



Hello! This is an update about MRID. I'm Nic Zapko, one of the members of the MRID Board of Directors. As a board, we've had a blast starting this year off and are excited to put the work in to serve YOU! We decided to make a video this month as a new approach to get the word out about what we've been up to, and we hope to get it out monthly.

This VLOG will recap our activity from January and February. There's a lot!

- MRID and MADC have decided to resurrect Camp ASL as a joint effort. It's been out of the picture for a few years, but it's BACK! Check out our emails, Facebook, and website for all the details!
- Spring Conference is coming up in May! We are partnering with MADC, ASLIS, and DHHS. Info will be coming out soon.
- MRID will have a booth at Deaf Awareness Day this April. Stop by and see us!
- We helped advertise and fundraise for the University of Minnesota COBO team to help them get to their national competition this summer. If you haven't heard of their group, check out the U of M College Bowl team and sponsor if you can.
- Some of our board members have attended the recent MERGE events to show our support for the community. One of us even spoke at one of their events.
- Our Student Representative has gone to ITP's in the area to speak about MRID.
- MERGE and MRID are proud to be hosting a graduation event for the recent ITP Graduates in May. Keep a look out for more info.
- Our Professional Development Committee (PDC) has been working hard to update our CEU processing procedure. Now everything is electronic! No more downloading forms, printing papers and mailing them in, it's great! If you're in need of CEUs for an independent study or PINRA and or are just wondering what the process looks like, check out our website at MRID.org which has all the info that you need. Thank you, PDC, for making this happen!
- We've been continuing to work with the Transition Team (TT) to explore ways to serve our membership better.
- Our internal "To-Do" list grew to over 50 items long! Some were loose ends from previous years such as budget line items, and others are the start of new goals. To work smarter, not harder, we split up the responsibilities and have been making great progress. As an example, one of the current projects is to figure out if our website host is still a good fit for our organization.

Now I'd like to give a shout-out to ASLIS for letting us use their Zoom account for our meetings. We greatly appreciate it. Don't worry members, our monthly in-person board meetings haven't gone away! We are just utilizing technology to maximize our time together. If someone in greater Minnesota can't make the trip for a day, or if a schedule conflict has come up and a board member can only join

for a short time, they can join us via video, using Zoom. This technology is great, those that can make it for the live meeting all have their own laptops open with Zoom and can video chat seamlessly with those elsewhere. Thank you again, ASLIS, for allowing us to use the Zoom account.

Speaking of Thank You's, we would also like to say a big thanks to St Kate's (SCU) for allowing us to use your building. We've been hosting our meetings in Music & Speech 212 for the last few months and will continue to do so for the near future.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be March 24, 10am-2pm at SCU, in the Music & Speech building room 212, you're welcome to join us!

Thank you and see you next time!