



2009-2011 -- Fact Sheet

Educational Interpreting Task Force

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What is the Educational Interpreting Task Force (EITF)?

The Educational Interpreting Task Force to assist the board of directors in identifying and promoting best practices in the field of educational interpreting in order to advocate for highly qualified practitioners for students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

What is the Scope of Work?

For the term 2009-2011, the EITF members are charged to complete the following tasks:

- To collaborate with MS and make recommendations on how RID can strengthen relationships Educational Interpreters within RID and its affiliate chapters.
- To review the educational interpreter tool-box.
- To complete other approved tasks in progress from the previous term (2007-2009).
- To be available to host or participate in a forum at national conferences.
- To serve as a resource for educational program development and content for RID publications.
- To address items referred to the committee by the board of directors.

How is it organized?

The committee is led by a chair that serves a two-year term with the support of the board and national office staff liaisons. Volunteer leaders work to meet the assigned scope of work within the two year term. Volunteer leaders may be asked to serve on one or more task force or workgroup which align with the scope of work identified for this committee. Each volunteer leader is appointed for a two-year term and may be re-appointed for up to three consecutive terms. Committee terms begin at the completion of the RID Biennial National Conference.

How often does it meet?

The committee generally holds at least quarterly conference call meetings each year (visually accessible conference calls, when appropriate). In between conference calls, e-mail correspondence should occur to further the work of the committee. Face-to-face meetings, which are budgeted for and hosted on an as-needed basis, are decided upon by the board and national office staff. The committee must submit a request to the board including a clear rationale for the face-to-face along with an agenda of the work to be accomplished during the meeting time. Additional travel for meetings and/or educational initiatives may be necessary depending on the committee's scope of work.

Who pays my expenses?

Volunteer leaders, if approved to travel to attend a face-to-face meeting, will be reimbursed by RID for travel expenses, lodging and per diem for meals. (See Volunteer Leadership Manual for additional details regarding reimbursements.) All other extraneous travel requests of the committee members can be discussed on a case by case basis with the board and national office staff liaisons.

What are my responsibilities as a Volunteer Leader?

Committee members are expected to attend all committee meetings, assist in accomplishing the tasks set forth in the scope of work and ultimately support the implementation of RID's Strategic Plan. An agenda must be developed prior to each meeting with each agenda item pointing to a task within the scope of work. (See Volunteer Leadership Manual for more information regarding position descriptions for each volunteer leader responsibilities.)

The committee chairs will review the committee's scope of work and provide feedback related to the tasks, priorities, timelines, workflow, etc., to the board and national office staff liaisons at the beginning of every committee term. Throughout the term, the chair will work with the committee to provide a progress report to the board and national office staff liaisons prior to each scheduled board of directors meeting. Should the committee seek to address a project or issue outside the originally assigned scope of work, a formal request for that work assignment would need to be made via the progress report. Changes in the committee's scope of work must have prior approval from the board.

At the end of the term, the committee chair will submit a final progress report to the board and national office staff liaisons indicating the outcomes of the committee's term as well as make recommendations for future projects and initiatives for consideration by the board.