

PCRID Annual Business Meeting
November 5, 2011
11:30-2:00pm
MINUTES

Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Hotel- 800 Florida Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002. Phone: (202) 651-6000

Board of Directors

Michael Labadie, President
Heather Mewshaw, First Vice President
Gerard Williams, Second Vice President
Jessica Moseley, Secretary
Jessica Gabrian, Interim Secretary
Andrea Smith, Treasurer (not present)
Chante Frazier, Member-at-Large, Maryland
Erin Harrison, Member-at-Large, District of Columbia

Parliamentarian: Mary Ellen Bittner

Call to Order: Michael Labadie

12:15pm

Establish Quorum: Heather Mewshaw

- Heather acted as Membership Coordinator in Shannon Fowler's absence
- Explanation of voting members – certified and associate
- Need 10% of total membership – $(374 \times .10) = 37$
- Quorum established

Standing Rules: Michael Labadie

- Standing Rules were projected onto the main screen for members to review
- Standing Rules were approved by vote. None opposed

Appoint Members to Review Minutes: Michael Labadie

- Upon request, Jessica Moseley and Alissa Enders agreed to review the minutes

Updates: Michael Labadie

- The PCRID Organizational Chart was shown to membership
- President explained that not all program and committee positions are currently filled
- Members were charged with the task of becoming more involved with the organization and the communities we serve
- Floor was open for questions and feedback from membership

Introduction of Outgoing Board Members: Michael Labadie

- Outgoing Board members were personally thanked by the President
- Chante Frazier, Member-at-Large, Maryland - Brief remarks thanking the Board for their support and also the committee chairs for their work during the term. The membership was encouraged to volunteer their time to support PCRID
- Heather Mewshaw, VP1 – Heather expressed her gratitude to all of the Board members, committee and program chairs for all of their hard work during her brief time at VP1. The membership was encouraged to communicate any concerns or questions that may arise.
- Andrea Smith, Treasurer – (absent)

Presentation of Awards to Outgoing Committee & Program Chairs: Erica Alley, SAC

- Membership Coordinator - Shana Windle (absent)
- Professional Development Committee – Nicole Reynolds (absent)
- Diversity Committee – Jinah Williamson (absent)
- Webmaster - Lesley Rhoads
- Audit Committee - Rachel Johnson (absent)
- Mentorship Committee - Gerard Williams
- Scholarships & Awards Committee – Erica Alley
- All present stood to be recognized for their efforts

Annual Awards: Established in 1997

- **Outstanding Service Award** – Kim Fisher was selected for this award because of her work on PCRID's website. She created systems that better enabled PCRID to track member dues and implemented the use of 'cloud' technology.
- **Professional Service Award** – Tony Barraza was chosen for this award because of his cumulative work endeavors and contribution to the interpreting community. He has volunteered in a variety of leadership roles including PCRID, RID, AADB, Wisconsin RID and Mano y Mano.

Election of New Officers: Michael Labadie

- First Vice President
 - Marc Holmes – nominated prior to Business Meeting. Accepted
 - Winner: Marc Holmes
- Member-at-Large, Maryland
 - Natalie Collins – nominated prior to Business Meeting by Heather Mewshaw. Accepted
 - Josh Hughes – nominated by Anne Braun; seconded. Accepted
 - Winner: Natalie Collins
- Treasurer
 - Sherry Atkinson – nominated prior to Business Meeting. Accepted
 - Winner: Sherry Atkinson
- President
 - Jessica Gabrian – nominated by Gerard Williams. Accepted
 - Winner: Jessica Gabrian

Luncheon Sponsor Speeches: GIS, TCS Associates, Vital Signs LLC

- Each sponsor was given ten minutes to address the membership

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By Jessica Gabrian, Interim Secretary

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- **Koko Chino, GIS**
- **Alan Abarbanell, TCS Associates**
- **Keri Murphy, Vital Signs LLC**

Introduction of Honorary PCRID Members: Michael Labadie

- MDAD President – Charm Smith
- DCAD President – David Nelson
- PCRID President announced that DHHIG has recently been added as an Honorary Member

New Business – Motions & Resolution: Michael Labadie

Motion: 2011.01 PCRID Conference Official Language Policy – Michael Labadie & Sarah Blattberg

Whereas the PCRID Annual Conference is open to be attended by people who are not bilingual, including members who are deaf, students, and others. Therefore be it resolved that all workshops and the Business Meeting will be accessible in both ASL and English. Interpreters will provide access from the source language to the target language as a standard practice throughout each session. The English interpretation may be accomplished via open or closed-mic systems.

History: At past conferences when a presenter chooses to sign and dismisses the interpreters because 'we can all sign here', there has been feedback on evaluations and directly to the Board that individuals wanted the English interpretation but feared expressing that would label them oppressive.

Rationale: To ensure that the Annual Conference is accessible to all patrons. Our conference is open to CDIs, members of the deaf community, interpreting students, interpreters, and others. Because we invite those who may be not be bilingual, or are not yet fluent in their second language, we will provide access to create an educational environment where all have equal opportunity to learn.

Note: This policy does not dictate that presenters or the Board must use ASL. The Annual Conference Committee does, however, encourage presenters to use ASL.

In Favor: Gerard Williams, Jennifer Bell & Brian (non-member)

Question from Emily Schenker: Who will decide on whether a closed or open mic is used?

Clarification from Jennifer Bell: We cannot guarantee that we will have enough FM systems because they are donated to us.

Opposed: Anne Braun – She requested that the language in the motion be amended.

Comment: Barry Kramer – A closed mic system would be preferable. The open mic interpretation during the Keynote was distracting.

Move to close discussion: Gerard Williams; seconded

Motion carries.

Motion: 2011.02 Revise the Structure of the Board of Directors - Michael Labadie & Gerard Williams

Motion was referred to the Bylaws Committee

Adjourn: Michael Labadie

- Closed at 2:00pm

