

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Minutes
November 3, 2009

Stonewall Resort
Roanoke, West Virginia

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Interpreters:
Pierre Sevigny	Doug Godfrey	Janelle St. Martin
Marty Blakely	Dr. Charles Abraham	Toni Hall
James Ennis	Marsha Dadisman	
Jennifer Burgess	Dr. Michael Sullivan	Staff:
Annette Carey	Dr. Patsy Shank	Marissa Johnson
Pat Moss		Roy Forman
Barbara King		Kari Preslar
Mel Woodcock (designee for Pam Roush)		
Tammy Phillips		
Jamie Mallory		

I. Call to Order

Pierre Sevigny called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

II. Reading of the Mission Statement and Introductions

Tammy Phillips read the Mission Statement.

Pierre introduced the two new board members: Jamie Mallory (Parent representative) and Tammy Phillips (teacher of the deaf).

III. Minutes

Minutes from the July 30, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Marty Blakely made the motion to approve the minutes, Barbara King seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Staff Report

Marissa shared highlights from the staff report.

V. EIPA update

Roy reported that the EIPA cost for the performance part will be \$275.00 beginning January 1. The cost for the written test has already increased from \$75 to \$150. Annette may be able to help with a grant to help pay for the cost of the performance tests. Annette said that the skills for the interpreters have really improved since we started the testing. So far 13 interpreters across the state have received 3.0 or above. Four have received the permanent certification of 3.5.

Annette shared that an EIPA videoconference sponsored by Boys Town will be held on November 14, 2009 at WVSD, Parkersburg, and Charleston. Also, on November 14 there will be a Visual Phonics workshop for interpreters.

VI. Deaf Child's Bill of Rights

A final draft has been completed and it has been sent to the chairs of the health committees requesting sponsorship. Delegate Ennis told Marissa that he will be watching for the bill when it comes to the House.

VII. Interpreter Registry

A task force is needed to address the issues.

VIII. Office of Technology update

No report

IX. Board appointments

The Governor has reappointed Marty Blakely and appointed two new members: Jamie Mallory (parent representative) and Tammy Phillips (teacher of the deaf representative). We should hear soon regarding the other reappointments. Two positions are vacant – a deaf or hard of hearing rep. and an audiologist. Nominations are being accepted.

X. RID Conference

Roy reported on the conference. It was a great conference and he thanked the board for allowing him to attend.

XI. WVAD Conference

Marissa attended and appreciated having the opportunity to meet so many people.

XII. Board thank you notes

Barb suggested that thank you letters be sent to Gary Vandevander and John Knisely for their service on the board. Plaques will be made for them and they will be invited to the next meeting. Marissa and Kari will work on.

XIII. Office of Technology assistance

Barb requested help from the Commission with the Office of Technology. She has people working for the state who cannot communicate with their constituents. Marissa suggested setting up a technology task force to look at all of these issues.

New Business

XIV. Town Hall Meeting reports

Meetings that have been completed include Morgantown, Institute, Wheeling and Romney. Marissa shared highlights of the meetings. She thanked Pierre, Marty, Jim, Doug, Annette and Barb for attending at least one town hall meeting. Also thanked Roy and Kari for all of their extra work.

XV. Workshops

Kari shared the workshops that have been done: Tracie Bryant (EIPA scores) and Janelle (voicing). Annette suggested that we partner with her with the Boys Town

videoconferences taking the DVD and showing it in the morning and then having a leader talk about how to implement it in the classroom.

Pat Moss made a suggestion for workshop dealing with health care reform. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing need to be aware of the changes. Marissa and Pat will meet.

XVI. Fees for Qualified Interpreters

Marissa reported that the fees should not be included in the code so that fees can be changed without having to go through the Legislative process. The task force that is working on the registry will review this code as well. Interpreters will be placed according to the level of experience based on the NAD levels. **Barbara moved that the fees need to be removed from the code. Pat Moss seconded. Motion approved.**

XVII. Retreat Agenda

The agenda for the retreat was reviewed.

James Ennis made the motion to adjourn and Marty Blakely seconded. Motion approved.