

# ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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## **Article I.** *NAME*

The name of this corporation shall be the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID)

## **Article II.** *OBJECTIVE*

The principal objective of this corporation is to initiate, sponsor, promote and execute policies and activities that will further the profession of the interpretation of American Sign Language and English and the transliteration of English.

## **Article III.** *MEMBERSHIP*

### Section 1. — Categories of Membership:

This corporation shall have the following categories of non-transferable membership:

- A. Voting Members
  - 1. Certified Member
  - 2. Associate Member
- B. Non-voting Members
  - 3. Certified Member: Inactive
  - 4. Certified Member: Retired
  - 5. Student Member
  - 6. Supporting Member
  - 7. Organizational/Institutional Member

### Section 2. — Eligibility:

- A. Certified Member: Any interpreter or transliterator of American Sign Language and/or English who holds valid certification accepted by the RID.
- B. Associate Member (pre-certified): Any individual who is actively engaged in the interpretation of American Sign Language and English and/or the transliteration of English, but who does not hold valid certification accepted by the RID.
- C. Certified Member: Inactive - A certified member who experiences, voluntarily or involuntarily, a life altering event or activity which precludes them from working as an interpreter or transliterator.

D. Certified Member: Retired - A Certified member who upon reaching the age of 55 or older elects to retire from working as an interpreter or transliterator.

E. Student Member: Any pre-certified individual currently enrolled in a course of study in interpretation of American Sign Language and English and/or the transliteration of English.

F. Supporting Member: Any non-certified individual with an interest in supporting the purposes and activities of the corporation who does not meet eligibility requirements for Sections 2.A, 2.B, or 2.C under Article III, Membership.

G. Organizational/Institutional Member: Any organization/institution with an interest in supporting the purposes and activities of the corporation.

### Section 3. — Voting Rights and Requirements:

- A. In order to be a voting member of the RID, a person must be a member in good standing, belong to a voting category and be a member of an affiliate chapter.
- B. Each voting member of this corporation shall be entitled to one vote in meetings, referenda and elections. Meetings, referenda and elections pertaining to evaluations, certifications and standards/ethics may only be voted upon by active certified members.
- C. In order to be guaranteed eligibility to vote at a National Convention, a member's dues must be received in the national office by July 1st of the fiscal year in which the convention occurs. Any member renewing their membership after July 1st would only be permitted to vote at the National Convention if their renewal can be verified prior to Convention.
- D. Any decision of the Board of Directors may be vetoed by a two-thirds majority vote of those eligible and voting during a regular or special meeting of the membership or through mail referendum.