



LRID BOARD MEETING NEWS

January 9, 2020

LRID Spring Conference

LRID's board has sprung into action! The Spring Conference will be April 18, 2020 in Alexandria, Louisiana. Save the date and stay tuned for more details via email and next month's newsletter.

LRID PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since our fall conference, our board has been very busy. We are preparing for our Spring Conference which we hope many of you will attend on April 18th. We are also working on ways that we can continue to raise funds for our future workshops and conferences for you.

I am now a Commissioner on LCD Commission Board. It has been a long time since LRID President sat on LCD's Board. I believe this will be very beneficial for LRID. I will inform you of LCD's plans as soon as any develop that will affect interpreters in Louisiana. Presently, LCD is busy looking for a new director.

I contacted the Center for the Assessment of Sign Language Interpretation (CASLI). I asked if Louisiana

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SPOTLIGHT

To kick off the New Year the "Spotlight" is shining on LRID's newest Member-at-Large, Walker Estes. Below is his story.

"Started to "interpret" when I stepped my foot in Texas School for the Deaf. Read/sign the letters from parents (back then we wrote letters!), elaborate on what the administrators were trying to get across during the assemblies and many other areas.

Retired LSD employee and currently returned as a Deaf Mentor this school year.

I have been a Deaf Interpreter in many settings – medical, legal, educational, employment and corrections.

I'm currently a volunteer prison chaplain and been going to prisons for about 4 years. This volunteer work is what I enjoy the most. I'm a lifelong Deaf Advocate who believes in the power of pen to educate others about the equality and the rights of the citizens in the Deaf Community. I'm also a Returned Citizen advocate to work with the Deaf returned citizens to assimilate back into society.

I have been an ASL instructor for over 40 years. I have taught at several places including West Texas State University, Walker High School, Special School District, Department of Corrections and currently at Louisiana School for the Deaf and Geaux Sign.

I hold several board positions in the past and currently am on the board of Louisiana School for the Deaf Foundation, Geaux Sign, and Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

I am a member in multiple organizations including: Louisiana Association of the Deaf, Greater New Orleans Association of the Deaf, Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf, Registry Interpreters of the

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will have testing site for those who want to take the NIC and CDI test. Sean Furman, CASLI Testing Coordinator, stated that they are working to implement LTA sites across the nation. Currently, they have two sites in Louisiana that are in the process of being set up: one in Shreveport and one in Denham Springs. Sean asked if we knew any possible other sites to let him know. Do you know of any place that could become a LTA site? If you do, please contact Sean Furman at testing@casli.org and inform him of possible locations.

We will keep you updated as we learn more information that can impact our Interpreting Community.

Dawn

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you shout out to everyone who was able to attend the fundraiser event at California Pizza kitchen back on November 25, 2019. With your help we raised \$31.90.

LRID's next fundraiser will be taking place in New Orleans and we are literally gonna let the good times roll at Rock N' Bowl. This event is scheduled for March 21, 2020, so mark your calendar for fun, friends and food. The flyer with the event information and details will be in your inbox soon!

FALL CONFERENCE MOTIONS

Several individuals have requested information regarding the motions from the Fall Conference, so the list of motions is being placed here in the newsletter on page 3 and 4 on LRID's website.

LRID T-SHIRT CONTEST

LRID is having a t-shirt design contest! We want you to show off your creativity and design our t-shirt. If you have some talent and want to share or show it off, please see the attached flyer on page 6.

Deaf, Prison Reform Coalition, Progressive Social Network of Baton Rouge and a member of Liberty Deaf Church.

I am married to my beautiful wife, Elizabeth and have 3 children, Jennifer, Leslie and Emery. I also have 4 grandchildren.

My favorite quote is "It is my hope that we will all love and guard our beautiful sign language as the noblest gift God has given to deaf people" - George Veditz"



MOTIONS

1. Author: Daniel Burch, Denise Crochet; Second: Barbara Lovas

Motion: (M2019.01) Move that LRID appoint a delegation of Dr. Daniel Burch, Ms. Denise Crochet, and Dr. Barbara Lovas to meet with the Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court to urge implementation of promises made regarding eligibility for: (1) recognition of the RID SC:L as “certified,” (2) eligibility for training, and (3) continuing education to be listed on the Louisiana Supreme Court Registry of Court Interpreters.

Rationale: The original Program Manager for the Registry of Interpreters agreed to the following:

1. Recognition of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. Specialist Certificate” Legal (SC:L) and/or the Texas Board of Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI Court Certificate) as satisfying the LSC requirements for proof capability to be recognized as certified. This is in keeping with the National Center for State Courts protocol.
2. Implement pre-requisites for eligibility to take the LSC Interpreter Training
 - a. Possess and maintain current certification: RID 1) SC:L, or 2) MCSC, or 3) CSC, or 4) CI/CT, or 5) NIC Master, or 6) NAD Advanced, or 7) NAD V, or 8) BEI Court
 - b. A Minimum of a 4-year degree
 - c. Documented 50 hours of training in the legal system, protocol, ethics and vocabulary, and court room interpreting.
3. Establish a continuing education requirement – 2.0 Continuing Education Units every four years. Such proof can be provided through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the Texas BEI office.

The current Program Manager has blocked this, saying that “we decided to go in a different direction.”

Not to implement such criteria for American Sign Language Interpreters forces the profession backwards.

Fiscal Impact: None

Vote: passed

Opposition: none

Abstain: none

2. Author: Daniel Burch; Second: Shirley Delahoussaye

Motion: (M2019.02) Move that LRID requests that LCD delete the two signatures of Deaf people to attend LCD workshops.

Rationale: There is no rationale for LCD to implement this armchair requirement.

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion:

Janie Powell- clarification of motion

Daniel Burch: Must have 2 letters of recommendation to attend workshops

Bernice Cooper: How do we change LCD’s policy that is out of our control

Daniel: Motion for LRID because we have a rep on LCD Board so the LRID Rep will ask to remove those requirements.

Question: Please read again to clarify what we are voting on

Amendment: LRID position requests LCD remove the required signatures needed to attend the workshops.

Second: Denise Crochet

Vote: Passed

Opposition: none

3. Author: Daniel Burch; Second: Janie Powell

Motion: (M2019.03) Move that LRID write a letter to LCD’s Executive Director for her supervisor expressing disappointment in the lack of attendance at LRID’s 50th Anniversary.

Rationale: It is tradition that LCD attends LRID as LRID sits on the LCD Board.

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion:

Daniel Burch: Historically LRID was there when LCD established, we have a seat on the commission.

They always attended in the past out of respect, so where is the respect now?

Vote: Passed

Opposition: some

Motion: carries

4. Author: Dawn Melendez; Second: Shirley Delahoussaye

Motion: (M2019.04) Move to add a category of eligible membership in our Bylaws the category of Retired Interpreter.

Rationale: RID recognizes interpreters who are retired and allows them to the same privileges as when they were active.

Fiscal Impact: Allows retirees to participate all al conferences and trainings at a reduced cost.

Discussion:

Dawn Melendez: RID has the category so I think LRID should follow suit and continue to grow. Due to us not having the category and price reduction we don't allow growing—would promote more growth for students.

Vote: due to it being a Bylaws change it was referred to the Bylaws Committee

5. Author: Dawn Melendez; Second: Shirley Delahoussaye

Motion: (M2019.05) Move that LRID Bylaws Committee investigate ways to create a memberships category for our Deaf community.

Rationale: To encourage Deaf participation in LRID functions.

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion:

Dawn Melendez: Discussed many years and we have nothing now for this so I would like to add this to the Bylaws.

Vote: Referred to the Bylaws Committee

6. Author: Vicki Crochet; Second: Anna Duhon

Motion: (M2019.06) Move that LRID get a 50th Anniversary T-shirt with pre-sales and limit the cost to \$25-\$30.

Rationale: Many members Deaf and hearing are asking for this.

Fiscal Impact: Only to members that purchase one

Vote: passed

Opposition: none

Abstain: none

**LOUISIANA REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS
FOR THE DEAF**



SPRING CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 18, 2020

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ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

CONTEST, CONTEST, CONTEST

LRID is seeking individuals to participate in a t-shirt design contest to celebrate our 50 years of being a chapter. Join in on the fun and allow your creation to be seen all over the state!

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS:

- The contest is open to anyone of any age who would like to participate.
- The design must be submitted with one of the following formats: Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, JPEG, PDF .
- The design must be submitted by February 21, 2020 to lrid.vicepresident@gmail.com



GUIDELINES FOR T-SHIRT:

- Design must include Louisiana in some way
- Design must include something pertaining to the Deaf Community
- Design must include something pertaining to interpreting
- Design must include the year LRID was established (LRID was established in 1969)
- Design must be made for the back of a t-shirt
- To locate more information about LRID, visit our website at www.lrid.org

*****Winner of the t-shirt contest will receive recognition, a free t-shirt with their creation on it, and other goodies. *****

We look forward to seeing your creativity! If you have any questions, please email Jazmyne Lemar at lrid.vicepresident@gmail.com