

**MINUTES**  
**W.A.V.L.I. GENERAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 13, 1996**

ATTENDING: Leon Parr-Hamel, David Still, Leslie McPhillips, Caroline Ashby, Dion Taylor, Tarren McKay, Sheryl Smith, Tracey Block, Alice Chang, Kim Bordynuk, Suzie Giroux, Jennifer Barten, Melinda Marshal, Kim Fairless, Linda Franchi, Karen Malcolm, Bryan Starikevicuis, Vicki Yee, Janice Betty, Estelle Blazecka, Sherah Bodie, Marylee Smith, Marna Arnell, Cheryl Palmer, Dorothey Miller, Susan Taylor, Sarah McFayden, Deloris Piper, Diane Pattison, Corrina Salvail, Ava Hawkins sends her regrets.

1. Meeting called to order 1:05 pm

2. Added to Agenda:

- Web page (10 min.)
- Visitor: Shelley Carver to speak to the ASLPI (time -- ?)
- Interpreters for General Meetings

Moved to accept agenda -- Diane

Second -- Cheryl Palmer

3. Minutes accepted with one change. Under Announcements -- corrected spelling of last name for Marilyn Dahl.

Moved to accept minutes -- Corrina

Second -- Tarren

4. President's Report -- report distributed

Diane received fax from Deaf Aids Awareness -- they want a letter of support from W.A.V.L.I. They will be have a "sex social" (safe sex awareness) -- May 16, 1996, 7-10 pm at Burnaby South School. They would like W.A.V.L.I. to donate interpreters and/ or items for sale.

Linda Franchi suggested donating interpreting hours on behalf of W.A.V.L.I.

Reminder -- survey from AVLIC is not only for members

AVLISA has a professional development workshop planned -- please see Diane for details.

Membership queried as to where WAVLI stood with the Health Professions Act. Vicki is to investigate and bring it back to the membership.

Moved to accept report -- Diane

Second -- Tracy

5. Vice Presidents's Report -- report distributed

Re April 3rd meeting for Oral Interpreting/Facilitating -- discussed setting up a program for Oral Interpreters. More investigation is needed to find out where the program is best suited.

New Directory -- Cheryl Palmer asked what's up with the new directory -- perhaps will be ready for next Sept. Any errors, please let the membership committee know.

Portfolio's are available in draft form today if anyone is interested before the elections. The portfolios will not be given to each member. If one becomes an executive member, they will get a copy of the appropriate portfolio.

Moved to accept report -- Monica

Second -- Estelle

6. Treasurer's Report

Profit -- \$5,374.21

Caroline noted that without the Pasta Feast, we would be in the red.

We have applied for Master Card merchant number -- not yet approved.

Remember AVLIC work a day. WAVLI will match all dollars.

Moved to accept report -- Suzie

Second -- Caroline

7. Member at Large -- report distributed

Have contacted some Deaf groups -- waiting for reply

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 8.1 Newsletter Committee

Do you want newsletter stapled? Majority said "no".

"Newsletter is beautiful and professional." -- comment from non member

Moved to accept report -- Cheryl Palmer

Second -- Sue Harry

### 8.2 Membership Committee

Barb was not able to attend. Sent membership report -- included Motion as follows:

"I move that we establish an additional membership category for people interested in receiving our newsletter only. The rate will be \$20.00 per year."

Second -- unknown

Discussion: Associated membership was originally established to include individuals or groups who are associated with WAVLI. Change name and price of Associated Membership.

Motion defeated

Motion: Membership committee to prepare a list of people interested in newsletter only and forward it to the Ripple committee. The Ripple committee will then decide on cost and send to interested people.

Second -- Cheryl Palmer

Motion defeated

Motion (Sara) -- Associated member category fee changed to \$20.00/year.

Second -- Dorothy

Passed

The Executive needs to get clarification from the constitution and other documentation.

ASLPI PRESENTATION -- Shelley Carver

Fundraising Prizes were drawn for. Winners -- Tarren, Todd and Sherah

### 8.3 Professional Development Committee -- report distributed

Please pass mini workshop ideas on the committee. Some workshops will be held on Saturday's.

Is WAVLI professional development valid for RID points? No answer yet.  
WAVLI will issue certificates. AVLIC will give C.E.U. (continuing education units)

Summer Institute dates, topics not yet decided.

Moved to accept report -- Tracey  
Second -- Dion

### 8.4 Fundraising -- report distributed

Scavenger Hunt:  
Win a prize to Reno. More prizes are still needed.

Move to accept -- Leona  
Second --- Dave

### 8.5 Professional Standards -- Report distributed

Emergency List: membership had discussion of the use of an emergency list including of what is an emergency, distribution of the list to Deaf community and community organizations. How should this list be advertised?

P.R. Package: Does WAVLI need to develop a PR package to define what interpreters do and where to find them.

Licensing: We do not fit any category of the Health Professions Act. Will pursue further to find the appropriate licensing body.

Move to accept the report -- Deloris  
Second -- Dave

8.6 Care Committee -- Alyson sent her regrets -- report forwarded to meeting.

Report highlighted members who have been congratulated, comforted and encouraged in the past six months.

Move to accept -- Melinda

Second -- Dave

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Web Page: Membership discussed implications of a Web Page. A committee is to be struck to decide what a Web Page would look like. Committee members: Carolyn, Todd and Merylee will report back to the Executive and liaison with the Ripple Committee.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Post Secondary Screening Tool

Minutes from the screening tool meetings are to be filed by the secretary. Next screening tool meeting -- April 17, 1996.

ASLPI: Membership discussed purpose of ASLPI, who decides what level is required for employment, how does the COI fit in? The ASLPI was initiated by a joint committee of Douglas College and VCC and the purpose was to weed out people with low signing ability. A special meeting will be called.

10.2 Discussed pros and cons of having to work (interpret) at the general meeting or should the meeting be conducted in ASL?

10.3 Elections:

President: Diane Pattison (re-elected)

Treasurer: Suzie Giroux (re-elected)

Secretary: Estelle Blazicka

Membership: Sheryl Smith / Jennifer Beauchamp

Care Committee: Libby Russell

Fundraising: Leona Parr-Hamel (re-elected) / Kim Bordynuk

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. Next Meeting:     October 19, 1996  
                           1 - 4 p.m.  
                           Douglas College  
                           VLIT Room 0624

Meeting Adjourned