

RID DEAF-BLIND MEMBER SECTION

Purpose

The purpose of the Interpreters for the Deaf-Blind (IDB) Member Section is to act as a national resource for interpreters, consumers and families regarding interpreting needs for individuals who are deaf-blind.

Goal: Networking
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connect interested parties on the local, regional and national levels.
Objective(s):
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host social event for interpreters and consumers during RID national conference.• Maintain regional representation on IDB Member Section committee.• Create and maintain online listserv to facilitate communication between interested parties across the country.
Goal: Resource
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide publications, journal articles and educational materials to interested parties throughout the country.
Objective(s):
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide DB-LINK (national clearinghouse on deaf-blindness) with updates regarding training events, new publications, conferences, etc.• Submit articles and on-going IDB column in RID VIEWS on deaf-blind related topics.• Maintain nationwide list of deaf-blind consumers who are qualified speakers/trainers.
Goal: Professional Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide professional development opportunities to enhance the skills and knowledge of interpreters and interested parties.
Objective(s):
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide training during RID national and regional conferences on deaf-blind related topics.• Create calendar of events for various training opportunities.• Compile list of qualified trainers in deaf-blindness.
Goal: Liaison
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liaise between RID, AADB, NAD DB-LINK, HKNC and state deaf-blind consumer groups.
Objective(s):
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Act as main liaison and contact for the RID-AADB National Task Force.
Goal: Mentoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide mentoring to new and seasoned professionals in the field of interpreting in order to increase the number of qualified interpreters for individuals who are deaf-blind.
Objective(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design and implement mentoring program for CEUs in association with the AADB conference.
Goal: Advocate
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Act as an advocate for communication access for all individuals who are deaf-blind.
Objective(s):
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advertise contact information so that interpreters, consumers and families can reach the IDB Member Section as the need arises.