

**NMTIA  
GENERAL MEETING  
November 14, 2020**

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	General Meeting	<b>President</b>	Lisa O'Grady
<b>Date/Time:</b>	11/14/2020	<b>Minutes</b>	Nicole Pennebaker
<b>Location:</b>	Online through Zoom		
<b>Distribution List:</b>	To be posted on NMTIA website.		
<b>Attendees:</b>	(See attached chat file)		
<b>Call to Order</b>			
Called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Lisa O'Grady			
<b>1. Introduction of Meeting &amp; Attendees:</b>			
(See attached sign-up sheet)			
<b>2. Review &amp; Approve Agenda:</b>			
Agenda reviewed. Removed Motion to approve by Dinorah Gutierrez. Andrea Cutter seconded. Motion passed.			
<b>3. Review &amp; Approve Minutes from 9/19/20 Meeting:</b>			
Minutes from the 9/19/20 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Peter Katel. Melissa Jameson seconded. Motion passed.			
<b>4. Treasurer's Report:</b>			
<p>Uwe Schroeter gave the Treasurer's Report. The reporting period started from the board meeting on 10/16/20. Expenses for this period totaled \$297.35 and included the purchase of a Zoom Pro account subscription, the PO Box rental fee, and a payment for website maintenance to Mission Created. Denise Garcia, the recipient of the Juan José Peña scholarship, cashed a check for \$500.00 which will be included on the next Treasurer's Report. We received some income from membership dues through our PayPal account. The current balance is \$15,056.64. Raquel Troyce moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Oksana Vivchar seconded. Motion accepted.</p>			
<b>5. Old Business:</b>			
<p>A. <b>Survey</b> – Melissa Jameson drafted a survey that will be used to look for ways the organization can support our members, especially during the pandemic. It's currently being fine-tuned and will be sent out in the next week or two. Members were asked to keep an eye out for it and to please share ideas about what trainings or other assistance we as a professional organization can provide to assist members through these difficult times.</p> <p>B. <b>Board Election Nominations</b> – Board elections are coming up in January. The board is still trying to figure out how to hold the elections virtually, so if you have ideas please contact a board member. Several positions are up this year: Lou Ollivier's vice president position, Ruth Warner's corresponding secretary position and two member at large positions. Uwe Schroeter's Treasurer position is also up for election. He is willing to serve again in this role, but someone can run if they are interested. You can be nominated by someone or you can self-nominate. The board is an easy group to work with and has a common goal of supporting the membership. The board meets every other month during the months when there isn't a general meeting. The meetings are generally two hours or less and are currently taking place via Zoom. If you're interested in serving on the board</p>			

please write a 100-200 word statement about who you are and why you'd like to serve. Half of the board positions are up every election cycle to maintain continuity. If you have any questions about board member roles or duties there are descriptions on the website, but you can also contact any board member for further information.

#### **6. New Business/Upcoming Events:**

- A. **Upcoming Trainings** - The board is currently in the process of finding new trainings. Lisa contacted Josh Elliot, the State Court interpreter supervisor. They will be discussing what trainings he might be able to offer. Some state court interpreters may need ethics credits and Josh might be able to do an ethics training including information about ethics in the context of remote interpreting. If members have other ideas please let the board know.

#### **7. Announcements/Discussion Items:**

- Ruth: Everyone attending today's training needs to make sure they have their full name visible on the screen. Ruth adjusted people's names, so please verify that your name is listed correctly so it will be recognized by the entity where you submit your certificate. There will also be a "door prize" at the end of the training so we want to make sure everyone is listed.
- Melissa: The winter potluck isn't happening this year. The board discussed holding a virtual happy hour on Zoom. Lisa asked members in attendance about a Zoom get-together over the holidays. Several members expressed an interest in this idea. There was a suggestion to have breakout rooms so people can socialize more easily. Uwe will look into the option of having the group meet together for the first hour and then have the option for smaller breakout groups for the second hour. In the interest of saving time, members were asked to put ideas for the virtual potluck in the Zoom chat so that the board can reach out to those people to come up with a plan. Information about the potluck will be sent to members by email.

**Adjournment:** Sandra Caldwell motioned to adjourn. Maria Araiza seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

**Next Meeting: 1/14/21 at 10:00 a.m.**