

National Association for Interpretation  
Region 2 —Chesapeake  
Monthly Board Meeting  
10 August 2022  
Meeting Notes



**Attending:**

Yvonne Johnson  
Patricia Dietly  
Kaden Borseth  
Kate Crane  
Catherine Eubank  
Maggie Cavey  
Catie Drew  
Dodie Lewis  
Susan Matthews

**Review of Minutes**

We accepted the July minutes.

**Newsletter (Cynthia Rabbers)**

- Cynthia was not on the call. Yvonne nothing new to the report.
- **ACTION ITEM 1:** August 15<sup>th</sup> is the article submission deadline for our next newsletter.
- **ACTION ITEM 2:** Susan will send Cynthia her bio to be included in the next newsletter.

**Website (Susan Matthews)**

- Susan Matthews accepted the role of the new web master.
- **ACTION ITEM 1:** Yvonne will setup a time to meet with Susan to show her how to edit our website.
- **ACTION ITEM 2:** Susan will post the dates for our upcoming events on the website and the August meeting minutes once they are approved.

**Facebook (Vacant)**

- No report.

**Scholarships (Chris Kemmerer)**

- Chris was not on the call.
- Patricia provided a Scholarship Meeting report (Please see Meeting Addendum 1 below)
- **ACTION ITEM 1:** Yvonne contact Jamie King with NAI to check and make sure all four scholarship winners are current members of NAI
- **ACTION ITEM 1:** Re-Advertise to Region 2 members the 4-remaining Scholarships to attend the NAI Region 2 Conference Virtually.

### **Awards (Dodie Lewis)**

- Scholarship application is ready.

### **Spring Workshop (Sammy Zambon)**

- Sammy will be sending out the Spring 2022 presenter recordings
- Yvonne & Sammy signed the venue contract to hold our Spring 2023 Region 2 Workshop at the Chincoteague Field Station.
- Yvonne & Sammy are working on plans for the Spring 2024 workshop location and will setup a time to visit Kate's site soon.
- Spring 2025 Workshop location idea to find a location up in NJ and work on growing our Region 2 membership in the northern part of our region.
- Yvonne reported that NJ region had struggled getting enough signups for their Virtual Workshops in the past.
- Our goal in 2025 would be to serve our underserved Region 2 members in the NJ and DE regions.

### **Outreach (Patricia Dietly)**

- Patricia has been working with Catherine to plan a fall outreach program. We will be using our "Bring Out Your Dead" theme which was popular as a natural history program. However, this year it will have a history theme and the underlying theme will be Pirates.
- We would like to have reenactors at cemeteries showing respect for the site and sharing their stories.
- Catherine said they recently had an escape room themed program at their site. People had the chance to choose between different game themes.
- We would like to have Pirate tour guides help you find the clues in the graveyard
- We will need team captains in the breakout rooms.
- It will be a race to find the Pirate's treasure.
- The proposed dates for this program are: 10/18, 10/19, and 10/20.
- This would be a free program for NAI members
- Patricia asked for volunteers to help with the Zoom breakout rooms of this program. Kaden and Susan volunteered to help with breakout rooms.
- **ACTION ITEM 1:** We need to purchase additional Zoom attendance for the month of October to allow a large # of attendees to participate in this program.
- **ACTION ITEM 2:** Patricia will follow up with Kaden about having him coordinate the Zoom breakout rooms.

### **Discussion Items (Yvonne Johnson)**

- Yvonne did not have any discussion items.

### **State Representative Reports**

#### **Pennsylvania (Chris Kemmerer)**

- Chris was not on the call.

#### **New Jersey (Vacant)**

- No report.

### **Virginia (Catie Drew and Catherine Eubank)**

- Catie reported that her site is working on a large traveling exhibit which requires 6,000 square feet venue to accommodate the large display.
- Catherine said there is a need for interpreters in New Bedford County/The University of Lynchburg (formerly Lynchburg College),
- Catherine is busy helping Patricia with our fall outreach program.
- Yvonne said that summer camps are full and doing well. They are still having trouble hiring staff
- **ACTION ITEM 1:** Susan add Catherine's bio to the Region 2 website.

### **Maryland (Maggie Cavey and Tiffany Jenkins)**

- Maggie attended a Dredging Conference. They are leading lots of fishing programs.
- The Full-Time Port-position has still not been reposted
- We currently have 9-people registered for the Poplar Island Trip on Sept. 20th. They are hoping that participants will be able to meet up in Saint Michaels after the field trip for Ice Cream and a little Region 2 get-together.
- Tiffany asked if we will be advertising the last 4-scholarships which are remaining to attend the NAI National Conference Virtually. The Scholarship committee said they would discuss this at their meeting.
- **ACTION ITEM 1:** Tiffany/Maggie advertise Poplar Island Field Trip on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> to all of Region 2 members.
- **ACTION ITEM 2:** Susan post information about the Poplar Island Field Trip on our NAI Region 2 website.

### **Delaware (Kate Cane)**

- Kate said programs are at their pre-COVID levels
- Summer camps are wrapping up

### **West Virginia ((Vacant))**

- No report.
- Yvonne talked with James and he has decided to resign from his position.
- **ACTION ITEM 1:** Susan remove James' Bio from the Region 2 website.

### **Washington D.C (Kaden Borseth)**

- Kaden said the Zoo has Event Days coming up including Brew at the Zoo
- Zoo programs are still all virtual programs.
- Kaden is getting ready to send a survey to our Region 2 members in the DC area to find out what types of programs they are looking for.

### **Beltway Chapter (Alonso Abugattas)**

- Alonso said that our Region 2 meeting time conflicts with his current schedule so it's been a little tough to attend our meetings lately.
- He has been working on planning all in-person outreach events for the Beltway Gang.
- On Fri. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Serenella Linares the Director of Adult Education & Naturally Latinos Conference Co-chair will be leading a program on Slime Molds.
- Alonso is also working on coordinating a Hoover Fly-Bee Mimics program which will be held in the weekend in the spring. Alonso has a teacher contact who is skilled at using I-Naturalist and has agreed to lead this program

- **ACTION ITEM 1:** Alonso provide Susan with the program signup information/link from Serenella Linares which we can then post on our Region 2 website.
- **ACTION ITEM 2:** Alonso coordinate the date for the Spring 2023 Hoover Flies/Bee Mimics Program.

**Director's Comments (Yvonne Johnson)**

- Yvonne no Directors Minutes report.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Addendum 1: Region 2 Scholarship Committee Meeting Report - August 10, 2022

Committee Chair - Chris Kemmerer - absent for today's meeting  
Yvonne Johnson - present  
Patricia Dietly - present  
Susan Matthews - present

Prior to the meeting, four applications for scholarships were received for the upcoming NAI National Conference in Cleveland in November. Committee members reviewed the applications, with Susan recusing herself in the case of her own application.

All four applicants said they would prefer an in-person scholarship to a virtual scholarship:

Kelly Joslin  
Jordan Libera  
Susan Matthews  
Hannah Rexrode

The four applications were all deemed to be complete by the participating reviewers, including sections on:

- \*What you hope to achieve by attending the national conference
- \*Your accomplishments relating to interpretation as a student, employee, or volunteer
- \*What you feel you can contribute to the national conference

There being four full scholarships to be awarded, it was decided by the appropriate committee members that all applicants be awarded a full scholarship (at the early bird rate). This decision is contingent upon verification that each individual was a current member of NAI at the time of application. Yvonne will check with National to confirm membership, then will notify the recipients as soon as possible. Non-members will be disqualified.

Four virtual scholarships remain to be distributed. The deadline for early bird registration is approaching, so it may not be possible to award the virtual scholarships at the early bird rate. It was unanimously decided to offer the virtual scholarships for the full amount so that the deadline for applications can be extended for a reasonable time. Yvonne will suggest dates at her discretion and the Region 2 Secretary will publicize the virtual application deadline extension as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia K. Dietly, Outreach Chair and Acting Secretary for this meeting.

***Next Month's meeting information included below:***

**NAI Region 2 monthly board meeting:**

**Date/ Time:** Thurs. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

NAI Chesapeake is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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