



**Minutes November 7, 2014**  
**Interpreters Division**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

**Participants:**

Carol Velandia, *Interim Administrator*

Marisa Gillio, *Interim Assistant Administrator*

*Leadership Council Members present:* Milena Calderari-Waldron, Helen Eby, Marsel de Souza, and Gloria Rivera

<b>Item Summary</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>Communications Strategy</b></p> <p>The ID presented the achievements of year 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of two newsletters</li> <li>• Re-creation of the website</li> <li>• Launching Facebook and Twitter</li> </ul> <p>The ID develop a communications strategy that will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a blog,</li> <li>• Re-vamping the website to make it more user friendly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Medical Division (MD)/ID collaboration</b></p> <p>The Medical Division and the Interpreters Division had over 50 volunteers to support this initiative. The initiative was created to provide a forum for medical interpreters to discuss topics associated with Medical Interpretation.</p> <p><b>Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Initiative</b></p> <p>The ID, in collaboration with ATA submitted a 30 page paper with suggestions to the Department of Homeland Security on the development of 12 access plans for each one of their missions. The ATA ID Administrator was invited to present at the stakeholder panel in Washington DC in October 2014. The ATA contribution focused on defining the professional interpreter and the interpreter's role in increasing clarity and efficiency in the communication between providers and limited English proficient clients.</p>	<p>Switch from Newsletter to Blog            Find a new webmaster            Find a blog master</p> <p>Find future collaboration opportunities with the DHS and other institutions.</p> <p>Continue to develop the collaboration between the ID and the Department of Homeland Security and other entities that use interpretation services.</p>