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To: Board of Directors and Past Presidents

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Summary of Activities

Interpreters Division

(Last report submitted January 2018)

Communications

For the last quarter the Division devoted a significant amount of time in promoting the election of our next board members. We identified as many non voting members as possible and we

sent a reminder about the upcoming elections. The Division believes that more empowerment of the Interpreter members as well as more involvement in ATA's efforts to advocate for the profession is necessary and it should be encouraged.

The blog has been functioning as expected. We are publishing a new blog post every time it is possible. The current ID guest speaker was recently featured in the blog and the Editor has begun a set of posts dedicated to speaking about the profession in the different states.

Regretfully due to personal illness, the administrator and the blog editor have not been able to be as involved in the blog operations.

Conference

The last quarter of every years is mainly dedicated to the networking event. The Interpreters Division and the Medical Division are hosting an event for 65 people during the conference. As always a lot of work and effort goes into the planning and execution of this event. We are offering traditional Louisiana food and music for everyone's enjoyment and entertainment. The Guest Speaker will be part of the celebration as well.

Medical and Legal credentials

The Interpreters Division has contacted the two organizations accredited to offer Medical Interpreting Certification (CCHI and NBCMI) to check on their willingness to approve sessions for the benefit of the credentialed interpreters. CCHI offered to approve over 50 sessions. It is still uncertain whether or not NBCMI will also offer this option to interpreters. ATA HQ is also working directly with a member of the ID to provide information on Continued education credits for legal interpreters.

Pins

This year the ID will participate in the welcoming event to encourage member to be part of the Division. We will bring the ID buttons for the new members of the Division.

Collaboration with other ATA teams

The Division has provided support on the IPAC project of writing a white paper on remote interpreting. We specifically provided the literary review to the paper. We are still waiting to hear next steps.

The ID received an external request to submit input on the “Information Collection Request for Sterilization Form” to the Department of Health and Human Services. The ID submitted said form and obtained input from ATA HQ and IPAC. Please see annexed document.

In Closing...

This is my last year as the Administrator of the Interpreters Division. It has been a tremendous experience to serve this group of passionate professionals. I would like to take this opportunity to express to the ATA board and ATA staff members my deepest gratitude for the unwavering support. It has been a learning experience and a total privilege to have work with this Division. I look forward to serve ATA in any other volunteer capacity in the future.

Thank you,

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