

## NOTIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2020, in GoToMeeting

Chair: Shelley Fairweather-Vega

**Board members present (online):** Laura Friend, Luisa Gracia, Maria Farmer, Mary McKee, Melody Winkle, Pinar Mertan, Shelley Fairweather-Vega, Yasemin Alptekin, Lindsay Bentsen, Adriana Gonzalez, Olga Cuzmanov

**NOTIS members present:** Kenneth Barger, Cindy Roat, Elise Kruidenier

**Board members absent:** Janet He

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

- I. **Approval of agenda:** The agenda was approved with no changes.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** May
- III. **President's Remarks** (10 min)
  - a. Shelley has been meeting with the UW translation hub committee and it is making great progress
- IV. **Vice President's Remarks** (5 min)
  - a. A potential volunteer has contacted us and asked if she could connect with NOTIS, we have connected her with CID since they are in need of additional help to run webinars
- V. **New Business** (90 min)
  - a. NOTIS statement on current events (45 min)
    - a. We are not aware of NOTIS having had a discussion of racism in the past, but the timing seems to be right and the executive board has created a potential statement to review with the board. The ATA adopted a resolution in 2017 on diversity in our professions and has issued a statement against racism.
    - b. NOTIS is already diverse in various ways, the issues of the day are regarding a certain kind of diversity and racism, how can NOTIS increase our commitment to positive work in these areas?
    - c. What is it that potential members need that we are not providing, and can we provide it?
    - d. Mary motions to use the word "Killing" to describe George Floyd in our statement, it is seconded by Laura, motion passes unanimously
    - e. In light of school closures, is there a role for NOTIS to give back to students who are underprivileged as many of us have benefitted from lots of education and opportunities?

- f. We will post this statement on our blog and social media, after making some more edits, and will moderate a discussion via comments, and possibly consider an online, real-time discussion with our members
- b. CID proposal (45 min)
  - a. CID is holding many many trainings, and has a standing agreement for pricing and cost sharing with NOTIS, and they would like to suggest a modification of the agreement.
  - b. CID trainings are affordable, and much lower than most continuing education out there. To do a good interactive webshop, you can't train as many people at once, and have to have more moderation and skilled presenters, as well as people to deal with technical difficulties who know how to run the online platforms.
  - c. Cindy and CID have already implemented a new cost schedule for their webshops
  - d. They would like to add a paid webshop technical support person (10% profit sharing to be cut from current), since it is a lot more work than traditional webinars, and the webinar committee has previously volunteered to do all the webinars.
  - e. Could this become a conflict of interest if board members have been helping with this and are now being paid? Board members abstain from voting if they're already involved in the webinar volunteering.
  - f. Newly recruit people from our membership but require them to work a certain number of events or let them know that weekends/nights will be required.
  - g. To be determined: how many hours of training would need to be provided? How much would tech support be paid?
  - h. CID will proceed with this model and board will form a working group to write a complete proposal.

**VI. Regular Business**

- a. **Webinar Report** – (0 min)
- b. **Website Report** – (0 min)
- c. **Marketing & Social Media Report** – (0 min)
- d. **CID Report** – (0 min)
- e. **Social Events Report** – (0 min)
- f. **Legal Division Report** – (0 min)
- g. **Translation Division Report** – (0 min)
- h. **Northwest Linguist Report**– (0 min)
- i. **Scholarship Committee Report**– Elise (20 min)

- i. Are there enough webinars/trainings going on right now to do a round of scholarships?
- ii. Try to serve and assist as many people as possible, which may mean that we cap awards at certain amount

j. **Membership Report** — See reports in Dropbox (0 min)

k. **Finance Report** – See reports in Dropbox (0 min)

**VII. Review of Action Items** (0 min)

**Housekeeping** (5 min)

Review dates for next two meetings and locations:

- a. Unsure whether we will hold meetings in July and August

**VIII. Announcements for the Good of the Society** (2 min)

**IX. Adjournment** **9:09 pm**