

# OCRID Emergency Board Meeting

March 23, 2020

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES APPROVED 8/10/2021

**Present:** Moses McIntosh (Dir. of Programming), Jordan Brian (Dir. of Membership), Julia Finocchi (Dir. of Community Relations), Chelsea Sudar (Dir. of Communications), Kelli Henery (Dir. of Finance)

**Absent:** Lewis Wright (President)

**VACANT:** Dir. of Meetings

—Meeting minutes recorded by Moses McIntosh, Director of Programming, per designation of the President.—

Called to Order: 7:37 PM

## 1. Update from President on:

- a. Bylaws committee motion review ([2020.03.16.03](#))
- b. Board transparency ([2020.03.16.04](#))
- c. Board completion of tasks ([2020.03.16.05](#))
- d. Spring Elections ([2020.03.16.06](#))
- e. Date for Board retreat ([2020.03.09.04](#))

## 2. Unfinished Business:

### a. Region III Update

- i. Joined a discussion with Region III Representative. The in-person meeting hosted by RID was canceled, but the RID Board is contemplating cancellation of all regional conferences for 2020.
- ii. Motion 2020.03.16.08: move that we table this discussion until the next emergency meeting occurring on 3/23/2020. (Sudar, C./McIntosh, M.)
- iii. The planning committee in conjunction with the Region III Representative voted to formally cancel the Region III Conference in July 2020.

## 3. New Business:

### a. Communication of Region III to Membership

- i. Julia Finocchi- recorded a formal announcement of cancellation. Region III Representative requested to hold off on an announcement until all AC's are on the same page.
- ii. Chelsea Sudar- sent an email to Kenya McPheeters and Lewis Wright regarding the recording and how to handle the announcement; waiting on a response.
- iii. Video that was recorded was sent to RID. They will edit and post to the RID webpage and the Region III page. The Director of Communications requested a copy so that this could be sent to our membership.

### b. Contract Cancellations

- i. "Whova"- Julia Finocchi
  1. Not officially canceled because it can be used via virtual conference. Deadline for cancellation is two weeks prior to July 22, 2020. Payment due on April 15, 2020.
- ii. Hotel Contracts
  1. Two of the three contracts were canceled with no problem - no financial obligation. Courtyard Marriott is requiring us to pay \$9,666.00 because we must pay 20% of our booked rooms due to the state of emergency timeline only through April, 2020.
  2. **ACTION ITEM:** Chelsea Sudar to reach out to a national contact regarding hotel charge by 3/27/2020.
- iii. Convention Center
  1. As of right now, due to the Executive Order not having a specific end date, they are only refunding through April, 2020. We will not be reimbursed the \$5,000. However, pending a continuance of these orders they will review our cancellation. We will review in May, 2020.
  2. No further action items remaining
- iv. Silent Auction
  1. We have received about 10 items that have been donated. Some are in transit. We talked about wanting to go ahead and wanting to reach out to donors to see if they want their items back.
  2. **ACTION ITEM:** Kelli Henery & Kate Geit to reach out to donors to inform them of cancellation and ask them what they would like to do with donations by 4/3/2020.

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## New Business continued...

### Contract Cancellations

- v. Sponsorships
  - 1. Preparing to ramp up requests for Sponsorships. The only request that has been sent is a request to Sorenson. The Director of Membership will send an update about the cancellation and potentially requesting their sponsorship.
  - 2. **ACTION ITEM:** Jordan Brian will reach out to Sorenson regarding alternate options by 3/27/2020.
- vi. Presenters
  - 1. Moses McIntosh has sent out a cancellation email to the Presenters who have submitted proposals. Seven presenters are willing to discuss the potential of a remote presentation.
  - 2. No further action items remaining
- vii. Support Staff
  - 1. No applications received. All ITP programs will be informed.
  - 2. No further action items remaining
- viii. Registration
  - 1. Link is still open because there hasn't been an announcement. One additional person has registered.
  - 2. **ACTION ITEM:** Julia Finocchi to close the link and refund money to registrants within one week of the announcement being made.
- c. **Virtual Conference**
  - i. Concerns: lack of time to plan an entire virtual conference; potentially provide a virtual weekend workshop; can we financially afford this if we lose all the money we've already put forward; what about the Business meeting?
  - ii. **Motion 2020.03.23.01:** Move that OCRID does not continue to pursue a virtual conference for the 2020 fiscal year and that the Board focus on other competing initiatives with their remaining tenure. (Sudar, C./Finocchi, J.)
    - 1. **Rationale:** I think it is important that we take this opportunity that we take the time to focus on things that have been put on the back burner since planning this conference.
    - 2. **Discussion:** none.
    - 3. **Motion carries.**
  - iii. "Whova" - Julia Finocchi will cancel completely
- d. **OAD (Ohio Association of the Deaf) Action to Create/Solicit Standardized Interpreting Assessment**
  - i. Call to establish standard assessment for interpreters. Call has been withdrawn, but many members of the community have expressed frustrations about the call for multiple reasons. It was perceived that OAD would be the unilateral source of the assessment, and the community would not be involved in this decision.
  - ii. OCRID should send out communication regarding this call, however, it is less pressing due to COVID-19. It is important that OCRID shows their support of assessment or licensure, but we want collaboration with all stakeholders involved.
  - iii. **ACTION ITEM:** Chelsea Sudar and Lewis Wright to post a statement regarding this as an open letter to OAD to request their collaboration by 4/24/20.
- e. **OAD (Ohio Association of the Deaf) - how will we respond?**
- f. **Deaf Advisory Committee**
- g. **Business Meeting for New Board Members 2020-2021**
  - i. Online Election
  - ii. Ideas to recruit new Board Members

Motion to Adjourn: 8:34 PM