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

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| **Communications Strategy**  
The ID presented the achievements of year 2014.  
  - Publication of two newsletters  
  - Re-creation of the website  
  - Launching Facebook and Twitter  
The ID develop a communications strategy that will include  
  - Developing a blog,  
  - Re-vamping the website to make it more user friendly. |  
  Switch from Newsletter to Blog  
  Find a new webmaster  
  Find a blog master  
  Find future collaboration opportunities with the DHS and other institutions. |
| **Medical Division (MD)/ID collaboration**  
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. |  
  Continue to develop the collaboration between the ID and the Department of Homeland Security and other entities that use interpretation services. |
| **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Initiative**  
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. |