



IRID

Illinois Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

President

Angela Malcomson

2020 IRID Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2020 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Zoom (virtual)

Vice-President

Kathleen Valiska

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by President Angela Malcomson. President Malcomson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Treasurer

Samantha Cotter

Amy Kisner, briefly explained Zoom etiquette and the process to be followed for a Zoom meeting. Each speaker will be highlighted using the “spotlight” feature. The agenda and other items will be shared via a slide show using the “share screen” option. If a member has question or comment during meeting, the chair can be notified using the chat feature and will then be spotlighted. The voting process for the meeting using Zoom features was explained – click “yes” for aye, “no” for oppose, and “coffee cup” icon for abstain. The host is able to see the vote tally to be shared. Officer election voting process to be explained before the election. Voting members have been verified and identified with an “*” before their name in the participant list. All members are welcome, but only verified voting members can vote.

Secretary

Kevin Jackson

No questions or comments from members.

Member-At-Large

Laura Kostomiris

2. Quorum

Bronwyn Schlaefer, Membership Committee Chair, confirmed that quorum was established.

Member-At-Large

Courtney Cechini

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Veramarie H Baldoza

MOTION

Kathleen Valiska moved to approve the agenda.

Second by Jerry Minchey

Motion carries.

Student Rep

Ian Rust



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3. Approval of Standing Rules

The meeting standing rules were displayed and explained by Olivia Heitz, Member-at-Large.

MOTION

Kevin Jackson moved to accept the standing rules as presented.
Second by Angela Trull.
Motion carries.

4. Approval of minutes from October 5, 2019 membership meeting

MOTION

Olivia Heitz moved to approve meeting minutes from the Annual Membership Meeting held on October 5, 2019.
Second by Courtney Cechini.
Motion carries.

5. Reports – President Malcomson mentioned that digital copies of all board and committee reports were distributed to all members via email and asked if there were any questions or comments from the members regarding the posted reports. No questions or comments.

- a. Board Reports -
 - i. Board reports sent to all members via email
 - ii. Board reports available on the IRID website
 - iii. President
 - iv. Vice President
 - v. Treasurer
 - vi. Secretary
 - vii. Member at Large I
 - viii. Member at large II
 - ix. Member at Large III
 - x. Student Representative
- b. Standing Committee Reports
 - i. Finance Committee
 - aa. See Treasurer Report
 - ii. Membership Committee



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- iii. Communications Committee
- iv. Professional Development Committee
 - aa. No Report/position vacant
- v. Nominating committee
 - aa. Report/announcement during Elections
- vi. Bylaws Committee
 - aa. Bylaw motions
- vii. CPM Administrator Report
- viii. Webmaster report

- 6. Old Business
 - a. No outstanding business remains from October 5, 2019

- 7. New Business

President Malcomson explained that business will be conducted following following Robert's Rules of Order. Laura Kostomiris, Member-at-Large provided a brief summary of Robert's Rules and the process to follow for motions from the floor. A member will use the Zoom chat feature to gain recognition from the chair, type in their motion the rationale. The floor will then be opened for discussion followed by voting.

Bronwyn Schlaefer, Membership Committee Chair, explained the voting process using Zoom features. In order to vote, the member must type both fist and last name into their Zoom screen name field to verify they are a voting member. An * before their name in the window verifies voting membership status. The voting member will use voting buttons in their participants list feature of Zoom – “yes” for aye, “no” for oppose, and the coffee cup icon for abstain. For the board elections, a poll will appear with candidate's names and the member can select their choice from the list that appears.

President Malcomson explained that proposed bylaw amendments were sent to all voting IRID members in advance of the meeting. Each amendment needs a separate vote and requires two-thirds majority of voting members present to be accepted.

- f. Bylaws Amendment #1 (displayed for review).

Kathleen Valiska presented the proposed amendment from the Board of Directors.

MOTION

The IRID Board of Directors moved to accept the following amendment to the current IRID bylaws:



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ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by voting members. Written notice of such amendments must be given to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance. Voting may be done by mail, **electronically**, or at any regular or subsequent meeting of the membership.

The floor was opened for discussion. Angela Trull spoke in support of the proposed amendment. The amendment was previously presented at 2019 membership meeting and then sent out via regular mail, but not enough ballots were returned for approval.

No comments in opposition.

President Malcomson called the question and advised the two-thirds of voting members present must vote in favor for approval of the amendment.

Non-voting members entered a break out room in order for votes to be easily counted. The results will be announced to all members on return to main room.

Aye – 24, Opposed – 0, Abstain - 0
Motion passes.

- g. Bylaws Amendment #2 (displayed for review)
Courtney Cechini C presented the proposed amendment from the Board of Directors.

MOTION

The IRID Board of Directors moved to accept the following amendment to the current IRID bylaws:

ARTICLE III.I

The affairs of the IRID shall be governed by the Board of Directors (to be referred to as “the Board”) consisting of the following members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Members-at-Large (MAL), a Student Representative, **a Student Representative Elect**, and Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) Representative, and (in alternate years) the Immediate Past President.

Each member of the Board, **except the IAD Representative and the Student-Rep Elect**, must be a voting member in good standing of RID, Inc. and IRID ~~except the IAD Representative and a resident of the state of Illinois.~~ **The Student Rep-Elect shall be a member in good standing in any category of IRID and be currently**



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enrolled in an Interpreter Preparation Program located in the state of Illinois at the time of election. The IAD representative is appointed by the Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD). All IRID Board members must be a resident of Illinois.

Vice-President

Kathleen Valiska

The floor was opened for discussion. No discussion.
President Malcomson called the question.

Aye – 27, Opposed – 1, Abstain - 0
Motion Passes.

Treasurer

Samantha Cotter

h. Kevin Jackson presented a motion from the Board of Directors

MOTION

The IRID Board of Directors moved to grant one (1) year of voting membership at the discounted rate of \$15.00 to Student IRID members for their first year of membership after graduation from an Illinois ITP Candidates must be a Student Member of IRID at the time of graduation, and may pay the discounted rate for the membership cycle beginning in September of the same year. Eligible graduates will be verified by the Student Representative and the Membership Chair, and must meet all other requirements to become a Voting Member (i.e., they must be a Voting member of IRID).

Member-At-Large

Laura Kostomiris

The floor was opened for discussion.
Question from member: Is this a change in bylaws? A: It is not.
No further discussion.
President Malcomson called the question.

Aye – 27, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 0
Motion passes.

g. No motions from the floor.

Member-At-Large

Courtney Cechini

8. Elections – a call for nominations was sent to all members in advance. The nominees who accepted will be introduced and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

a. Vice President
Kathleen Valiska nominated by Olivia Heitz. Accepted.
No nominations from the floor.

Kathleen Valiska elected to the position of Vice President by acclamation.

Member-At-Large

Veramarie H Baldoza

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- b. Treasurer
No nominations received and none from the floor.
The IRID Board of Directors will appoint a Treasurer as outlined in the bylaws.
- c. Member-at-Large
Veramarie Baldoza nominated by Amy Kisner. Accepted
No nominations from the floor.
Veramarie Baldoza was elected to the position of Member-at-Large by acclamation.
- Veramarie briefly introduced herself to the membership.
- d. Student Representative
President Malcomson referred to the recently changed bylaw. There are now two positions available: Student Representative and Student Rep-Elect.
- Ian Rust was nominated by Angela Malcomson. Accepted.
Casey Triccoli was nominated by Michelle Nye. Accepted.
No Nominations from the floor:
- Ian Rust introduced himself to the membership. Is currently as student in the Interpreter Preparation Program at Columbia College.
- Casey Triccoli introduced herself to the membership. Is currently a student in the Interpreter Perparation Program at the College of Dupage.
- Non-voting members and nominees moved to break-out room during voting.
- Due to technical problems, the voting poll for elected positions as explained in the standing rules was not available. Substituted the use of the following available in the participant list feature in Zoom: If in support of Casey T., click "Yes". If in support of Ian R, click "coffee cup".
- Ian Rust was elected to the position of Student Representative.**
- e. Student Rep-Elect
This position was created by approval of the bylaws amendment earlier in the meeting. No nominations in advance.



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President Malcomson asked Casey Triccoli if she would be interested in running for this new position. Because she will be graduating in May 2021, she does not qualify because she will no longer be a student to move into the Student Representative position the following year.

Vice-President

Kathleen Valiska

No nominations from the floor.

The IRID Board of Directors will appoint a Student Rep-Elect as outlined in the bylaws.

Treasurer

Samantha Cotter

MOTION

Amy Kisner moved to adjourn.

Second by Jerry Minchey.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Secretary

Kevin Jackson

President Malcomson invited members to stay in the meeting to chat since the meeting ended early.

Member-At-Large

Laura Kostomiris

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Courtney Cechini

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*Approved
10/16/2021
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