Health Department about it. The Governor is the only one who can “shut down” the city. Encourage people who are sick to stay home, go home if you get sick, and hopefully the conference won’t get cancelled. Deb, Renell, Becky, and Jen McDowell will continue to closely monitor, communication will be included in a final “welcome” email.
- Deb asked about how communication is going between committee members. Jen said it seems to be going well.

Grand Rapids, MI Regional Interpreters Workshop  
March 22-26, 2021

### *Interpreting the **Rapids of Change***

- Contract completed – Prince Conference Center at Calvin University
- Logo completed – ad will be placed in 2020 workshop booklet
- Committee representatives will be in CLE to offer promo during RIW

### **Treasurer—Bob Dispenza**

- Don’t over spend, try to bring in revenue.
- No financials are on the website, we should be close to where we were in January. Some stuff has come in, but there are delays.

### **Secretary—Jenn Kirts**

- Approve January’s minutes – Deb Nofzinger approves, Bob Dispenza seconds, Approved.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

- **Archives – Cookie Ferguson**
  - Not present, no report
- **Awards – Laurel Zoet**
  - Received an email from a member regarding the new requirements for awards. They liked that you didn’t need to be a member to nominate but questioned whether the “new” interpreter award should be full time. Last meetings reflect our desire for the “new” interpreter award being for part-time, seasonal, or full-time and Sand McBeath having greater than 5 years’ experience. Laurel will be contacting award winners today or tomorrow.
- **Communications-- Aaron Douglas**
  - Working on getting the word out on the RIW. We are also advertising the Beer Fundraiser and Will Reding is doing a 100-mile walk to arrive at the RIW Hotel. His traveling will be on our Facebook page and Instagram. He is inviting people to join him.
  - He has good content through mid-April for 40 Second Four Thought.
- **Scholarships and Grants – Hannah Teshka and Marie Laudeman**
  - 6 RIW Applicants, awarded 5
  - We have 5 on the committee, but only 3 replied with responses

- Working with Bob and Sarah from National to get award winners their coupon code
- No applications for the National Scholarship yet
- **Ways & Means-Michelle Fournier**
  - Working on stickers and hats – She needs the Great Lakes Logo that was on the t-shirts – she reached out to Becky and Nora. Jen McDowell advised checking into the RIW folder in the One Drive.
- **Interpretive Project Grants – Victoria Pendred-Zablocki**
  - Needs to get added to the OneDrive – Deb will connect her. Victoria will get the Grant Application updated and will send it out.
  - Reached out to Kelly to see if there were any reports submitted, so she will ask again before following up with recipients. Some photos and an update were sent in from one of the recipients.
- **Membership – Renell Roebuck**
  - Renell is at Geauga Park District now, so Aaron is updating complimentary membership forms to reflect that. She will send stuff soon regarding Bird-A-Thon.
- **Student Involvement – Jason Szostek**
  - Not present, no report.
- **Additional Information**
  - **Secretary and Treasurer Positions will be Open this Fall**
    - We need to have a list of people to talk to at RIW if they are there or that we can reach out to. We need to have a slate with more than one person on it. Send potential people to Deb.

#### **Upcoming meetings**

- **Thursday, June 4 at 3pm EST**
- **Wednesday, October 21 at 3pm EST**

**Deb said “thank you” and she appreciates all of the work we each do.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:52pm**