

## ASLTA Board Online meeting via Zvrs conference call

December 11, 2015

Meeting called to order at 8pm EST/7 CST/6 MST/5 PST

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|  | <p>PRESENT: President Arlene Gunderson<br/> Vice-President Keri Brooks<br/> Treasurer Bill Newell<br/> ASLHS- Jason Zinza<br/> Evaluations – Amy June Rowley<br/> Professional Development Chair- Christine Multra Kraft<br/> Chapter Chair- Brenda Schertz<br/> MAL – Andrew Bottoms</p>  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on how to evaluate candidates’ linguistic knowledge if they have not taken a formal ASL linguistics course</li> <li>• Discussion on retired/honorary member/honorary certificated members. Bill has developed some guidelines and will send to Amy</li> <li>• Beta test of new evaluation system will take place with MASLed students in January, Rubrics will be adjusted accordingly – system will be transitioned into place by June. Goal is to have September 1 be the cutoff for people to pay their dues to keep their certifications active under the old system. Full plan will be shared with members immediately via email and facebook.</li> <li>• Transition plan is in development – will include timeline, budget details, etc</li> <li>• MOTION: Bill Newell (Schertz) moves to accept the proposal for the new Evaluation system as proposed by the committee. PASSED</li> <li>• Agreed – the ASLTA Board will pay for FUZE online video conferencing access. Costs will be investigated and we will vote online before our next meeting</li> <li>• Discussion on communication – we need to get updated email addresses of certified members – need to make sure they share their email updates. Agreed that we want to use other social media sources, Twitter, IG, etc, with us sharing the account and posting as much as possible.</li> <li>• Arlene attended ACTFL conference – 6 thousand people and a workshop on ASL that was full of erroneous information. Next year ACTFL will be in Boston – call for papers deadline is Jan 13. We all can recruit one or two people to send in paper – the coordinator of the conference says if she gets enough ASL papers, she can set up an ASL Track at the conference. Many interested people at ACTFL – it is a ripe opportunity for true ASL experts to present on issues in our field and the best way to teach ASL. Jason attended ACTFL – his 15<sup>th</sup> conference. His notes will be shared with the Board. ACTFL needs OUR experts to fill the void – they will proceed without us and made decisions about the field of ASL teaching if we do not ensure our people attend their conferences. There was an ASL “representative” at that meeting and she could not even sign well.</li> <li>• Arlene attended Society for ASL conference; they’re hoping to be ‘gatekeepers’ for all things ASL – short, not very successful discussion with their new board on possibilities of collaboration, etc.</li> <li>• Amy and Arlene met with ASLRT representatives. Progress made with discussion – discussing a meeting with equal number of representatives to discuss infrastructure. New evaluation system will be open to L1 teachers.</li> <li>• Discussed plan for ASLTA Face to Face meeting – Utah conference committee suggesting some kind of fundraiser evening. Will suggest ASL Storytelling Evening fundraiser with Ben Lewis as MC ☺</li> <li>• Will meet with SLC Conference committee for 2 hours Saturday and have lunch together</li> <li>• We will stay where the conference will be – Marriott at City Creek, will ask the Conference Committee to talk to the hotel about a free meeting room in return for us staying there.</li> </ul> |

- Discussed Board communication and commitment to action
- Buddy system – set up regular meetings with your buddy to hold each other accountable
- Next online meeting Monday, January 18 at 8 EST/7 CST/6 MST/5 PST
- Discussion of getting more support – work study students, field experience students at colleges
- Joe Dannis of DSP offering office space for ASLTA Home Office!!!!
- Discussion on Tony’s request for \$200/month raise for his support to Evaluation office. Agreed to set up limited term contract of 6 months or 1 year (Evaluation committee can put it in plan for transition)
- Discussion on moving ASL evaluation materials out of Keith Cagle’s home. Jason Zinza willing to store them and he has an assistant able to devote most of January to scanning Evaluation records!!! HANDS WAVING to Jason for his donation!!

Meeting adjourned 10:20 pm EST