

**Amended Minutes WAVLI Executive Meeting  
Tuesday May 27, 2003 Douglas College Room 1805**

**1. Called to order at 6:45pm**

**Present:** Sara MacFayden, Suzie Giroux, Michelle Obedzinski, Anita Gock, Jen Till, Robyn Albert, Tania Beaudry, Alice Chang, Allison Sands, Cheryl Palmer, Leah Venechuk, Jill Yates

**Regrets:** Deloris Piper, Carmelle Cachero, Paula Bath, Todd Peterson, Carmen Srdanovic, Brenda Erlandson, Brenda Carmichael, Karen White, Emily Drew, Karli Thomas, Paula Bath, Renae Carey, Kim Spink, Lisa McCarron, Sherree Harman

**Absent:** Jen Komzak, Dean Wiebe

**2. Approval of Agenda – Cheryl/Tania**

**3. Time items –** complete items 5 & 6 in under 1 hour and adjourn meeting by 8:15pm

**4. Accept minutes from last meeting –** February 25 and April 29 minutes - Suzie/Michelle

**5. Executive Reports**

**5.1 President -** Sara sent written report out

**5.2 Past President -** Deloris sent written report out

**5.3 Vice President –** Suzie sent written report out. Discussion around Deaf Congress donation. It was noted that is for individuals to decide if they want to and that WAVLI donated to the Youth Group along with other chapters.

**5.4 Treasurer -** Karen sent in written report and noted that WAVLI has over \$6000.00 spending money for projects, etc. and that the CIBC account has been closed which will save us \$16/month. Receipts for reimbursement can be mailed to Karen's home. Cheryl inquired as to the inclusion of a contingency fund for the Professional Standards Committee in that \$6000.00 or should something else be set up? As the application for title protection may need an actual amount on it. Cheryl will email Karen to inquire about this.

**5.5 Secretary -** Carmelle – no report

**5.6 Member at Large -** Jen – no report

**6. Committee Reports**

**6.1 Professional Standards -** Barb – no report

**6.2 Professional Development -** Kim & Alice sent written report out

**6.3 Fundraising -** Tania & Paula submitted written report. Golf tournament to be postponed until 2005 due to lack of appropriate prizes, price of 9 holes, etc. The raffle seems to be a better way to make \$ right now, the draw was planned for the golf tournament but will now take place at the June Exec. Meeting. The next raffle is in the works with a free international flight donated from Tarren's points, \$100 Canadian Tire gift certificate and other great prizes. Plan to have the tickets ready for people to take to the AVLIC meeting for each chapter to sell. The Chapter that sells the most raffle tickets will win a free registration to the AVLIC 2004 conference which they can then raffle off as a fundraiser for themselves. Tania will send an email to each Chapter president explaining this cross Canada raffle.

**6.4 Membership** – Michelle – sent written report out but noted that 8 more people have moved from supporting to active member. So we now have approx. 130 active members and 10 or 11 supporting members

**6.5 Newsletter** - Todd – no report

**6.6 Care Committee** - Carmen – no report but there has been a planter purchased to thank Sara's parents for the use of their home for the retreat. Cheryl will deliver the planter.

**6.7 AVLIC 2004 Planning Committee** – Next meeting June 4, 2003

## **7. Old Business**

**7.1** Debrief/review action plans from WAVLI Board Retreat May 9-10 ... Not really ready for debriefing but thanks to Sara for all her hard work. Mission statements, policies and follow-up are in the works.

**7.2** CAEDHH Conference – Deloris, Karen and Jill have figured out whom to contact. Satellite site possibilities include Prince George & Courtenay/Comox or Campbell River. They are trying to figure out where the need is the greatest. Sara noted that it is important to let the CAEDHH BC people know the topic for the workshop soon as they will want to print brochures. It was pointed out that the cost for these satellite workshops will have 2 categories – one for members and another for non-members.

**7.3** Meet the Executive Night – Thursday May 29, 2003 from 5-7pm in the Douglas College boardroom. Approximately 8 new graduates plan on attending. Incoming and outgoing board members will bring food, drinks, plates, etc. Tania will pick up dance tix from Marna and bring them to the meeting to sell.

## **8. New Business**

**8.1** Possible fundraising partnership with WIDHH - Brenda C to approach WIDHH to discuss the possibility of using their charitable donation #. The money donated would go onto WIDHH books and then they in turn would make a donation to WAVLI. Suzie pointed out that this may be illegal and should be looked into further. Also, Sara will get Brenda C to talk to JJ first as JJ may already be approaching WIDHH for something similar.

**8.2** Executive Meeting for the fall – We will continue to meet once a month on the last Tuesday at Douglas College and re-evaluate in the Fall for the new year. After the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, meetings will resume on the 26<sup>th</sup> of Aug, then continue monthly thereafter; Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the first half of December (exact date to be decided later) for a final 2003 meeting/Xmas party. Sara noted that a lot of the portfolio positions are co-chaired and therefore most of the meetings would have quorum if the co-chairs could ensure that at least one of them were at each meeting.

**8.3** Phone Tree re May 31 dance– the phone tree serves a few purposes; many members are overwhelmed by the amount of emails they receive and phone contact is a more personal way to get a message out. Execs reported various responses from members about the dance in Abbotsford, some positive, some concerned about the distance. Often the call was answered by voice mail and execs left a message.

**8.4** WAVLI clothing – Carmen needs the orders and \$ by Friday May 31, 2003. Orders can be mailed to her home. Wearing the clothes acts as advertisement and people may regret not purchasing them so there was talk of the possibility of a second sale.

**8.5 Directory Deadline** – Brenda E and Dean are now doing the directory. April 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for inclusion into the directory. Michelle will send out emails to those who sent their info cards & money in late in case they have concerns so that Brenda E doesn't have to field those questions, etc. April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is very strict, this follows AVLIC's deadline and last minute entries mean a lot of work reformatting the directory. Michelle has been proactive in trying to format for potential members such as the new grads. Photos from the April 5<sup>th</sup> GM will be included **IF** payment was received by the 1<sup>st</sup>. Another reason for the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is for easier financial planning. Michelle noted that there were fewer late members this year compared to last year.

AVLIC donated \$ to support the directory costs. It was agreed to include the statement "WAVLI recognizes AVLIC for their contribution to the printing of this directory" Last year there were 400 copies printed at a cost of approximately \$1000.00. There is an anticipated higher demand for them this year (WBP wants 40, WIDHH 25, MAPCL 20, etc)

**MOTION: Michelle/Cheryl** - that we increase the # of directories printed from 400 to 600 for the 2003-2004 year **CARRIED**

Changes to the directory include: the front cover of the directory should read "Membership Directory" instead of "Interpreter Directory", include the use of "sign language interpreter" on the inside in keeping with the pursuit of title protection, add a line about where and how to contact medical interpreters.

Various committee email addresses were verified.

**9 Correspondence** - none

**10 Announcements**

- Silent Walk Sunday June 1, 2003 at Trout Lake from 1-5pm
- D.I.C.O – Saturday June 14, 2003
- Auction – November 8, 2003
- Check the GVAD news for dates of upcoming events so when planning we don't overlap with anything

**11. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm** - Tania