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Section 9.2

A Day in the Life of an Affiliate Chapter Officer:
I have to do what?

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to participate in regional presidents' council conference calls. These conference call meetings, which take place quarterly in most regions and last two to three hours, are usually arranged and moderated by the RID region representative and are a wonderful way to share concerns and ideas with others.

Conferences and Training

2 – 3 annually

Affiliate chapter officers may be asked to attend, on behalf of their chapter, local, state, regional and/or national conferences. RID hosts a biennial conference with each of the five Regions having the option to hold regional conferences during the “off year.” Depending on the financial strength of the affiliate chapter, funding may be provided in whole or part for board member(s) to attend conference and in return, pertinent information shared with the other officers and/or membership that could benefit the chapter development (see Appendix A).

Holding an office in a RID affiliate chapter is an honorable way to contribute to the profession of interpreting. It is also one of the best ways to keep abreast of current trends and issues in the field as well as to develop national level resources and life-long friendships. The decision to run for and ultimately accept a position on an affiliate chapter board should not be done in haste. Consideration for the amount of time an individual has to spend on affiliate chapter business and the effect it will have on one's professional and personal life should be weighed carefully. A healthy chapter is one in which the entire board shares the workload and can depend on each other for support. Although the work of a board member in an RID affiliate chapter is time consuming, it is also challenging, educational and extremely rewarding.

Appendix A

Sample agreement between affiliate chapter board and selected individual(s) to attend Regional or National Conferences

I _____ by accepting funding in the amount of \$_____ from the XYZRID, agree to use the allotted amount in good faith to further enhance the goals of the organization. I will attend _____ hours of workshops and meetings and share the information with our board and membership as applicable.

Signatures:

XYZ Board President

date

Conference Attendee

date