

2016-2017 Annual Membership General Meeting

Interpreter with Deaf Parents (IDP) MAL's Report

May 13, 2017

Personal developments:

I have been re-establishing my relationships with CSUN for the past year with genuine success. I've attended many social gatherings as well as lecture series with pleasure. Recently I met with Cathy Macleod, Director of the National Center on Deafness, CSUN and had a good conversation over dinner where misunderstandings and misinformation was cleared up. We have kept in touch since and will continue to do so.

I also met with Flavia Fleischer just last week, Chair, Deaf Studies Program, CSUN recently and had a heart to heart talk since I've known her and her family since 1979. After our talk she encouraged me to re-apply at CSUN with a cover-letter explaining my intent and activity in the community. I take her encouragement to heart and plan to follow through with the ideas we discussed. I will continue to dialogue with Deaf Studies and continue to exhibit support for the community and our cause.

Past Year Activities:

- ❖ The motion for "SCRID Language Usage Policy Proposal – Policies and Procedures Manual" is ready for the floor. This endeavor has taken much time, yet well worth it to have it written with the spirit in which it is intended. I want to thank all the people who have provided feedback and I humbly hope that it is written to a level of satisfaction to where it may be passed.
- ❖ This past month I attended the Deaf Studies Lecture Series where there was an installation of "Self Portrait" paintings by Marlton Day School for the Deaf Seniors was on exhibition and Leah Katz Hernandez (former receptionist, researcher, and campaign worker for the Obama campaign 2008/2012) gave a lecture on her experiences and "intersectionality". It was a full house and a great success. I spoke to everyone possible about joining SCRID activities and meetings.
- ❖ Attended face-to-face meetings this past year and most of the eMeetings. I missed this past April eMeeting due to the passing of my mother-in-law on April 3 and before that I missed the November, 2016 eMeeting due to passing of our cats.
- ❖ On April 1st Peggy Huber, Jerrin George and I met and were able to discuss issues that are faced currently within our community. I was also able to take some feedback on the Language Usage Motion.
- ❖ I worked a conference with approximately 10 other interpreters during LAUSD's Spring Break where I was able to share news about SCRID and RID activities while encouraging them to reconnect.
- ❖ This past summer I joined Peggy Huber and Jodi Skeris for the Joint Conference of the 53rd NAD and RID in Phoenix, Arizona. Most of my focus was on the legal interpreting issues as the test was put to sunset status at that time. Being able to represent SCRID at although a chaotic time, it still was a worthy cause to show that we are still invested in the organization.
- ❖ Attended most of the SCRID Trainings; including but not limited to "Prehab Not Rehab", A Personal "Pressing" Issue, "Advanced Math".

- ❖ While working with or in contact with non-members and members of SCRID I have encouraged them to participate and voice their thoughts, concerns, and hopes. As well as encouraging them to run for positions and to vote for the new slate within SCRID.
- ❖ Submitted my letter of intent and support materials necessary to run for Interpreter with Deaf Parents - Member-At-Large position.