

**WAVLI Executive Meeting  
Wednesday, November 25, 1998**

**AGENDA Minutes**

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**Present:** Ali Rodney, Deloris Piper, Tanya Bailey, Barb Mykle-Hotzon, Marna Arnell, Cheryl Palmer, Diane Pattison, Tricia Griffioen, Leona Parr-Hamel, Tarren McKay, Caroline Leadbetter, Linda Jenkins

**Regrets:** Suzie Giroux, Vicki Yee, Sara MacFayden

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**1. Call Meeting to Order**

6:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Diane, Second: Barb

**3. Time Items**

Barb offered to do this, and keep track throughout the meeting

**4. Accept Minutes from October meeting**

-change 7.2, Add: for post-secondary screening tool

-motion to accept: Barb, Second: Diane

**5. Executive Reports**

**5.1 President**

-still haven't found someone to go to the MIS Meeting. This is the first meeting of the new advisory board (preliminary meeting...need someone to start off). Deloris has a couple more names in mind. Preferably it could be someone with a medical background.

-Directory: will be printed with the same format, but will not rush the new changes. The priority will be the inset for the GVAD news. The process for printing that was discussed at the AGM was reiterated. We got the go ahead for the GVAD insert at the AGM. It looks like the printing will take place in January. If pictures ever get inserted in the future, we will ask people to send in passport pictures. Discussion occurred of when the best time is to print the directory. The directory committee is looking into hiring a member of the Deaf community as the printer.

- We were going to have a volunteer student from Emily Carr, to do some work on the logo, but it is too late for their deadline this year. We could possibly have this done in the spring.

-An announcement from Greg Desrosiers (from GVAD) was read out loud.

-Re. the Nov. 15 post-secondary screening deadline- did this information get out to members? How is the best way to get info like this out to members? Is a mailout the best way? There have not been complaints about communication, but we want to make sure that important things from the exec.meetings are told to members.

-there has not been any feedback received regarding the disability

insurance package

-discussed the idea of providing/selling food or drinks at the AGM

-allotted time ran out, moved items under "New Business"

-Motion to accept report: Deloris, Second: Barb

## **5.2 Vice President's Report**

-not in attendance

## **5.3 Treasurer's Report**

-Suzie was not here, but sent along a motion to be read out:

**Motion: " I move that we do a monthly chat column after every Board meeting to apprise members of important information. We will notify members of this new Web column in the Ripple, and offer a hard copy for members who are not on-line. (Deloris) Second: Barb**

Discussion: do the members want this?

-most people don't know what goes on at board meetings

Friendly addendum: "for members who prefer this format. This will be mailed by WAVLI monthly.

Vote: Motion defeated

-The chapter fee was waived to all AVLIC affiliates, and we were refunded for \$225. The professional development committee will decide what to do with this money.

-A date has not been set for the next chapter president's meeting. This will take place in Manitoba, and Deloris will book a ticket as soon as she gets confirmation of the date. Motion to accept report: Tarren,

Second: Barb

## **5.4 Member-at large**

-not in attendance

## **5.5 Secretary**

-Email is down at work, so please use the hotmail address (alirodney@hotmail.com)

-Will contact Donna regarding getting schedule calendars from other organizations that we have interest with

-Will look into a different format for the agendas so that "actions" are more clear -spoke -Gave a brief summary of the November 18th parent workshop "Classroom Interpreting" which was sponsored by FNDC

-Motion to accept (Ali), Second: Barb

## **5.6 Past President**

-not in attendance

# **6. Committee Reports**

## **6.1 Professional Standards**

-committee is at work on the "Pro-d Professional Practices" paper

-George Bryce will come to the meeting in April and will contact STIBC regarding "protection of title will cost \$10000 in their perspective"..his estimate is \$2000. We told him that our budget is \$750

-Post-secondary interpreters meeting was held regarding lobbying for ceiling of \$25/hr to be raised. Six people from Vancouver were there, and six people from the Island (via the phone). The last provincial raise was in 1991 (now equivalent to around \$29). The government came up with the ceiling limit by polling interpreters across Canada and figured out what the maximum was. The standard of living in Vancouver is higher (\$30000 here is the equivalent of \$18000 in Winnipeg). Only 3 people at the meeting actually worked in post-secondary. Maybe we're unclear of what we can do to help. Information was in the Ripple about the meeting.

-Motion to accept : Barb, Second: Tarren

## **6.2 Professional Development**

-discussed whether we have a policy for workshop refunds; not clear about the exact motion that was made previously about transferring workshop seats

-if there is not a policy already in past minutes, will set one up

-OAVLI item: Were WAVLI members allowed to go to this? Information from the professional development report was reiterated. An executive member promised funds to them for a workshop, which we can afford to give, but we only gave \$100. We need to have a protocol for correspondence. Deloris sent a letter but the pro-d committee hadn't seen it yet

-It seems OAVLI interpreters are feeling pressured to join WAVLI, because they need to be a member for the post-secondary screening and the MIS hiring. We can go in and do pro-d by going into the interior with Greg D (have funding for this). Will talk with Marie to strengthen their relationship with WAVLI. Perhaps we need to do more work at bringing the Okanogan interpreters on board.

-motion to accept report (Tarren) second (Diane)

## **6.3 Fundraising**

-seven people have gone out to look for corporate sponsors. Letters will be sent out on January 1st. have letters out

-The auction will be taking place in December of 1999, because we need to have the corporate letters out one year in advance for the planning of donations.

-A fundraising committee meeting will be held on Saturday at 10 am in the ITP room.

-There will be a few smaller fundraising events before the auction. Definitely something in April or May

-Motion to accept report (Leona), Second: (Diane)

## **6.4 Membership**

-Comparing prices of printers for the directory at this time.

-Directory will include additional information if people want a little file of info/education about themselves added on

- directory committee will phone to survey members about any changes
- Question of whether we should limit the amount of information in the directory, and what kind of information.
- For the GVAD newsletter directory insert, they would prefer one MAIN contact number (v/tty/fax/cell). Pick your preference as to how you want the Deaf community to contact you. Caroline will talk to JJ regarding how many pages this should be and how it will be set up
- The committee is hoping to have photos in the directory next year, and possibly having it alphabetized by first name.
- motion to accept report (Caroline) ; Second (Cheryl)

### **6.5 Newsletter**

- Did not get any feedback yet from the crossword puzzle. Executive members said they really enjoyed it. It was created by Cheryl.
- Monica sent an email- she got the newsletters and other extra copies to be given to Caroline

## **7. Old Business**

### **7.1 Marna**

- The job description for oral interpreters is being worked on, will mail a copy of the draft to Deloris and the advisory board for feedback. Internal service project committee members thus far will get one
- ASL fun nights- The members of the WAVLI executive are missing it because it is always on the last same day as board meetings (last Wednesday of the month)
- Attended a meeting of college interpreter coordinators, and discussed the supply/demand of interpreters. They tried to come up with reasons that interpreters don't stay in the profession, and we need some statistics on the true reasons. She reminded us that we have the power to change what we earn per hour because there is a shortage of interpreters.
- suggestion to set up a committee regarding rates and policies of fees for services. Possibility of paying someone to set this up.

### **7.2 Leona**

- WIDHH is following along with WAVLI's position on not sending uncertified interpreters to work in the court system. The courts are not happy about this, and are continuing to call uncertified people on their own. This seems to be turning into an access issue. WIDHH fully supports its interpreters to work towards getting their COI. There is a lot of court work
- professional standards will write a letter to WIDHH
- discussed the possibility of setting up a mentorship program with COI interpreters for those who are working towards getting certified.
- There has been no response from Bev Clark, she will be phoned.

### **7.3 Cheryl-Phone Tree**

- Concerned about the last phone tree, as it was used to ask for donations

for Deaf-Deaf World

**Motion: WAVLI phone tree process will not be used to solicit funds for other organizations other than WAVLI/AVLIC (Tarren )** Discussion,

Vote : All in favour

-talked about Deaf-Deaf world, Sheri was contacted very late and asked for our involvement. Was not able to attend any planning meetings.

Sheri will look into how much profit was made by DYP from Deaf-Deaf World.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Suzie -issue already discussed**

#### **8.2 Diane- AVLIC report**

-attended two days of AVLIC Board meetings (two long days-8am-5pm each day, covered two full pages of agenda)

-talked about all of the projects that our chapter money goes to

-they had a great list of ongoing projects, what stage they are in, and contact person

-Q : How far in advance did we know that people went from WAVLI? A: Diane was not bringing a BC perspective , only AVLIC issues

-Diane will do a synopsis of minutes for us

#### **8.3 Deloris's Items**

-we need a policies/procedures committee to work on developing a manual like AVLIC's, maybe we can use theirs to help work on this. Deloris and Tarren will work on this.

-December meeting/ party- Discussed possibilities of where to hold this and who to invite/ which date to hold it on . December 16 was decided on, and it will be at Tarren's house.

**Motion: I move that WAVLI give \$200 for the WAVLI X-mas party (Leona) .** Discussion, vote: defeated

-Committee composed of Deloris and Tarren to discuss and contact us