

**WAVLI GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Saturday, November 7, 2015
Douglas College, New Westminster, Room 2201
1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Attendees: Caitlin Barker Gore, Brenda Beuthin, Susi Bolender, Taylor Bouwmeester, Brianne Braun, Brenda Carmichael, Bryan Corry, Jenny Cowan, Simon Dorer, Roanne Grieff, Rebecca Hall, Cindy Haner, Spring Herold, Nigel Howard, Stacey Kitteridge, Farah Ladha, Diana Lane, Trevor Leyenhorst, Janice Lyons, Trish MacAuley, Sara MacFayden, Rebecca McCormick, Rhys McCormick, Leslie McPhillips, Julia Menzies, Amanda Noiles, Kari O'Brien, Diane Pattison, Sara Payan, Larissa Peters, Piper, Yayoi Quesnel, sea reid, Donna Rose, Corinna Salvail, Jessica Siegers, Susan Taylor, Caroline Tetreault, Miriam West, Sarah Zelitt

Proxies: Robyn Albert, Emily Allan, Christa Buss, Tyler Churchman, Carmen Curman, Kristin Daly, Emily Drew, Heidi Dykshorm, Kimi Gagnon, Tricia Griffioen, Kirsten Hagemoen, Julie Hoas, Gitte John, Kimi Kajiwara, Lisz Keallen, Tarren McKay, Alana McKenna, Rosalia McLellan, Barb Mykle-Hotzon, Tyler Offer, Brooke Oviedo, Jane Pannell, Stacey Park, Krista Parkinson, Karly Sandboe, Nigel Scott, Laura Shepherd, Jennifer Shorman, Jennifer Till, Brittnei Vandusen, Sarah Williams, Jennifer Wilson, Chee Yang, Emiy York, Barbara Zbeetnoff, Amanda Zimmer, Rebekah Zorbakis

Students: Keith Brougham, Kristina Gee, Barrington Harrison, Crystal Hunter, Tegan Manning, Brittney McCarthy, Tina Miller,

Guests: Anita Harding, Sarah Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.06 p.m.
Quorum 69

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved: Miriam West
Seconded: Janice Lyons
Motion: CARRIED

3. HOUSEKEEPING

Those making comments or asking questions are to come to the front so that they can be broadcasted on the livestream.

Motion to limit discussions to 10 minutes
Moved: Diana Lane
Seconded: Cindy Haner
Motion: CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 MINUTES

Moved: Donna Rose
Seconded: Sarah Zelitt
Motion: CARRIED

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- 5.1. President
Attended Affiliate Chapter Presidents' meeting in June, Vice President joined to help (potentially) transition to President next year. Anyone interested in joining VRI ad hoc committee, see President after GM.
- 5.2. Past President
Attended CSP meeting. Concerns include government cuts and funding gaps.
- 5.3. Vice President
2014-2016 goals still in progress. Soon time to revisit. Waiting on AVLIC to further discuss potential DI training.
- 5.4. Treasurer
Stepping down in the spring.
- 5.5. Secretary
Still working on bylaw reviews with WAVLI lawyer.
- 5.6. Member-at-Large
Updated David Still Award of Excellence guidelines in place and looking to put more ASL on WAVLI website.
Motion to accept Executive Reports:
Moved: Stacey Kitteridge
Seconded: Jessica Siegers
Motion: CARRIED

6.COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1. Membership Committee
Currently 232 active members (222 RSLIs and 10 DIs) and 19 student members. Online directory up and running.
- 6.2. Newsletter Committee
Six Ripples published. Always looking for member contributions. Looking for committee members.
- 6.3. Professional Development Committee
Two workshops hosted thus far. Looking into potential DI training with Vice President. Ideas are not lacking, challenges lie in flying in presenters and costs. Community liaisons in remote communities to set up professional development. Have liaisons in Prince Rupert and Vancouver Island.
- 6.4. Professional Standards Committee
Point people training. Resource to Members working on setting up roster in case of need of disciplinary panel. Currently six people on roster, all qualified. More needed. Only requirement is active WAVLI membership. Job advertisement policies have changed. No more SEAs, etc. Only interpreter positions, even if they are for out of province. Volunteer interpreter requests were at a high this past summer, and can be tough to address. Looking to develop policies on when it is appropriate to volunteer (or not). Will collect feedback from upcoming November 24 Interpreter Cafe.
Comment from member about getting OTP info available in ASL for Deaf community so that their questions can be referred.

6.5. Public Relations Committee

Collaborate with Professional Standards to promote OTP. Working on promotional materials and educating community about WAVLI.

6.6. Technology Committee

Complete online directory now available. Members cannot yet edit their profiles. For edits, members are to let Technology Committee know. Found Go-2-Meeting, stable platform for remote connections. Paid service (about \$550/year). Member suggestion of more pictures or video clips to match names to faces. Glide app suggested

6.7. Student Representative

17 first year studnets, 13 second year students. Practicum coming up. Contact Barb Mykle-Hotzon for opportunities.

Motion to accept Committee Reports

Moved: Nigel Howard

Seconded: Amanda Noiles

Motion: CARRIED

Motion to open Old Business

Moved: Jessica Siegers

Seconded: Miriam West

Motion: CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1. Community Accessibility Ad Hoc Committee Update Jessica Siegers

Document in the works. Document for individuals looking to hire interpreters but not knowing how. Document will include info on how to make events, meetings, etc. accessible. Doc also for WAVLI members to support and help when advocating. In revision process, will be sent to lawyer for advice, then will put it into circulation. Piper and Barb Mykle-Hotzon have been working on document. Should be ready soon.

7.2. Provincial Certification Update Jessica Siegers

Meeting, sharing of ideas, some for, some against. With Society's Act changing, may affect OTP. Lawyer suggested putting BC certification on hold for the moment. Don't want to mess with things and then have OTP revoked, making it harder to get title protection again. Process on hold

Motion to close Old Business

Moved: Kari O'Brien

Seconded: Brenda Beuthin

Motion: CARRIED

Motion to open New Business

Moved: Vicki Yee

Seconded: Janice Lyons

Motion: CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Bylaw Review Update Julia Menzies

Still in process. Will have first draft with feedback send to lawyer by November 30, 2015.

8.2. 2020 Conference Bid

Caroline Tetreault

Last WAVLI hosted AVLIC conference was 2004. We're overdue. We need to set up a bid for the 2016 conference. 2004 bid theme was "we are WAVLI". Will be up against MAPSLI (Halifax). There has not been much competition to host over the past few years.

8.3. WAVLI 2014-2016 Goals Update

Brenda Carmichael

Many goals completed, many still in progress. Will revisit goals at Spring GM, and will update existing and create new goals with new incoming board in spring 2016.

8.4. Motion

Julia Menzies

I move that the election of WAVLI Board members be held for all board positions at the same time in the same year, commencing at the 2017 WAVLI Spring GM.

Moved: Julia Menzies

Seconded: Jessica Siegers

Rationale: Several years ago, WAVLI moved to vote for its board members in staggered years. In the current structure, the positions of President, Treasurer, Member-at-Large, Membership Chair, Professional Standards Chair and Public Relations chair are voted on in even years, and the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter Chair, Professional Development Chair and Technology Chair are voted on in odd years.

The goal of staggered voting was to ease the transition of new board members onto a board with half of the members already having (at least) one year of experience, instead of (potentially) a brand new board. While the intentions were well meant, the execution of such a process has turned out to be more cumbersome than hoped for, and fraught with issues.

One issue that has come up repeatedly over the past three years: board members who step down before their term is up. This leaves the board searching for replacements, sometimes for only a few months before a new election is held, thus requiring the board to train a new person - who holds position for a short time. Further complicating the transitional process is when election time comes around, WAVLI is training one half a new board within just a few months; the remaining half goes unchanged. This has caused confusion within the membership and also at the board level. Keeping track of who is in which position and for what amount of time is part of WAVLI's duties. With the number of recent staggered changes, this is becoming muddled.

Holding elections every year has also proven to be time consuming for the board. A constant search for new candidates on a yearly basis takes time and energy away from the business of the Association, when instead, the board could focus on finding candidates every second year, saving time, energy, and the patience of the members.

year pilot project. Future goal is to add medical courses. January start date for new system.

Douglas College (Nigel Howard): Interpreters are not on the BC jobs blueprint. it would be great if WAVLI could advocate and write to government to encourage adding profession to list.

Well-Being Program (Caroline Tetreault on behalf of Lisa Anderson-Kellitt): Hosting Pro-Tactile workshop January 9, 2016. Registration deadline is December 22, 2015.

Post-Secondary Communication Access Services (Rhys McCormick): Looking to set up mentorship opportunities (group settings, one-on-one) for post-secondary interpreting/interpreters. Using Go-React program for mentorship training. Film samples, upload and then send to instructor/mentor and view. Goal is to have both in person and remote mentorship.

Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf (Brenda Carmichael on behalf of Vincent Chauvet): Defty awards in Toronto, November 21, 2015.

Thanks you certificates to Douglas volunteers (Spring).

Draw for "Still Talking..." CD-ROMs. Winners: Piper and Miriam West

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

Moved: sea reid

Motion: CARRIED

Time 3.54 p.m.