

WAVLI General Meeting
Saturday, April 14th, 2012, at 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Douglas College, Room: 1614
MINUTES

1. Call to Order : 10:15

- 2. Approval of Agenda With the ammendums of the two motions coming from the floor Cheryl Palmer and one from Nigel Howard.**

Accepted: Robyn Albert and Barb Mykle-Hotzon

3. Housekeeping

Reminder of Parliamentary Motions for WAVLI AGM and that we follow Robert's Rules

4. Approval of Minutes from April 2011 WAVLI General Meeting:

Ammendum to add Lorna Sheperd name

Passed: Simon Dorer

Seconded: Michelle E

5. Executive Reports

5.1. President – Jessica Siegers

Highlights: Forgot to mention Governance Applications in report. -No questions asked

5.2 Past President – Susi Bolender -No questions asked

5.3 Vice President – Julia Menzies -No questions asked

5.4 Treasurer – Simon Dorer -No questions asked

5.5 Secretary – Barbara Zbeetnoff -No questions asked

5.6 Member-at-Large – Darcie Kerr -No questions asked

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Professional Standards – Robyn Albert-No questions asked.

6.2 Professional Development – Anita Warren and Karly Sandboe -No questions asked

6.3 Fundraising – Tess Iwama and Carli Van Rossum -No questions asked

6.4 Newsletter – Vacant -No questions asked

6.5 Membership – Rebecca McCormick -No questions

6.6 Public Relations – Barbie Murphy -No questions

6.7 Directory – Stacey Kitteridge

Question about changing the format of the directory

Yes there has been discussion about making an online format where the user themselves can change their profiles and control how much and what information they want to share on the internet. This could be done through AVLIC or WAVLI website.

6.8 Bryan Corry and Trevor Leyenhorst -No questions

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS: Ava Hawkins

Seconded: Stacey Kitteridge

7. Old Business :

7.1

8. New Business

8.1 APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR 2100-2012

The proposed budget for membership for 2012-2013 is \$140000 Increase is due to the raise in fees

Question: \$1400 allocated for website is because the board has decided to update the WAVLI website and also for webhosting costs.

Question: Legal fees and Policy and Procedures where are the fees going?

The legal fees are for all the legal costs, including those having to do with Policies and Procedures. The budget for Policies and Procedures is in place for any costs that occur while they are educating the members and the public

Question: What is the fundraising budget of \$1000.00 put aside for? This is so that the fundraising committee has some money implement some fundraising ideas.

\$10,000 that is in GIC. This money is what we need to have up front before we can go ahead with an OTP complaint. That why is it separated in the budget.

Why isn't the \$5000 legal fee growing?

The investments and legal fees are all in one account. It has been separated two different groupings for the sake of the budget because we need to show we have \$5000 put aside for legal fees.

MOTION PASSED: Stacey Kitteridge

Seconded: Jen Janke

8.2 MOTION 01-04-12

I move that the WAVLI board investigate the possibility and ramifications of changing our association's name and report back to the membership at the next general meeting.

Rationale: The name "Westcoast Association of Visual Language Interpreters (WAVLI)" has served our members well for many years, however "visual language interpreter" is not a widely used title. We think it is time to open the debate regarding a name change because our current name is not one that the general public can easily connect with; most people do not intuitively grasp the term "visual language interpreter" and "Westcoast" does not accurately represent the entire province. It is vital to our efforts of educating and promoting ourselves to the public, especially in light of Occupational Title Protection, that our association name clearly reflect the work we do.

Discussion:

Westcoast was given to us more by Canada saying that BC is the West coast of Canada and that Visual Language interpreters include oral interpreters and sign support interpreters Westcoast isn't a real word.

Understand the desire to align our name with AVLIC, but perhaps it is time to be different Also there are some provinces that do not use VLI in their association name.

It is a good time to explore our options.

Moved: Brianne Braun

Seconded: Barb Mykle-Hotzon

MOTION: PASSED (3 opposed.)

8.3 MOTION 02-04-12

I move that we have two General Meetings a year instead of one in order to give our members better access to the ongoing business of WAVLI and that this will start as of now with the next meeting to take place this Fall 2012

Rationale: This will afford those members unable to attend an annual AGM another chance to get involved without having a two year gap until the next meeting.

Discussion: We are required to have two meetings.

Moved: Cheryl Palmer

Seconded: Brianne Braun

MOTION: PASSED

8.4 MOTION 03-04-12

I move that the WAVLI support WASLI in the amount of \$1000.00 to enable a WASLI member to attend the AVLIC 2012 Conference in July 2012

Moved: Nigel Howard

Seconded: Ava Hawkins

MOTION:

Discussion: In the past we did give \$500.00 to an individual to attend a conference. There was a motion passed that the board could make monetary donations up to the amount of \$200 without asking the membership.

There would need to be a formal letter with WAVLI being formally recognized.

Simon: we could make it work in the budget if the motion is passed.

WAVLI could raise the money.

Our dues just went up for lawyer fees, and now we are giving money to WASLI when the members were told dues were going up for lawyer fees. Some members are concerned how it would appear to members not in attendance.

What is the rationale to when WAVLI supports and doesn't support a cause? If we give to an international association but then do not have enough money to support local organizations, it would look poor on behalf of WAVLI.

Simon: If we take from the budget we will be in the deficit. If we do not use all the money allocated for the directories we could give the remainder to this program in the future.

Could this be something be arranged for a following year?

This person's registration fee would be waived for the 2012 conference.

More information can be found about this program at www.wasli.org

Is WASLI co-sponsoring this person? No WASLI budget is quite limited. It would be all from WAVLI with other WASLI members being sponsored by other areas in the world.

Motion amended:

MOTION 03-04-12

I move that the WAVLI support WASLI in the amount of \$1000.00 to enable a WASLI member, **without prejudice**, to attend the AVLIC 2012 Conference in July 2012

Ammendment

Moved: Stacey Kitteridge

Seconded: Cheryl Palmer

MOTION: DEFEATED

8.5 MOTION 04-04-12

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Moved: Nigel Howard
Seconded: Ava Hawkins
MOTION: PASSED

8.6 WAVLI Elections:
MOTION TO OPEN ELECTIONS: Brianne Braun
Seconded: Robyn Albert

Executive Board:
- President: Jessica Siegers
- Treasurer: Simon Dorer
- Member-At-Large: Darcie Kerr
Committee Chairpersons:
- Professional Standards: Miriam West
- Newsletter: Vacant
- Public Relations: Heidi Jantz and Donna Rose
- Membership: Rebecca McCormick

Motion to close: Jen Janke
Seconded: Ava Hawkins

Motion to destroy ballots: Robyn Albert
Seconded: Nigel Howard
PASSED

8.7 This year's David Still Award of Excellence recipient: **Leslie McPhillips**
A poem written by last year's recipient, Miriam West was read for the announcement of this year's recipient.

8.8 Membership Profiles on the Website
An example was shown.

Members can control how much of their information is visible online. It is similar to a gmail contact information page.

Question: Instead of a frozen picture, why not have the member signing "Hi my name is..."? It's a possibility.

The printed directories will still be produced in conjunction with the online profiles.

9. Announcements (During the election, while the ballots were being counted)

9.1 DAO Announcement – Paige cannot make it.

9.2. WIDHH has program where people can donate their old cell phones for a good cause. If you have old cell phones lying around please consider.

9.3. There is a VCC scholarship fund in Leona Parr-Hamel's name for those students that have aspirations of working with Deaf Blind. We need to raise \$5000 and VCC with raise \$5000 too. We are \$1500 short. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

9.4. Darcie Kerr- I am personally arranging some fun events (party bus and flash mob) for WAVLI members at the AVLIC Conference. If you are interested please let me know.

9.5. Question from the floor: Who do we make the money out to if we want to donate money for the individual to come to the AVLIC AGM?

It is easier to go through the WASLI website for donations. Or you can give the money directly to Nigel Howard and he will collect it give it on behalf of WAVLI for WASLI/AVLIC 2012.

9.6 LISTSERV will be migrating to MAILCHIMP. The test will be on April 18th. Watch your inbox for the new format.

Motion to Close: Donna Rose

Seconded: Julia Menzies

10. Adjournment: 1:13