

Minutes WAVLI Executive Meeting
Tuesday April 05, 2005 Douglas College Room 2802

1. Called to order at 7:15pm

Present: Sara MacFayden, Deloris Piper, Karen White, Jill Verbickas, Kirsten Hagemoen, Barb Mykle-Hotzon, Karli Thomas

Regrets: Robyn Albert, Emily Drew, Lisa McCarron, Dean Wiebe, Brenda Erlandson, Renae Carey, Leah Venechuk, Suzie Giroux, Pamela Hooff, Brenda Carmichael, Anita Gock, Allison Sands,

Incoming Board Members present: Jessica Siegers, Denise Zaplotynsky, Patricia Menjivar, Jen Yim

2. Approval of Agenda – Karli/Karen *we will hear only from committees needing time

3. Time items – none

4. Approval of minutes from Feb 01, 2004 meeting – As presented Karen/Karli

5. Executive Reports

5.1 President - Sara - nothing to report

5.2 Past President – Deloris - nothing to report

5.3 Vice President - Suzie - nothing to report

5.4 Treasurer - Karen - - nothing to report, except to say that WAVLI has more money than first thought due to proceeds from the Shark Club (50/50 draws) and various other small deposits

5.5 Secretary – Robyn - nothing to report

5.5 Member-at-Large – Karli – re: WAVLI bursary: 1 qualifying application received, 1 more “in the mail”.

Discussion ensued on the validity of the bursary, revising the application process and the need to advertise more efficiently.

Reasons for not applying for the bursary were given as

A: too much work at practicum/portfolio time

B: students may not think it's worth the effort

Ideas suggested for change

A: WAVLI should pick the person based on grades and criteria

B: move the timing of the application until after grad/portfolio

C: use the money to buy the graduating class flowers/plaques of congratulations

D: pay WAVLI dues for all graduates staying in BC

E: Instead of paying for the introductory year of membership, pay for the 2nd yr as WAVLI/AVLIC member due to the first yr membership being offered at a reduced rate.

Action to be taken: Karli will look into each idea...perhaps change will come for next years offering. Keep this item on the agenda for review at future mtgs.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Professional Standards – Barb - nothing to report

6.2 Professional Development – Anita/Jill

- Government and Politics Workshop – April 16, 2005
good response so far

- Dave Still Workshop – May 14, 2005
advertising yet to be done

- Summer Institute on hold for now. Goal is for new Pro-D committee and old Pro-D committee to set up a CAEDHH conference workshop while pushing the *Summer Institute* to 2006

Discussion ensued on Summer Institutes by various other AVLIC Chapters and how they were put on, etc.

To be done by May 05 mtg: Look into WSRID's Summer Institute and the feasibility (costs, benefits, etc.) of sending a WAVLI member (candidates to be sent could include -Professional Development Committee Chair, an interpreter working in K-12 setting, or a possible presenter for the CAEDHH workshop) Deadline for application for WSRID Early Bird Application is May 20th.

Continued discussion on "Educational Interpreters Consultants" in Manitoba and how that might be a model for something that WAVLI could do as well.

6.3 Fundraising – Brenda C – nothing to report

Discussion on the fact that the Fundraising Chair is vacant and how to recruit an interested person for the Board to appoint; it could be a graduating student.

6.4 **Membership** – Renae

- Processed 100 + applications for memberships so far
- having twins – Denise confirmed that the new co-chairs will take over asap

6.5 Newsletter – Leah & Emily – nothing to report

6.6 Care Committee – Allison & Lisa – nothing to report

6.7 **Directory Committee** – Dean & Brenda E – nothing to report, other than getting everything ready to hand over to Francois Pepin as new chair of the committee

6.8 Post-Secondary Interpreters Committee – Allison – nothing to report

6.8 **Douglas College ITP Student Rep** – Kirsten

- Encouraged students to send contributions to the Ripple. Sent an article on 2nd Years practicum experience to the Ripple.
- Advertised and encouraged students to sign up for Government workshop
- Advertised and answered questions about the WAVLI GM
- Went to Winnipeg for my second practicum! Attended the MAVLI GM. Hubert Demers welcomed Laine Le Vecque (other 2nd Year student) and myself to the meeting as members of WAVLI. Mandy MacDonald is the new MAVLI president.
- MAVLI's membership categories are different than WAVLI's. Their student membership category allows students to vote and hold board positions. They are anticipating changes in their membership categories after AVLIC announces changes in 2006.
- 1st year students are finished their term on April 15th. They are still looking for summer volunteer interpreting opportunities.
- 2nd year students are currently in week one of their last practicum. It ends April 29th.
- Practicum Presentations will take place May 19th and 20th. Anyone is welcome to come and watch.

- The graduating class is having a post-grad banquet for students, staff, friends and family on Friday, June 3rd and will be looking for interpreters for the evening. Discussion on timing of the grad appreciation party – directly conflicting with AVLICs GM.

7. Old Business

7.1 Next step for WAVLI initiatives:

List of five initiatives from the WAVLI Spring GM need to be fleshed out before being pursued.

Karen White has spoken with Kristi Falconer, waiting to hear from Sara MacFayden, Suzie Giroux, and Barb Mykle-Hotzon.

All initiatives should be presented to the board by June Executive Meeting for approval and then made fully presentable for the membership by the October GM.

8. New Business

8.1 Plans for board retreat in June

-June 11th, 2005 was decided as the date, location to be confirmed later

-Barb offered her home in Langley for an afternoon potluck

-further ideas to be brought to May 05 meeting.

8.2 Meet the Executive Night

-Kirsten to get back to Karli re: last day of classes for graduating class. Karli will send out the invitation as soon as she hears from Kirsten. Possible end of May date. Wednesday nights are best

8.3 Request from BCADB re monetary support for Deaf Blind Awareness Week

~ Discussion evolved around what does "support" mean?

~ Jill and Deloris thought a monetary donation would be sufficient – discussion ensued on how to decide which events should garner financial support from WAVLI – decision: nationally hosted events (eg: Canadian Deaf Curling) are financially supportable...local events, too many to be able to impartially decide which is "worthy" of donation.

~ WAVLI could show support by advertising in a program book or something that results in PR for WAVLI

~ decision postponed due to lack of complete information until May meeting

~ Action: Sara will ask Suzie to do more research into what is being asked of WAVLI

8.4 Request from SFCD re TTY's

~ again, a request for monetary support.

~ Discussion continued. Barb reiterated the need for a clear policy on WAVLI's response to donation requests

~ Karen – suggestion that WAVLI can send out an advertisement on the list-serve to members asking for old TTY's for donation – but not \$\$

8.5 Suzie: Sending Robyn (as Vice President) to AVLIC meeting in June

~ AVLIC GM June 04-06 in Edmonton; simultaneous Chapter Presidents meeting and AVLIC Board meeting. Suzie is both the WAVLI President and on the AVLIC Board. Should WAVLI send Robyn (V.P.) in Suzie's stead to the meeting?

~ discussion on whether Sara (as outgoing president) or Robyn (as incoming vice president) should be there. Concerns raised around continuity and familiarity with issues and with concerns that will be discussed. Preferable to have BOTH Sara and Robyn attend the Presidents meeting

~ further discussion on the need for Sara to attend AVLIC AGM as the MCC co-chair.

Motion – Barb/Karen:

I move that WAVLI buys a (return) airfare for Robyn Albert to attend the Chapter Presidents Meeting on June 03, 2005 in Edmonton.

Carried.

Motion – Karen/Deloris:

I move that WAVLI purchase a (return) airfare for Sara MacFayden to attend the AVLIC General Meeting as the M.C.C. co-chair on June 03, 2005 in Edmonton.

Carried.

8.6 Professional Standard Committee Chair

- ~ Barb: 1 person is interested in the position.
- ~ decision was that the new professional standards chair would need to be approved by an executive motion and then appointed
- ~ chair must also be approved by the Pro Stds committee members
- ~ Chairperson must realize the importance of the position and attendance at monthly meetings
- ~Further discussion...the Professional Standards mandate has been allowed to slide in the past....need for committee to be active

8.7 Disbanding the Care Committee

~suggestion by Barb that the Care Committee has outlived its usefulness.

Reasons given: people/events get missed out

Who decides what is a “noteworthy event”

No other professional assoc. has one.

~ discussion on possibly placing the care committee as a sub committee under Member at Large, or changing the mandate of the care committee.

~ changing the responsibilities of the care committee to something more constructive to the community at large – ie: donating time/\$\$ to food bank or Union Gospel Mission.

~ nothing decided.

~ **Action:** to think of suggestions to bring to the membership at large at the Oct GM.

8.8 Oral Deaf Panel

Jen Yim and Deloris, along with the Pro-D committee would like to see a WAVLI sponsored Oral Deaf Information Panel and Workshop set up as a continuation of the Oral Interpreting Workshops.

Action to be taken: Jen and Deloris will speak with the Pro-D committee on the likelihood of setting up the panel either before June or at the October GM.

9. Announcements

9.1 **Upcoming community events** – WIDHH Gen Mtg Apr 19,
- Deaf Deaf World May 7

9.2 **Next Exec Meeting** – Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 7:00 pm in Room 2802

10. Adjournment 8:54PM - Barb