

Benefits For RID Affiliate Chapters

Advocacy

Affiliation with national interpreter advocacy actions

Representation for the affiliate chapter's members for various national issues (i.e. VRS via the Video Interpreting Committee)

Support

Access to support through RID's online Yahoo group for chapter presidents.

Access to the staff at the RID national office as a resource on various issues

Access to RID committees that can assist with a variety of issues – specifically the Affiliate Chapter Relations Committee, Bylaws Committee, Video Interpreting Committee, Scholarships and Awards Committee and Cultural Diversity in Leadership Committee do direct work with the affiliate chapters

Letters of support

EXAMPLES: ITP in PA threatened to close program / Nevada Department of Education wanted to exclude interpreters in the educational setting from the state's law

National representation during testifying on state laws affecting interpreting

Ability to join RID's group exemption to get 501-(c)3 non-profit status

Resources and Information

Eligible for grants through RID, such as the mentoring grants awarded to affiliate chapters.

Access to RID's member contact information (chapters get a set of labels of RID members in their state free of charge - one per quarter).

Referrals from RID for members to join your chapter (members must be a member of an affiliate chapter in order to vote on the national level).

Access to valuable resources you can use for running your organization such as the Affiliate Chapter Handbook.

Involvement with affiliate chapter presidents who make up the primary contact group for the board and national office via a region representative - news regarding national issues is distributed through these channels