

**Conference of Interpreter Trainers  
Convention Business Meeting  
Gallaudet University, Washington, DC  
October 2, 2004**

**I. Call to Order**

President Carolyn Ball called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM EST.

**II. Roll Call- Kellie Mills Stewart**

Total voting membership: 279

Voting members present: 79

Quorum needed: 25% (70 members)

Quorum met, meeting to proceed.

**III. Communications**

- President Ball introduced the Parliamentarian, Libby Pollard, former NAD President.
- Parliamentarian Pollard explained to the membership the Roberts Rules of Order, and how the Business Meeting will proceed.
- Acceptance of standing rules, approved.

**IV. Report from the Minutes Approval Committee**

Todd Tourville, on behalf of the committee, moved to approve the minutes from the 2002 Business Meeting. The minutes were approved.

**V. Reports**

**Officers' Reports:**

- **President's Report, Carolyn Ball:**
  - Encouraged members to adopt the strategic plan.
- **Vice President's Report, Annette Miner:**
  - By-laws revisions are in the program book. Revisions include recommendations from the Parliamentarian in 2002 to make meetings run more smoothly. Will vote whether to adopt during the new business.
- **Treasurer's Report, Cindy Farnham:**
  - Displayed the list of incomes and expenses in 2003.
  - Will be working on financial plan for CIT in the coming year.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Committee, Kellie Stewart:**
  - CIT is growing! 80 new members this year. 345 total members, first time over 300. Partly through recruitment efforts. Recognized work of committee members. 122 prior members did not renew. 21 organizational members.
  - For the first time this year, members can pay dues using a credit card.
  - Considering scholarships to assist members without institutional support to attend the conventions.

- **Standards Committee, Marty Taylor:**
  - SSR committee is moving forward, three programs have completed the process: CPCC in North Carolina, Gallaudet University, and University of New Hampshire.
  - Looking into the infrastructure and logistics of how accreditation should be handled.
  - SSR Committee: Jona Maiorano; Persis Bristol-Dodson (NAOBI); Tom Riggs (ASLTA); Richard Laurion (RID); Denise Smith (AVLIC); BJ Wood (NAD); Dan Langholtz, Ellie Savidge, Judy Kegl
  - Standards Committee: Eileen Forestal, Jeff Davis, Michael Canale, Theresa Smith, Kevin Williams, Ray Parks & Anna Rinaldi
  
- **Professional Development Committee:**
  - Thanked the committee for their work, especially for the convention.
  
- **Communications Committee, Marie Griffin:**
  - No report.
  
- **Grievance Committee, Brian Morrison:**
  - Working on draft of the grievance policy.
  - Need more committee members.

## VI. New Business

### New motions from the floor:

- **Motion C04-01:**  
 Moved by CIT Board to accept and implement the CIT Five- & Ten-Year Plan as submitted by the board to the membership.  
  
 Discussion:  
 -Betty Colonomos asked for clarification of budget for entire plan, not annual expenses. Question of how budget allocation was determined.  
 -Treasurer Cindy Farnham responded: Allocation is a general estimate, is there a specific line item in question?  
 -CCIE \$84,000 passed at 2002 convention, now the amount is almost doubled...what happened? CCIE is included with a broader category (p. 51)- ASLTA collaboration on Certification, portfolio and teacher certification have also been included with the CCIE funds. At this point, the budget estimates are not finalized.  
  
 Betty Colonomos moved to table the motion, seconded and passed.
  
- **Motion C04-02:**  
 Moved by CIT Board to change timing of the CIT Convention from the fall to the summer.  
  
 Discussion:  
 -Hard to get institutional support if during the summer when they are off

- contract, especially for K-12 teachers.  
- If children are off school, difficult for families who have children.

Motion failed.

- **Motion C04-03:**  
Moved by the by-laws committee to accept the revised by-laws as written.

Motion passed. The new by-laws are effective immediately.

- **Motion C04-04:**  
Moved by the by-laws committee to change the amended bylaws Section 10.2.1 to read “one third of the voting members who have been registered as in attendance”

Motion passed.

- **Motion C04-05:**  
Moved by Elisa Maroney and Sarah Brannigan to publish the CIT Proceedings after the biennial convention for all future conventions.

Rationale:

- To allow presenters more time to write papers. Only ten papers were submitted this year and the keynote was not included.
- Presentations could be videotaped at the convention so that they may be included in the CD-ROM if it is produced. This gives members an option of submitting in written or signed form.
- To allow more time for quality publication.

Amendment:

Moved by Eve West & Leslie Greer to publish the CIT Proceedings within six months after the convention for all future conventions. Amendment passed.

Discussion of the motion:

- Additional cost involved in mailing the proceedings to the membership
- Professionals must be prepared.

Motion failed.

- **Motion C04-06:**  
Moved that CIT include a track for Certified Deaf Interpreter preparation teaching - how to teach Deaf people to become interpreters.

Motion invalid - the maker of the motion not identified.

- **Motion C04-07:**  
Moved by Rachel Naiman & Debbie Peterson that CIT promote more advanced training for Deaf interpreters.

Motion withdrawn.

▪ **Motion C04-08:**

Moved by Jona Maiorano & Greg Camp that an ad-hoc committee be established to look at what role CIT wants to play in addressing the need for RID candidates to have a bachelor's degree by 2012.

This motion's intent is to figure out how CIT will \*respond\* (rather than "address" as the language is currently) to RID's decisions.

Richard Laurion moved to table the motion, seconded and passed.

▪ **Motion C04-09:**

Moved by Richard Laurion & Cathy Cogen that CIT acknowledge the bold and progressive action taken by the 2003 RID National Convention to require academic degrees to sit for certification by aligning our five- & ten-year strategic plan with the intent of that action.

Rationale:

1. Clearly CIT's mission is to encourage interpreter educators to provide the highest quality of instruction possible. The national interpreter education standards support a broad based academic foundation, best realized through a four-year post secondary educational experience.
2. Outlined throughout the Five- & Ten-Year Plan have action items relating to implementation of the accreditation program, internal and external PR, mechanisms for sharing information among interpreter educators, curriculum development, etc... It is in the best interest of students to have the CIT strategic plan for the future in synch with what will ultimately result from the requirement that individuals hold degrees to sit for certification.

Discussion:

- Motion appears to be an opinion. Educators need to deal individually with the issues that may surface.
- + We need to acknowledge and support RID's leadership towards the reality that BA programs are the future.
- ? HOW [does CIT acknowledge?]
- + If passed, the board would be obligated to follow through with the intent of the motion.
- + Time to take a stand on how RID's motion can/will affect our membership. Wise to be proactive on how to address the issues that are likely to surface.
- ? If this motion passes, what happens with the previous motion?  
Response: will be addressed later when the tabled motion is revisited.
- The Five- & Ten-Year plan already addresses that intent, unsure whether passing the motion would change the plan.
- + Associate degree programs are insufficient in terms of providing interpreting students with adequate skills for employment.

Amendment: "sit for certification by *allocating resources in our Five- & Ten-Year Plan to assist programs in becoming accredited.*"

? Will CIT stop accrediting two-year programs if this motion passes?

Response: This motion does not make a distinction between two and four year programs. RID's degree requirement is not an interpreting degree requirement and is a separate issue from the discussion of whether interpreting programs should be AA or BA programs.

- Need time to figure out what issues are involved; suggest that a committee be created to look at the issues and bring it back to the membership.

Amendment withdrawn.

Motion passed.

▪ **Return to Motion C04-08:**

Moved by Lynda Remmel to un-table this motion. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion:

? How is this different from Motion C04-09, which has already been passed?

Response: This motion will establish a committee

+ Those of us at two-year programs want the stance of CIT to support our efforts to make forward progress.

+ An ad hoc committee will focus on making specific recommendations for action.

+ This convention is an inappropriate place to have this discussion. We need a committee established to investigate the motion. There does not appear to be a contradiction between motions 08 and 09. The two motions complement each other.

Amendment #1: *“A committee be established to investigate the impact of the RID degree requirement for interpreting certification candidates on interpreter preparation programs”*

- We already know the impact, a committee is unnecessary.

Amendment #2: *“...preparation programs and actively investigate avenues for supporting two- year institutions in the transition to four-year BA degrees”*

-We need to be cautious about what we say we want to do. Recommend not to pass the amendment and vote on the original motion to see what is feasible and appropriate for CIT to do.

-Against first amendment/ in favor of second amendment.

? Is that possible?

Response: Parliamentarian explained that the first and second amendments have to be voted on as a whole. If they fail, then a new amendment can be made.

Amendment #2 withdrawn.

Amendment #3: “...and how CIT can support institutions in satisfaction of the RID upcoming degree requirements”

Not seconded; amendment #3 died.

Amendment #1:

? If the by-laws stipulate that the Board establishes a committee, doesn't it make this motion moot?

Response: No, the motion will mandate the Board to establish the specified committee.

Amendment #1 failed.

Substitution of original motion: “Committee be established to develop recommendations for ways to support IPP's in the transition to four-year programs”  
- RID's requirement does not require test candidates to have a BA in interpreting, just a degree.

Amendment #4: “Committee be established to develop recommendations for ways to support IPP's in the transition to baccalaureate degree programs”

? Is a quorum still present?

Response: Under the new bylaws, we need 54 voting members. 60 voting members present.

Amendment #4 failed.

Motion passed

▪ **Motion C04-10:**

Moved by Lynda Remmel & Stacey Storme that CIT strengthen our collaboration with ASLTA by promoting the consistent offerings of tracks for both teaching ASL and teaching interpreting at our respective conferences.

? Can we vote to mandate ASLTA to have an interpreting track at their conference?

President Ball called this motion out of order

▪ **Motion C04-11:**

Moved by Cathy Cogen & Richard Laurion to rescind Motion C02-06 passed at the 2002 CIT Convention requiring copyright of present and future accreditation system materials.

Rationale:

1. The action runs contrary to the tenor of CIT's Five- & Ten-Year Strategic Plan and the general image of CIT, which as a whole has been supportive and affirming and sharing of resources, knowledge and expertise.

2. In past studies of more than two-dozen accrediting bodies it was found that not one entity has a copyright on its accrediting materials specifically to make them readily available to programs and the accrediting community.
3. Our materials, developed prior to 1999, were based on materials generously shared with CIT by other accrediting bodies to support our development efforts.
4. The prior decision of CIT to copyright the materials appears not to be collegial and not in keeping with the need for programs to readily access and use the materials, nor is it how CIT would want to be perceived by the accrediting community.

Motion C02-06 was reviewed by the membership, along with rationale from motion 11. Must be passed by a 2/3 vote, as stated in the bylaws.

Motion passed

- **Return to Motion C04-01:**  
Moved by Leslie Greer to un-table this motion.

? Since motion 08 was passed, will it affect the Five- and Ten-Year Plan?  
Response: Yes.

Motion seconded and passed.

#### **Elections:**

The Nominations Committee presented the current nominees:

President: Annette Miner  
Vice-President: Carolyn Ball  
Secretary: Naomi Sheneman  
Treasurer: Cindy Farnham

- **Motion C04-12:** Moved by Witter-Merithew to accept the four nominations for new officers.

Motion seconded and passed

#### **Nomination for CIT Convention 2006 Site:**

- **Motion C04-13:** Moved by Annette Miner for the next CIT Convention to be in San Diego, California.

Motion seconded and passed

### **VII. Announcements**

- President Ball thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to come to the banquet where the food will flow freely.

- Leslie Greer, ASLTA President: ASLTA convention in Las Vegas will have an interpreting track. The hotel where the conference will be held does not have a casino.
- Sarah Brannigan: Please fill out conference evaluations. Fifteen proceedings are left for sale.
- Angela Jones, RID President: Thank you for my first CIT experience. For the past year, CIT and RID have been working together, and she hopes those collaborative efforts will continue. Next year's RID conference will be in San Antonio, TX, July 10-15<sup>th</sup>.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM EST.