

**Mississippi Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf**  
**General Meeting Agenda/Minutes**

**Date: 08/05/2023**

**Time: 10:30a cst**

Attendees: Full board, Jerry B, Margo B, Niall C, Stefan E, Bevin G, Jill H, Alesia H, Jamie O, Lydia R

- I. Call to order **11:05a cst**
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of minutes from last general membership meeting 15 aye; 1 abstain - **passes**
- IV. President report
  - A. (Fraud issues) The different precincts between Gulfport and Gautier continue to have me go back and forth not giving me an definite answer as to who to file charges with. The bank is still actively investigating. Only one charge left to finish investigating.
  - B. I have been continually working on this conference. We are already working on new workshops etc.
- V. Vice President report
  - A. Last day acting as VP for MSRID
  - B. Met with MAD - they will collaborate with MSRID
- VI. Secretary report
  - A. Attended board, general, and conference planning meetings
  - B. Membership Status:
    1. Voting: **25** active, **10** lapsed
    2. Non-Voting: **18** active, **7** lapsed
    3. Student: **12** active, **16** lapsed \*still looking into this (new academic year starts)
- VII. Treasurer report

A. Current Bank Account Balance: **\$17,531.85**

B. Income Last Fiscal Year:

Membership Dues: **\$1,090**

Conference Sponsorships: **\$1,000**

C. Income This Fiscal year:

Membership Dues: **\$975**

Conference Registration: **\$3,069**

Conference Sponsorships: **\$1,500**

D. Expenses this Year:

Updating MSRID Board with Secretary of State: **\$27.59**

\*This had to be done in order to keep us up to date and valid in the eyes of the State. This must be done anytime there is a change to the following Board Members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer\*

**AffiniPay Usage Fee: \$52.16**

\*Affinipay takes care of our incoming finances through our website. Anytime someone pays membership dues and/or workshop fees; They process the payment and deposit it into our bank account. In exchange for them to do this for us, they take a percentage each month depending on how much we have come in.

**United States Postal Service: \$90.79**

\*We did purchase a P.O. Box. We felt this would be the best option so that we are not using someone's home/place of business to conduct our own business.(\$76) This covers 1yr.

\* We purchased Stamps and Envelopes for MSRID use. (\$14.76) i.e. Sending checks for payment, sponsorships, donations

**MSD: \$200.00**

\*We sent out a vote and sent MSD money to help feed those at their board meeting last weekend.

**LAD: \$100.00**

\*We sent out a vote and sent in money to advertise MSRID in LAD's upcoming conference program book.

**Zoom: \$160.39**

\*To continue using our zoom account for meetings

**Namecheap: \$25.14**

\*To keep our domain name for our website

**Presenter Flights: \$882.93**

-We went ahead and booked flights for the Conference presenters that needed them

**Total Conference cost thus far:**

-Lanyards: \$25.66

-Raffle Tickets: \$20.32

**\*Expected Cost not yet paid\***

Presenter Hotels	1,015.78
Presenter Flights	882.93
Presenter Local Transport	650
Lunch/snacks	800
CEUs	270
Moderator	150
Gas reimbursement	30
Presenter Invoices	1,115
Interpreter Hotels	170.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,083.76</b>

E. OTHER NEWS:

**1. Website**

We will have a 25% increase in the cost of our website come next pay period. It is unclear whether it will be

just the website itself, or the domain as well but here is what we are looking at either way.

Current cost of Website: **\$648.00/yr**

**25% increase: \$810.00/yr**

Current cost of Domain: **\$25.14/yr**

**25% increase: \$31.43/yr**

Current Total Cost: **\$673.14/yr**

**25% increase: \$841.43/yr**

**UPDATE:**-We decided to stay with Wild Apricot for at least one more year. Bringing the total cost to **\$835.14** with the domain and website.

## **2. Fraud**

We have had several fraudulent charges made to our Regions account through Amazon. We have disputed the charges, and the bank has reimbursed our account for the funds that were taken. There is an investigation underway that will be completed by the first week of July. When the investigation is complete and frauds proven, the funds will stay in our account. If the investigation concludes that there was no fraud, the funds will be removed from the account. We have no reason to believe that the investigation will not conclude in our favor.

Total funds that were stolen: **\$2,539.38**

The board has decided to file a police report and press charges if the person is found and apprehended.

**UPDATE: The bank has completed the investigation into the fraud. The transactions were officially deemed as fraud and the funds officially returned to our account.**

VIII. MAL reports

A. MAL 1

1. Attended board, general, and conference planning meetings
2. Worked on conference
3. Working on PPM/Bylaws (we need membership involvement/help)

B. MAL 2

1. Attended board, general, and conference planning meetings
2. Worked on conference (setting up volunteer list)

C. MAL 3

1. Attended board, general, and conference planning meetings
2. Worked on conference

IX. Old business

A. Nominations results

1. MALs have rescinded their resignations
2. The Interim VP position has been appointed by the board

X. New business

XI. Announcements

1. Stefan Esterley is the board appointed VP
2. IRIS Project specifically for rural interpreters

<https://www.unco.edu/irisproject/recruitment/>

XII. Adjournment **11:42a** cst (Cindy proposes to close; Faith seconds)