



## May 2011 e-NEWS President's Report Cheryl Moose, CI and CT

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### **Greetings Members:**

The 2011 RID National Conference is a few short weeks away, and I am looking forward to several events that are sure to make history.

If you read the President's Column in the Spring 2011 edition of the *VIEWS*, you will know that over the past 40 years, history has been made during the RID Business Meetings held at the conferences. This year will be no different! RID members will be contemplating and debating the merits of 12 motions during the course of the eight-hour business meeting. If we follow a strict agenda, we will have less than 40 minutes to debate and vote on each motion. As I stated at the start of the 2009 RID Business Meeting, for the past two years, the board of directors has been empowered to consider issues at hand, build a vision for the future, discuss, debate and make wise decision for the good of the association, our members and the profession. On July 18 and 19, the board turns that power over to the members to discuss, debate and make wise decisions on the merits of the 12 motions presented by the membership. A list of the motions can be found on the RID Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Registry-of-Interpreters-for-the-Deaf-Inc/88798649132> as well as on the RID Web site at <http://www.rid.org/conferences/calendar/index.cfm/AID/179>.

This past spring, members had the opportunity to submit comments and propose revisions to the 2011 RID Business Meeting Standing Rules. The board approved all the revisions, and they have been incorporated into the final draft of the standing rules. The 2011 RID National Business Meeting Standing Rules can be found on the RID Web page at [http://rid.org/userfiles/File/pdfs/2011\\_Conference/Revised%20Standing%20Rules%2005%202011.pdf](http://rid.org/userfiles/File/pdfs/2011_Conference/Revised%20Standing%20Rules%2005%202011.pdf)

As chair of the 2011 RID Business Meeting, I will propose to members that we forego discussion of the standing rules and ask for a motion to approve so that we can move forward immediately to the business of the association. I will remind members that feedback had been gathered this past spring and incorporated into the draft before them now. I will suggest they review the standing rules, again, outside of the business meeting and send any additional comments they may have to the national office to be considered for the 2013 RID Business Meeting. I want to ensure we give ourselves ample time to thoughtfully consider what you, as members, believe are the important issues facing our association – 2011 Motions A - L.

For those of you who like the business of the association and attend conferences specifically to be involved in the decision-making process on issues facing our association and the profession of sign language interpreting, the board of directors has identified topics as the themes for five board facilitated member forums. This year, the topics are as follows:

### **RID Board Forums at the 2011 RID National Conference**

***Social Media and the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct:*** July 20, 3 – 5 pm, Moderated by the Ethics Committee, Vice President Rachel Coppelli and Region I Representative Janice Cagan-Teuber

**Tri-Lingual Interpreting:** July 19, 8:30 – 10:30 am

Moderated by Region IV Representative Chris Grooms and Mano a Mano President David Quinto Pozos

**The Deaf Advisory Council (DAC) - A Kick-off Forum:** July 18, 1 – 3 pm

Moderated by Deaf Member-at-Large Debbie Peterson; Member-at-Large Lewis Merkin; President Cheryl Moose and members of the DAC Work Group, Jimmy Beldon and Janis Cole

**Affiliate Chapters Presidents and Treasurers – The Importance of Communication and Compliance:** July 20, 3 – 5 pm

Moderated by Treasurer Brenda Walker Prudhom and Region IV Representative Chris Grooms

**The Philosophy Mission, Goal and Diversity Statement (PMGD) Forum – Is RID a certifying body or professional membership organization?** July 22, 8:30 – 10:30 am, Moderated by Secretary Kelly Flores and Member-at-Large Lewis Merkin.

In my opinion, one of the most important forums of the conference is the Community Forum hosted by the Deaf Caucus (DC) Member Section and the Interpreters with Deaf Parents (IDP) Member Section. The first Community Forum occurred with rave reviews during the 2007 RID National Conference in San Francisco, CA. This year, the DC and IDP Member Sections present the **IDP/DC Community Forum: Exploring Our Shifting Borders**, July 21, 2:30 – 7:30 pm, moderated by Janis Cole and Lynnette Taylor. Panelists include: Greg Hlibok, Rico Peterson, Virginia Moore, Keith Wann, David Rivera, Cheryl Moose, Leandra Williams, Jason Norman and Howard Rosenblum (by video). Join in the discussion that investigates not only the disappearance of our traditional gathering places and its consequence to the community as a whole, but also the new and inventive ways communities are redefining themselves and relocating the ways we interface as a community. *What does it mean to be an interpreter in this rapidly changing environment? What is our vision of an interpreter? Are we partners in building a vibrant, living community that responds to the needs and concerns of all involved communities? What are your communities doing to come together? What are the "hot topics?"*

Other forums facilitated by RID leaders include the Strategic Challenges/Bylaws Review Task Force (SCBRTF) presenting their final report to the membership during the SCBRTF Forum on July 20, 3 – 4:30 pm; the NIC Review Task Force presenting their recommendations during a member forum on July 19, 4 – 6 pm; Get in the GAP! - Town Hall Meeting and Licensure Panel, July 19, 8:30 am – 10:30 am; and Get in the GAP! VRS Working Conditions and Educational Interpreter Standards Panels, July 19, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, both facilitated by RID Government Affairs Liaison, Janet Bailey; as well as Professional Development Committee forums for both members and Certification Maintenance Program (CMP) sponsors, a forum to gather member feedback on the Emergency Preparedness Standard Practice Paper and a report from the RID/NCIEC Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) Task Force.

All this, and countless educational opportunities that give conference goers the potential to earn valuable CEUs.

I'll see you in Atlanta!