

IOWA BOARD OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLITERATORS
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Boardroom #526
321 East 12th St.
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

MINUTES
February 21, 2011 ----- 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators was called to order by Chairperson Diana Kautzky at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call/Introductions

Members present: Amy Cook, L.I.; Judy Gouldsmith, L.I.; Diana Kautzky, L.I.; and Brent Welsh

Members absent: Cynthia Smith-Byer, Freeman Harper, and David Theobald, L.I.

Interpreters: Peggy Chicoine and Jeff Reese

Staff present: Pierce Wilson, Board Executive; Julie Bussanmas, AAG; and Karla Hoover, Licensing Specialist

Public present: Ellen Hayes, Hayes Interpreting Services; Darla Konkel, L.I.; Rev. Dennis Konkel, CDI Candidate; Karlene Kischer-Browne, Iowa State Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf; and Kathy Rapp, Sorenson VRS.

Review Agenda

Agenda was accepted as written.

Approval of Minutes

November 15, 2010

Amy Cook moved and Brett Welsch seconded the motion to approve the November 15, 2010 minutes as amended. The Board approved unanimously.

Reports

Board Executive, Pierce Wilson

Pierce noted that Cynthia called the office to indicate that she is considering resigning from the Board due to availability issues. She said she will be contacting the governor's office to inform them. As an update, professional licensure continues to work on the

AMANDA computerized system. A final implementation date has yet to be established but it is anticipated to be spring or summer.

Public Comment

No public comments were received.

New Business

Disciplinary and Hearings overview discussion

Disciplinary and Hearings overview materials were presented for the Board's review and possible discussion at a later Board meeting. The Board Executive distributed the attached narratives for the Board members to review:

- Investigative Options
- Discipline Options
- Q's and A's on Disciplinary Hearings

Administrative Rule Change – 361.5(1)

Mr. Wilson discussed the proposed rule change for adoption regarding deleting the rule requiring the bureau to send out notices to remind licensees to renew. A hearing was held and there were no public comments. This is being done for all 19 boards. This change is consistent with changes made to the Code of Iowa that removed the requirement of such mail notification. A motion was made by Brent Welsch and seconded by Judy Gouldsmith to adopt the rules as noticed. There was unanimous approval of the motion. The rule change will be filed.

Administrative Rule Change – 4.3(5)

Pierce discussed the proposed rule change that was suggested by the AAG's office to remove rule language requiring Roberts Rules of Order. This allows the Board the option to use or not use Roberts Rules of Order in Board processes. This change will require the approval of all 19 boards in order to file the Notice of Intended Action. There was Board consensus to notice the proposed change. There will be a public hearing and this change will be brought back to the Board for adoption.

Administrative Rule Change – discipline rules relating to conclusive evidence

This is a proposal to amend the existing discipline rules to include Board consideration of judgments and settlements that are deferred. The change is being proposed by the Attorney General's office. Deferred judgment will count for purposes of licensure. There was Board consensus to notice the proposed change.

Ellen Hayes – CDI

Ellen Hayes announced that there are two Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) candidates in the state. They have both passed the RID written test and are moving forward to take the RID performance test. Currently one individual, Diana Konkel, has her temporary license and Rev. Dennis Konkel is applying for a temporary license. There was some discussion of the RID examination for CDIs. Ellen discussed the practice of CDIs and answered Board questions. Rev. Konkel also offered some examples of how and where CDIs are used. It was suggested that while they may work in all areas, they are particularly useful in legal and intense medical situations.

Ms. Hayes remarked that any direction the Board could give to help them educate the public regarding the work of CDIs would be appreciated.

Closed Session

The Board did not go into closed session.

Diana noted that attendance is important at Board meetings and thanked everyone who was able to attend the meeting. Diana also reminded Board members that the next Board meeting is May 16, 2011.

Adjournment

Amy Cook moved and Judy seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was unanimous approval of the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.