

2017 RID Biennial Conference Resolutions

Move that RID approve Resolutions A-T.

By RID Board of Directors

The following resolutions A - T were approved by the RID Board of Directors for members' consideration. These were approved at the regular Board meeting on May 21, 2017, which had a quorum; please refer to the official meeting minutes. As these resolutions are expressions of gratitude, there is no fiscal impact to their passage.

Resolution A

Whereas, The 2017 RID National Conference takes a great deal of financial investment; and

Whereas, RID is committed to offering a valuable and enjoyable conference experience at an affordable cost; and

Whereas, The financial commitment provided by sponsors enables RID to provide an enhanced conference program for its attendees; now, therefore, be it

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the generosity of the sponsors of the 2017 RID Conference.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Platinum Sponsor

Sorenson Video Relay Service

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American Sign Language Communication

Supporting Sponsor

ASL Interpreter Referral Service, Inc.
CA. Administrative Office of the Courts/Court Interpreters Program
Conference of Interpreter Trainers, Inc.
DHH Insurance Agency, LLC
Interpreting Consolidated
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Resolution B

Whereas, The National Conference staff, volunteers, and RID headquarters staff have organized a conference with many participants, using an innovative approach to leadership development and continuing education unit (CEU) opportunities, have engendered significant Deaf community and member involvement, and organized a truly enjoyable and educational conference; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its full support and congratulations to the 2017 National Conference staff, volunteers and headquarters staff for their outstanding work.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution C

Whereas, The 2017 RID National Conference offered a variety of opportunities covering leadership development and a range of topics in the field of professional sign language interpretation; and

Whereas, Facilitators, teachers, and presenters at the 2017 RID National Conference have committed their time, attention, and expertise to provide a wide range and depth of topics to the program schedule; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation to the speakers and presenters at the 2017 RID National Conference.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution D

Whereas, The members of the RID councils, national committees, task forces, work groups, and member sections serve the organization with impeccable work ethic and passion; and

Whereas, Council, national committee, task force, work group, and member section members devote countless hours, often away from their families and jobs, in their collective desire to advance the profession, and

Whereas, Tremendous progress has been made to RID programs and services during the service of these volunteer leaders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation for the service of the members of the 2015-2017 RID councils, national committees, task forces, work groups, and member sections.

Submitted by RID Board of Director ofs

Resolution E

Whereas, The 2017 RID National Conference support staff members serve long hours with no pay and little compensation for travel and meals, and

Whereas, They worked from very early in the morning until very late at night, and

Whereas, They were a key component to the success of the national conference; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation for the dedicated service of the 2017 RID National Conference support staff members.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution F

Whereas, The RID Headquarters staff often works long hours, and

Whereas, They have provided invaluable support to the Board of Directors and the membership in championing many operational initiatives while the Executive Director search was conducted, and

Whereas, They have shown their commitment to the growth and development of the organization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation for the service of the RID Headquarters staff.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution G

Whereas, The 2017 RID National Conference Interpreters are providing access in a national platform in front of their peers and colleagues, working tirelessly to provide communication access for the 2017 RID Business Meeting, and;

Whereas, These interpreters are an essential element to the success of the 2017 RID Business Meeting; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of the 2017 RID Business Meeting Interpreters.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution H

Resolution affirming the RID Board of Directors' commitment to fostering a linguistically accessible environment during the entirety of the 2017 national conference.

Reaffirming the RID Board of Directors' continued commitment of using sign language as their communication choice for the duration of conference.

Stressing that the RID Board of Directors is committed to hosting a successful 2017 National Conference.

Urges all conference participants to foster a linguistically accessible environment during business and social settings throughout the entirety of the conference.

Encourages all conference participants to join the RID Board of Directors' commitment to using sign language as their communication choice during the entirety of the conference.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution I

Whereas, The planning and execution of each RID National Conference is a multi-year effort, typically involving RID Board and staff, local host committee members, and venue conference management staff; and

Whereas, The 2017 RID National Conference is being held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center; and

Whereas, The Hilton Salt Lake City Center has provided outstanding accommodations, service, and amenities, as well as fine dining; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Hilton Salt Lake City Center and its staff for hosting the 2017 RID National Conference.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution J

Whereas, Anna Witter-Merithew has served RID as Interim Executive Director since 2015, in addition to a lifetime of service to the profession and previous service on RID boards and committees, and

Whereas, she has provided invaluable support to the organization during periods of transition and restructuring, and

Whereas, she has extended her tenure twice, at the Board's request,

Whereas, she has shown her commitment to the growth and development of the organization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation for the service of Anna Witter-Merithew to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution K

Whereas, Robert Weinstock has served RID as parliamentarian for conference business meetings since 2013 and has served as RID Board parliamentarian since 2013, and

Whereas, he has provided invaluable support to the Board of Directors and the membership in providing structural input, reviewing documentation, and recommending procedural efficiencies, and

Whereas, he has shown his commitment to the growth and development of the organization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation for the service of Robert Weinstock to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution L

Whereas, Heather Harker served RID as a consultant to RID from 2014-2016, and

Whereas, she has provided invaluable support to the organization in transition planning and conducting a organizational needs assessment, providing expertise in organizational management, and

Whereas, she has shown her commitment to the growth and development of the organization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf expresses its sincere appreciation for the service of Heather Harker to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution M

Whereas, Dawn Witcher served on the RID Board of Directors as Region V Representative from 2010-2011, as Secretary 2011-2013, as President from 2013-2016, and as Past President from 2016 – 2017, and;

Whereas, Dawn Witcher served tirelessly and admirably with unwavering commitment to the growth and development of the organization; and;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Dawn Witcher to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution N

Whereas, Lewis Merkin served on the RID Board of Directors as Member-at-Large from 2009-2013 and as Region I Representative from 2014 – 2016, and;

Whereas, Lewis Merkin served tirelessly and admirably with unwavering commitment to the growth and development of the organization; and;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Lewis Merkin to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution O

Whereas, Randall Chappell served on the RID Board of Directors as Region II Representative from 2014 – 2016, and;

Whereas, Randall Chappell served tirelessly and admirably with unwavering commitment to the growth and development of the organization; and;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Randall Chappell to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution P

Whereas, Connie Herndon served on the RID Board of Directors as Region IV Representative from 2010 – 2016, and;

Whereas, Connie Herndon served tirelessly and admirably with unwavering commitment to the growth and development of the organization; and;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Connie Herndon to the association and to the profession.

Resolution Q

Whereas, Erica West Oyedele served on the RID Board of Directors as Region V Representative from 2015-2016 and Vice President from 2016-2017, and;

Whereas, Erica West Oyedele served tirelessly and admirably with unwavering commitment to the growth and development of the organization; and;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Erica West Oyedele to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution R

Whereas, Billieanne McLellan served on the RID Board of Directors as Treasurer from 2015 – 2017, and;

Whereas, Billieanne McLellan served tirelessly and admirably with unwavering commitment to the growth and development of the organization; and;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Billieanne McLellan to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution S

Whereas, LaVona Andrew served on the RID Board of Directors as Region V Representative from 2012-2015 and Member-at-Large from 2015-2017, and;

Whereas, LaVona Andrew served tirelessly and admirably with unwavering commitment to the growth and development of the organization; and;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of LaVona Andrew to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors

Resolution T

Whereas, Ritchie Bryant served on the RID Board of Directors as Deaf Member-at-Large from 2015-2017, and;

Whereas, Ritchie Bryant served tirelessly and admirably with unwavering commitment to the growth and development of the organization; and;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the membership of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf do hereby express their sincere appreciation for the service of Ritchie Bryant to the association and to the profession.

Submitted by RID Board of Directors