

VIDEO INTERPRETERS MEMBER SECTION (VIMS) PROFILE

RID (Member Section) Profile (V.1.25.09)

Purpose:

To promote enhanced communications and encourage information sharing among RID members who work as video relay and video remote interpreters and other RID members with common interests while following the philosophy, mission and goals of Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf Inc.

Objectives:

To advocate for the needs and interests of RID members who work in video settings and to provide a vehicle for open discussion and exchange of ideas and concerns among video interpreters and RID members with common interests, specifically:

1. To promote awareness of the needs of interpreters working in video relay and video remote settings;
2. To provide a forum in which video interpreters can come together to discuss issues in the profession;
3. To foster an understanding within the general membership of the unique challenges and experiences of working as a video interpreter.
4. To serve as a resource to the RID board, National Office of the RID, committees, and the general membership regarding issues affecting video interpreters;
5. To recommend programs, activities and policies to the membership, board of directors, and the National Office that serve the interests and meet the needs of VIMS members;
6. To promote and review the development of position and free papers related to the video relay video and remote interpreting;
7. To promote research on a variety of aspects of the specialty, including, but not limited to, ethics, ergonomics, best practices, technologies, quality assurance and other research topics as they apply to video interpreting;
8. To encourage and promote training and career opportunities in the field of video interpreting;
9. To sponsor and/or provide workshops and professional development which address the needs and concerns of interpreters working in video settings;
10. To work in conjunction with other committees of RID who are working on tasks related to a video interpreting, incorporating a liaison appointed by the RID president;
11. To act as a referral and/or resource to other organizations about issues pertaining to the video interpreting.

Goals:

1. to hold forums at RID conferences;

2. to advise the membership, Board of Directors, and the National Office on issues pertaining to members of Member Sections;
3. to prepare position papers and/or statements for the Board of Directors and the RID membership on issues pertaining to members of VIMS;
4. to recommend programs, activities and policies to the membership, Board of Directors, the National Office and RID national committees that are in the interests of VIMS members;
5. to act as a resource to standing and ad hoc committees on issues that pertain to VIMS members;
6. to disseminate information to VIMS members regarding organizational activities;
7. to encourage the active involvement of members of VIMS members in RID;
8. to serve as a support group for RID members;
9. To develop and maintain an online discussion forum for VIMS members.

Qualifications:

1. Members of VIMS must be members of RID in good standing.
2. Members of VIMS may belong to more than one Member Section at a time.
3. RID membership forms and/or other officially designated RID venues shall be the only means by which members can affiliate with VIMS.
4. No RID member may be denied membership in VIMS.

Officers:

1. VIMS Chair
 - a) Presides at VIMS forums
 - b) Facilitates development of VIMS activities
 - c) Submits (semi)annual comprehensive (financial and activity) reports to their members and the board of directors.
 - d) Maintains financial statements of VIMS funds, if any.
2. VIMS Vice-Chair
 - a) In the absence or disability of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair.
 - b) Other duties as proscribed by members.
3. Secretary/Treasurer
 - a) Maintains accurate and complete minutes of all VIMS Council and general meetings
 - b) Forwards minutes to the VIMS council and the RID National Office of within fifteen (15) days of a meeting;
 - c) Forwards minutes of general meetings to the VIMS Council of VIMS, the editor of the VIEWS, and to the RID Board of Directors;
 - d) Maintains a full set of detailed financial reports for VIMS;
 - e) Provides financial reports at all VIMS general meetings;

- f) Maintains other powers and duties as assigned by the VIMS Council
- 4. Region Representative
 - a) Facilitates regional activities;
 - b) Serves as a resource to affiliate chapters and VIMS members within their respective RID region;
 - c) Maintains other powers and duties as assigned by the VIMS Council
- 5. Officers shall be elected from the voting VIMS members for a two (2) year term to commence at the VIMS Meeting to be held at the RID National Convention.
- 6. Officers shall be elected by VIMS members for a two (2) year term.
- 7. Officers shall collectively be referred to as the VIMS council.