

Minutes
Monday May 1, 2017
Gallaudet University
5:30-7:30pm

The Board:

President (2017-2018)	Gina D'Amore
Director of Community Relations (2017-2018)	Traci Ison
Director of Meetings (2017-2018)	D'Lisa Robinson
Director of Membership (2016 & 2017)	Kevin Dyels
Treasurer (2016 & 2017)	Sarah Blattberg (remote attendance)
Director of Professional Development (2017-2018)	Bradley Christlieb
Director of Communications (2017)	Kafi Lemons (not present)

Call To Order

- **Director of Professional Development Vacancy**
 - PCRID put on its first workshop on April 22, 2017. CCBC graciously hosted us and the event was streamed live at Gallaudet University.
 - Nicole Manuel came to Gallaudet to help support us last minute. Thank you Nicole!
 - We need to look into some logistical and streaming concerns for future workshops.
 - Brandon Vice, Director of Professional Development, gave his resignation to Gina and that resignation was accepted.
 - Several members brought to the board's attention that Mr. Vice displayed behaviors that were not becoming for a PCRID board member.
 - **Action Item:** The board feels it is in our best interest to send an apology letter to each person who was present at the workshop. It is important to us to uphold the dignity of our organization and to continue to strengthen the relationship with the Baltimore area.
 - PCRID was planning to send Brandon along with 3 other board members to the RID conference this summer. The funds in support of Brandon was a point of concern. Brandon actually contact RID himself and self reported that he is attending RID; and was no longer attending in relation to PCRID. He gave RID his own credit card to cover those funds. This frees up a space for another board member to attend the RID conference.
 - Traci has blocked Brandon's access to PCRID emails access and the like.
 - **Action Item:** Gina will be sending him a formal letter explaining that his access has been terminated.
- **A New Board Member**
 - The board discussed and agreed that we have not fully "gelled" as a unit and the introduction of a new board member at this time may make it harder to solidify ourselves. But the sooner we gel the faster we can move on and do great things for the community and our members. The other perspective raised is that people joining and leaving the board is not new.
 - Gina invited Bradley Dale Christlieb to our meeting as a possible candidate to replace Brandon.
 - Bradley arrived at 6:30pm to meet the board. He is a graduate of Gallaudet University's Masters of Interpreting program (2011). He has been a teacher of ASL and a Deaf Interpreter. He lived in Florida for a stint and was involved with Florida RID. He was the chair of their conference in past years. He feels that communication is vital and he is ready to be involved and commit to PCRID.
 - The board was able to "interview" Bradley. The structure of PCRID was explained to him and what the role of Director of Professional Development would entail.
 - We feel confident that with Bradley's help joining the board, PCRID can become more visible in the community, giving interpreters what they desire and partner with the community as our

- President's vision aspires to.
- o The board voted Bradley onto the board as the new Director of Professional Development. The voted carried (5 votes for yes).
 - o **Action Item:** D'Lisa will put together something for Bradley that will bring him up to speed on who PCRID is and furthermore, what we need from him to support our community and members.

On To Other Topics

- **Working Together In the Future**
 - o We need a better way to communicate with each other as a board and again, we need to "gel" together and figure out how to work together effectively.
 - o **Action Item:** Sarah and Gina need to have a budget meeting.
 - o We need another physical meeting. We set the next two meetings for May 15 at 5:30pm (for four hours) and June 5th (for four hours).
 - o **Action Item:** D'Lisa will secure the meeting locations and invite the conference chairs. Please send all agenda items to D'Lisa. D'Lisa must also send LOI and COI forms to Bradley.
- **Next Workshop**
 - o At the last workshop on April 22, 2017, it was noted that many members were expecting a general body meeting. We did not announce that we would not be having a meeting in conjunction with the April 22nd workshop.
 - o For the next workshop we need to consider how to improve our live streaming if we continue to provide live streaming (we are not required to do so).
 - o The next workshop has been set for July 8 2017. This will be a workshop and general body meeting.
 - o **Action Item:** D'Lisa will communicate with the conference chairs regarding when the next workshop/meeting will held.
 - o **Action Item:** Kevin will send Bradley information gleaned from a member survey that informs us on what workshop topics members are interested in.

Miscellaneous

- **Updates**
 - o **Action Item:** Kevin will check on membership emails. Andrea Smith said her membership lapsed, but she did not recall getting a warning email.
 - o Traci informed us that Su Isakson proposed a partnership with PCRID in an ongoing way. CCBC would like for their students to be volunteers at our conferences. This will help the students to earn credit and get mentoring but it will also help PCRID with our annual conference needs (recruiting volunteers).
 - o **Action Item:** We can set up a meeting with the students and the board to onboard them to PCRID and help solidify our partnership. Traci will be responsible for contacting Gallaudet University and seeing if Gallaudet would like to join in on the student volunteer partnership.
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