



October 2008 e-NEWS RID REGION I REPORT

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Connecticut RID

President Tammy Boutin

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of the CRID Board:

-Member-at-Large, Roberta Goldberg

-Member-at-Large, Cat Lanser

Both were unanimously voted in at CRID's General Membership meeting back in June. I look forward to working with Roberta and Cat.

CRID has some great events planned for 2009! The Helena Beauchamp Memorial Fund will be hosting "It All Depends," the Demand-Control Schema for Interpreting Work presented by Robyn Dean, CI and CT, on April 3 and 4 (This event is co-sponsored with Sorenson Communications and FSW). A "wellness weekend" focusing on self-care for interpreters is currently being planned for the fall of 2009. Look on www.cridonline.com for more information about these events.

As 2008 slows to an end, CRID thought it would be a perfect time to take a look at its bylaws and revise them so they align with current practice. CRID always appreciates member involvement. Contact any board member for more information on how you can help. Together we can make CRID great!

Genesee Valley Region RID

Interim President Kimberly Kelstone, CI and CT

The leaves are changing, the temperature is cooling and things are heating up in the Rochester area. We have a new board as of July 1, though the members of that board are changing. We also are currently collecting membership renewals. Our Community Interpreter Training Grant survived a possible budget cut to remain a benefit to the freelance interpreters working in the Western and Central NY area. The grant is very active, providing a variety of workshops including Robyn Dean's *Demand-Control Schema: Professional Supervision for Interpreters*, as well as a discussion forum, *The World Café*. A variety of organizations in Rochester recently came together to host a Deaf Awareness Week which was well attended and featured a variety of topics and events. We will be co-hosting a *Parliamentary Procedure* workshop in conjunction with Deaf Women of Rochester on October 18th, lead by Libby Pollard, renowned Deaf parliamentarian. We will also have our first general meeting of our new year on October 25th, with a workshop in conjunction: *Haunting Interpreting Experiences*. We will also be holding a special election at that time to permanently fill the President and Vice President seats. We're looking forward to all of these things and much more involvement with our community in a variety of ways over the next several months.