



NAI Region 4 Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2014
RIW 2014, Dearborn MI

Attendance: Jenn Wright, Deb Nofzinger, Rick Stronks, Maureen Stine, Nora Sindelar, Lynnanne Fager, Jennifer McDowell, Renell Simrau, Jill Vance, Dorothy McLeer, Amy Gregg, Becky Parkin
Absent: Tm Krynak, Cookie Ferguson

Welcome - Jenn Wright

- Thanked the RIW 2015 team from Turkey Run for their promotion and planning
- Meeting will introduce all the board members and committee chairs and give updates
- National news
 - new director hired Margo
 - New registration system...our workshop was one of the first test cases
 - Staff restructuring at national office
 - Regions have been renamed organizational units (regions, sections)
 - Formed Advisory council

National News update – Cem Basman, NAI Vice President of Administration

- Thank Tim and Jenn for their leadership
- Note from Jamie King from National Office...thanks to RIW2014 Committee for help and insight
- Paul Caputo is attending this workshop. Board of Directors has encouraged National Office to continue with this relationship between the National Office and Organizational Units
- Margo has been an excellent new addition to the organization
- Board has promised to be responsible to membership and listen to membership
- Working on new strategic plan for organization. New approach and willing to take time to get it right. There will be a new link on website for the strategic plan
- Fiscal responsibility is a priority and updating new procedures. Regional funds will remain.
- National workshops – changing process for location selection. Working on getting out of commitment contracts
- Certification program – revamping program
- Will continue to determine how NAI can play a role in the profession of interpretation

Deputy Director's Report – Deb Nofzinger

- Primary role is to oversee RIW workshops
- Registration on line is the way for future workshops. Saves work and more efficient
- 2015 – Indiana; 2016 – Columbus; 2017 – maybe back to Ontario
- Working on updating Planning Manual for workshop
- Creating guidelines/spreadsheet for budget process for workshops

Secretary's Report – Rick Stronks

- Continue to serve membership

- Commitment to update website with Region 4 documents

Treasurer's Report – Maureen Stine

- Current assets are \$43,042.01
- Goal is to keep our region in good financial shape

Committee Reports

Archives – Cookie (Jenn presented)

- Thanked Renell for her previous work on this committee
- Cookie has agreed to take on the committee chair position
- Encouraged everyone to submit

Awards – Nora

- Liz Emerson will take on duties as this is the last function for Nora
- Need new committee members
- Encourage members to nominate

IPG – Jennifer

- Encourage members to submit applications to IPG
- Thank members and could always use more committee members
- August 1st deadline for next round

Membership – Renell

- Renell has taken on the role as the new chair
- Need committee members from Indiana and Ontario
- Mandate to develop and implement programs to attract new members
- Have pens to distribute to potential new members
- Complimentary memberships available

Communications – Lynnanne

- Many communication tools – Fourthought, website etc.
- Thanked Leslie Witkowski for her work as past editor of Fourthought and welcomed Jessica Rosier as the new editor; also thanked Jill Vance for her work with Facebook and Rich for his work on the website.
- Thanked all Regional Reporters but could use more reporters and articles
- Need photographers

Scholarships and Grants – Jill Vance

- Jill has taken on role as the new chair
- Awarded four grants for attending RIW
- Funds from auction support grants
- Awarded academic scholarship – Amy Rhodes \$1000
- Will award \$750 grant for national conference; deadline is Sept 2
- Thanked committee members

Student Involvement – Amy and Dorothy

- Invite everyone to student session...chance to mentor students
- Welcomed students and encourage them to invite other students

- This committee offers \$100 for 10 minute presentation for students

Ways and Means – Nora and Becky

- Goal is to make money through fundraising activities
- Encourage members to purchase to support the region
- Need committee members from MI, IN, ON
- Profiled the many products available including Hand Painted Bells!!!
- Bird-a-thon May 9&10 for 48 hours. Forms will available online.

Strategic Plan – Tim Krynak (Jenn presented)

- Tim will be arriving today at RIW
- Organize strategic planning process – every two years.
- Next cycle is Jan. 2015

Motion: to adjourn. Moved by Rick Stronks