

## 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.

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### Section 4. — Termination of Membership and/or Certification:

A. Membership: An individual's membership in RID can be terminated for the following reasons:

1. Suspension or expulsion for cause as outlined in the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.
2. Non-payment of dues as outlined in the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.
3. Resignation.

B. Certification: An individual's certification in RID can be terminated for the following reasons:

1. Suspension or revocation for cause as defined in the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.
2. Non-payment of dues as outlined in the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.

### Section 5. — Reinstatement:

A. Application for Reinstatement: A former member who satisfies the requirements as outlined in the *Policies and Procedures Manual* may apply to be reinstated.

B. Appeals: Membership and/or certification suspension or revocation may be appealed by following the guidelines set forth in the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.

### Section 6. — Change of Membership Category:

A member who has a change in membership category will immediately be entitled to the privileges thereof. Beginning with the next fiscal year, all dues, fees, and assessments for that member shall be based on the new membership category.

### Section 7. — Membership Sections:

This corporation may establish membership sections which shall be open to all members of the corporation. Membership sections must follow the guidelines set forth in the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.

### Section 8. — NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct Compliance

Individual members of RID, while interpreting, shall follow the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct established and implemented by the association and shall be subject to the Ethical Practices System.

## **Article IV. DIRECTORS**

### Section 1. — Composition of Board of Directors:

The board of directors shall be comprised of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, member-at-large, and one representative from each region. In addition, the immediate past president may serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the board of directors for one term.

### Section 2. — Powers and Limitations:

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the board of directors. Unless so authorized by the board of directors, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount. All charges, responsibilities and membership directives shall persist until fulfilled regardless of any changes to the makeup of the board of directors. Specific powers and limitations are defined in the *Policies and Procedures Manual* and are in accordance with the RID's *Articles of Incorporation*.