

WAVLI Executive Meeting
Tuesday December 9, 2003 at Robyn Albert's Home Port Coquitlam

1. Called to order at 8:24pm

Present: Sara MacFayden, Deloris Piper, Karen White, Robyn Albert, Karli Thomas, Barb Mykle-Hotzon, Brenda Carmichael, Anita Gock, Leah Venechuk, Emily Drew, Lisa McCarron, Allison Sands, Jillian Yates

Regrets: Suzie Giroux, Brenda Erlandson, Dean Wiebe, Sherree Harman, Renae Carey, Jennifer Till

Agenda to include:

- Auction Proceeds
- Spending
- Farewell to Jan
- ISP Advisory Committee Meeting update

- 1) Auction Proceeds – Brenda has not calculated the expenses yet but net proceeds are estimated at \$3400.00

- 2) Spending – Karen/Deloris
 - WAVLI will sponsor the boat cruise for AVLIC 2004. Therefore we are going to request that each Lower Mainland member donate \$30 to cover the cost of the boat cruise for themselves plus an out-of-town member to participate.
 - Each board member will contact the people on their phone tree section via a personalized email to make the request. This will be followed up with a phone call in the new year. Reasoning – it is very close to Xmas to be requesting money but we want to contact the members before the Dec. 31 AVLIC 2004 earlybird deadline.
 - Sherree and Renae will update the phone tree with new members included. In the meantime, those board members with 604 area code contacts can begin to send out the emails and those with 250 area codes will wait for Sherree/Renae to give them a list of new members to contact. In the New Year, the finalized phone tree (including all new members to that date) will be distributed to be used for the follow up phone calls.
 - At the time of the conference any costs for the cruise (or conference in general) not covered by the \$30 donation or ticket sales will be covered by WAVLI.
 - \$ could be spent on more PR for WAVLI. This could be in the form of brochures, TV/newspaper advertisements, etc. Other options for spending include hiring a person to write the policy and procedures manual, putting on a follow up session to the townhall meeting here and/or on the Island (Sara is waiting for Lisa Anderson to get back to her on this). Maybe the session could be held in a pleasant location and include snacks and beverages which would make it a worthwhile treat for participants.

- Discussion around the workshop put on by Patrick Bondreault in Edmonton regarding Deaf Interpreters. Suggestion of sending one of our DIs to participate but dropped due to time constraints. (today is Dec. 9 and the workshop is on Jan 17)
 - Sara will forward the workshop advertisement to GVAD and some Deaf folks in case they are interested.
 - Anita will contact Patrick B. to see what his availability is in 2004. Possibly set up a Vancouver based workshop with him.
 - Discussion around taking advantage of all the work Deb Russell does, in the David Piekoff Chair, organizing workshops and presentations. Can we use the same people and have them do a tour including BC with their Alberta gigs?
 - Deb Russell's legal workshop in Alberta was fantastic – can we invite her here?
- 3) Farewell to Jan
- Barb talked to DC faculty and they are planning to go out for dinner or something similar: no big plans
 - WAVLI GM in March we could make a big fuss. Possibly need to send her an invitation because she may be in Seattle at that time. At the GM we could summarize her achievements/contribution to BC's interpreting community, give her a keepsake (BC theme – Native or other) and conference registration. Lisa and Allison will brainstorm ideas.
- 4) ISP Advisory Committee Update – Sara
- At the Nov 28, 2003 meeting Sara was WAVLI's rep. At that time she passed on WAVLI members' concerns regarding the new pay grade scale. The new pay scale will increase some interpreters' hourly rate, from 1991 to 2003, approximately \$1.00. Many are not satisfied with this. Sara tried to pass these concerns along diplomatically and respectfully while being supportive of the ISP and all it has done.
 - Sara received a letter from Marna Arnell. It was addressed to the WAVLI executive and expressed her feelings from that meeting.
 - Much discussion around the need to acknowledge Marna's feelings and respond to her letter reaffirming our respect for her and her work. Sara will write a personal letter to Marna and Sara and Deloris will draft a letter from the executive to Marna. The letter should include our suggestion for a new kind of process.
 - WAVLI to set up a committee to work in collaboration with ISP on post-secondary interpreting.
 - Sara will follow up with an open letter to all WAVLI members via e-groups to apprise them of the situation.

Adjourned at 10:20pm