

WAVLI Executive Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at Douglas College Room 2802
Meeting: 6:30 to 8:59
MINUTES

1. Call to Order : 6:30

Present: Suzie Giroux, Geoff Chiasson, Jen Yim, Jessica Siegers, Robyn Albert, Lsz Keallen, Brianne Braun, Brenda Pitcairn, Rebecca McCormick, Sara MacFayden, Karen White, Nathalie Freyvogel

Regrets: Denise Zaplotynsky

Student Representative: Kyla Maertz

2. Approval of Agenda: Suzie/Robyn

3. Accept Minutes from May 15, 2006 Executive Meeting as amended - Geoff/ Robyn

5. Executive Reports: 6:40 to 7:00

5.1 President - Suzie

Activities to Date:

- Liaised with committees as necessary, corresponding via email and telephone
- Received letter from member with concerns to bring to the WAVLI Board
- Discussed various issues with WAVLI members
- Attended WIDHH Gala: Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28, 2006
- Received proposal in response to RFP for K-12 initiative
- Received, sorted, distributed WAVLI postal mail and email

Ongoing Activities:

- Liaise with committees as required

For Discussion:

Under New Business

5.2 Past President – Sara

- Attended Council of Service Providers mtg.
- Initiative afoot -- "Legacies Now 2010", which is a push for BC communities to "shine" as accessible. May be something to keep in mind.
- Attended the WIDHH gala. Had a great time.

5.3 Vice President – Robyn

- No report submitted

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5.4 Treasurer – Karen

- Action from last meeting:

What the AVLIC chapters charge for membership dues:

Chapter	Active Member	Supporting Member
ACRID	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00
MAPSLI	\$ 35.00	\$ 12
OASLI	\$ 70.00	\$ 50.00
SLINC	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00

WAVLI currently collects \$6000 a year income from membership. Liability insurance for board members, printing of the *Ripple* and the Directory = \$6000.....everything beyond that is overhead. Budget for Pro-d -- \$300 in 2005 -- public relations \$300 in 2005... overhead was high in 2005 due to office supplies etc that were purchased, but will last for years now. WAVLI has no other recourse for cutting expenses, so we either raise our dues or stop printing the *Ripple/Directory*.

Time to raise the cost -- perhaps by \$20

Action: Will bring a motion to the October 2006 general meeting.

5.5 Secretary – Jessica

Activities to Date:

- Attended the May Executive meeting
- Typed minutes accordingly

Ongoing Activities:

- nothing to report at this time

For Discussion:

- none

5.6 Members at Large - Jen

Activities to Date:

- Attended May exec meeting
- Organized and facilitated meet and greet for new grads
- Corresponded with executives through e-mail
- Booked room for GM but will continue looking

Ongoing Activities:

- Continue to find room for GM
- Book interpreters for GM
- Book rooms for upcoming executive meetings

Discussion

- New dates for executive meetings; will be discussed over email.

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6. Committee Reports:

6.1 Professional Standards – Lizz

Activities to Date:

- **Legal:** nothing to report

- **Mental Health:** PSC rep attended informal meeting to collect feedback from MIS on-call interpreters; same PSC rep attended MIS advisory Board meeting on June 16th (summary available at June 20th Executive Board meeting)

- **Education (K-12):** responded to a request for suggestions from a Deaf community member from the Okanagan with concerns around what can be done after a school board hires an individual not trained as an interpreter to work in a high school. Sub-committee meeting set for July to discuss goals for 2006-2007

- **Community: Suddenlaunch3** - several topics of discussion (e.g. 15 responses) with a new question to appear later this month. **"Deaf Education Initiative"**- Kevin Ettinger & Tara Everett withdrew from the project for personal reasons; Melissa Campbell & Susi Bolender (applicants rated with second highest score) accepted offer - project name changed to "Community Education Outreach", draft materials to be ready for discussion at next PSC committee meeting; **Forum Action Groups** - agreed upon date to all meet now set for first week in July; **Committee meeting** - Professional Standards scheduled to meet July 18th - goals for 2006-2007; Anita Harding's position vacancy; **WAVLI website renewal** - discussions with two Deaf graduates from graphic design and website development programs to assist with WAVLI website renewal in exchange for portfolio development (further info available at June 20th Executive Board meeting); **Request for Proposal** - participated and assisted as member of reading circle/selection group along with organizing communications; **Post Secondary Interpreter rep** - spoke with Allison Sands about potential recruits to act as rep with PSC; **Okanagan WAVLI - PSC rep**; received resume and 2 reference letters of support for Deborah Perry (to work along side Melinda Hamming)

- **Mental Health:** ongoing online committee discussion about PSC role with WBP workshop interpreters who have concerns around contracting issues

Ongoing Activities:

-Community Education Outreach
-WIDHH - CIS meeting

For Discussion:

-Under New Business

6.2 Professional Development – Brenda P.

-Corresponding with Deloris and Marna for the Oral workshops, happening summer of 2006
- Withdrew from the CAEDHH Conference due to time and money constraints and tension..
Decision to withdraw made in conjunction with the President, Vice President
-Discussion started on offering workshops for K-12 interpreters in the Fall of 2007, coinciding with but separate from CAEDHH -- offering the workshops at BCSD? Will start looking into the possibilities.

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6.3 Fundraising – Jen

Activities to Date:

- Contacted Clipper Street -no response
- Contacted Jen Smith-Dickson- no response
- Contacted Shark club- next pub night- Aug 19th
- Correspondence with Marion re: WAVLI clothing
- Met with new fundraising chair Nathalie to pass on info
- This is my last report as fundraising chair, I would like to thank the board for giving me this opportunity. I know that Nathalie will be a great asset to the board and I look forward to working with her for the upcoming pubnight.

Ongoing Activities:

- Reported above

For Discussion:

- Nathalie -- welcome.
- Looking forward to the PubNight, trying to think up ways to revitalize this event.
- Would like to reorganize the scrapathon at BCSD, due to the central location, more attendees are expected. Preferably closer to holidays.
- Auction for fall of 2007 – There could possibly be a new Board before that time.
...BC is faced with donor fatigue and attendee fatigue – thinking of ways need to revitalize our auction somehow.....We would like to make it something that says "I should dress up for this"
- Discussion on starting a co-presented breakfast/workshop fundraiser/professional development idea....Brenda P and Nathalie will work together on this idea.
- Discussion around trying to start up a monthly pro-d/fundraising event.

6.4 Membership –Denise/Geoff

Membership Numbers to date:

Active	131
Supporting	17
DI	13
Associates	3

Those members who did not renew have all been contacted. Some have responded, others have not.

Proof reading the directory this Sunday -- Robyn, Geoff, Suzie, Jen.

6.5 Newsletter – Brianne/Rebecca

- No report submitted
- postponing the next issue until August.

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6.6 Douglas College ITP Student Rep – Nadya Malakoff

Activities to Date

-Nothing to report

Ongoing Activities

First Year Students

- Stephanie Attridge, Angela Keay, Kyla Maertz, Stacey Richard are the four students hired as summer interns for DYT's closer to home project.

Second Year Students

-Douglas College ITP graduates 17 students for the 2006 year.

Bethany Chambers

Heather Goosen

Cindy Haner

Christina Hickey

Aiyana Jennings

Darcie Kerr

Amanda Laird

Glen MacDonald

Nadya Malakoff

Cindy Muskat

Nigel Scott

Meagen Sime

Yohanes Petros

Alissa Price

Hannah Slade

Angie Turnball

For Discussion

-Nothing at this time

7. Old Business 7:35 to 7:50

7.1 AVLIC Internal Resource Person Selection Committee (for Dispute Resolution Process) –

List of names generated at the May 2006 meeting were sent to AVLIC. AVLIC in turn requested Suzie to contact those people to see if they were interested in the position. Suzie did not accept that role, feeling that it was outside of her responsibility and expertise. Suzie will bring this issue and the way it was handled by AVLIC to the AVLIC presidents meeting in Toronto.

7.2 CAEDHH-BC Conference – Suzie & Brenda (?) covered

7.3 Other AVLIC Chapters' Membership Fees – Karen White - covered under 5.4 Treasurer's Report

7.4 Late Membership Renewal Fee – Geoff & Denise

-Discussion around why there is a cut-off date. Decision: WAVLI will NOT add a late fee for renewal, either members pay on time, or they don't. There are already enough benefits, and incentives for timely renewal.

-Discussion around the WAVLI payment plan...the WAVLI payment plan could be put into

practice by members who need some kind of leeway in paying their dues....there is a long grace period with the payment plan. Membership will bring that up at the October and March GMs. It is outlined in the renewal package.

Action: Karen will get the information to Membership on how the payment plan works.

7.5 WAVLI Clothing Fundraiser– Suzie & Jen

-12 people ordered clothing.....21 items sold. 6 people have paid so far.

-The set-up charge for the logo is covered...WAVLI does not pay for that.

-The only money raised is through people bringing in their own items...only 5 items brought in, approximately \$35 raised for WAVLI.

-Jen and Marion will bring in the items for the GM OCT to size etc.

-May add a charge on to the company's cost to the clothing ordered -- so that there is a small profit on each item sold.

8. New Business:

8.1 Request for support: OASLI Columbia Project - Suzie

-Treasurer says no. Two reasons....Kristi Falconer's project in Tanzania, and WAVLI has no money.

-When WAVLI responds to OASLI, we will ask for a general info letter that can be sent out for individual members to donate for themselves.

8.2 Letter From Member (In Camera Session) - Suzie

8.3 WCB – Karen White

-Interpreters in post sec are not covered by WCB if you see nothing is taken off for CPP etc....however, institutions are mandated by law to provide coverage.

Post Secondary institutions are under a contract with WCB to pay \$0.19 per \$100 earned for interpreters.

-Or interpreters have the choice to pay their own premium for replacement of wages from \$1500 up to \$2500 per month, cost is \$5 per month.

Action: Karen will write up the process and information for the next *Ripple*.

8.4 PCAS – Karen White

-PCAS WAVLI Liaison. Post sec committee was formed in 2004 to have a stronger link with PCAS, but right now there is no link. Would like to resurrect the relationship so that a disconnected feeling does not happen

PCAS could send reports to Board meetings, to *Ripple* or to GMs.

-When the Post Secondary Committee disbanded there was a search for a rep on the Prof Standards committee. (possibly Jenny Laing)

-Professional Standards is still looking for members to fill that void

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8.5 Active members list for distribution to hiring entities – Lizz
-Professional Standards Committee did a brief survey of hiring bodies (eg: VCC, WIDHH, MIS, WBP, Still Interpreting, Douglas College) as to how they check for active membership –
Answer: They rely on the Directory. Most institutions would prefer to have a list of all active members names.

-In the new Directory format -- to address the motion from March meeting -- there will be a two page list in the directory identifying the NAMES of the active members.

-This list will change as membership updates. The list would have a disclaimer such as: "Current as of printing date - subject to change – please contact WAVLI to assure membership".

8.6 WAVLI website renewal – fund-raising - Lizz
-Discussion around spending funds on the project.
- the original agreement was there be no cost involved (January 2006).
-Discussion on whether WAVLI wants to go electronic for all publications (*Ripple/Directory*) and what that would mean to the website design.
- the way technology is changing, websites reflect the association. WAVLI would like the new website to be focused on professionalism in style and presentation.

8.7 MIS Advisory committee rep – Lizz
- Barb is stepping down as the WAVLI representative to the MIS Advisory Committee
-Caroline Ashby will become new rep on committee

8.8 New Douglas College Student Rep – Nadya
- covered

8.9 DeafBlind Awareness Week Banquet - Suzie
- Does WAVLI pay for a person to go as a Board Representative?

-Yes, the tickets are \$25. WAVLI will pay for one person.... Sara possibly -- if not Sara then Robyn.

9. Announcements

9.1 Next Exec Meeting – date will be decided via email.

9.2 Don't forget your proxies for the AVLIC GM!

10. Adjournment : 8:59 PM Jessica