

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.  
Affiliate Chapter Relations Committee

## Affiliate Chapter Handbook

### Section 10

The Affiliate with Local Chapters:  
See How They Run

## **The Affiliate with Local Chapters**

In recent years, the IRS has increased accountability of 501(c)3 organizations, primarily due to the widespread abuse of funds and fraudulent activity among some of those organizations (United Way, Red Cross). As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, RID is committed to maintaining compliance with IRS regulations, ensuring protection of our non-profit status and the sub-ordinates (state affiliate chapters) of RID.

The IRS has specific rules for membership organizations with sub-ordinates like RID (See [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) - Committee Exemptions – REV.PROC.80-27, 1980-1 C.B.677). The IRS rules for these 501(c)3 organizations allow for non-profit status and protection to extend below the parent organization (RID) to sub-ordinates with similar structures, purpose and activities and must maintain general supervision and control of these sub-ordinates. In the best interest of RID and the sub-ordinates, RID exemption status can only be extended one level in order to maintain the appropriate supervision and control. This means that state affiliate chapters are covered by RID's non-profit status. Local affiliate chapters of state affiliate chapters, however, are not covered. Because local affiliate chapters do not enjoy this umbrella of protection, their existence puts RID at risk of being out of compliance with 501(c)3 rule and in jeopardy of losing their non-profit status.

Because of this, the RID Board issued the following directive in April of 2008.

***MOTION 2007.28*** *To direct state affiliate chapters to convert all local chapters to sub-committees by July 1, 2012 and to direct the national office to engage in each of the activities necessary to implement this action.*

### **What does this mean for local chapters?**

In order to retain the exemption status and protection of RID, however, the current local affiliate chapter (LAC) structure must change to a committee status within the state affiliate chapter. All state affiliate chapters (AC) who currently have designated local affiliate chapters (LAC) who are operating independently of the AC must convert the following to be in compliance by July 1, 2012