



Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.



Memorandum of Understanding
between the
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
and the
National Association of the Deaf

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted to issue a statement that codifies the strong and enduring collaboration between the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) as well as enhances the organizations' commitment to work in close partnership for the future benefit of the deaf community, the sign language interpreting community and for all people who use sign language.

The mission of the NAD is to promote, protect and preserve the civil, human and linguistic rights of all deaf and hard of hearing people in the United States of America.

The vision of the NAD is that every deaf and hard of hearing individual can and will participate fully in all aspects of society and life—without barriers.

The mission of RID is to provide international, national, regional, state and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the profession of interpretation and transliteration of ASL and English.

The philosophy of RID is that excellence in the delivery of interpretation and transliteration services between people who are deaf or hard of hearing and people who are hearing, will ensure effective communication. As the national professional association for interpreters and transliterators, RID serves as an essential arena for its members in their pursuit of excellence.

NAD and RID affirm the importance of a joint, working relationship and an established transparent communication protocol at all levels of the organizations, local, regional, national and international, to stay informed and keep abreast of issues impacting the deaf and interpreting communities.

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NAD and RID presidents, with the support of their respective boards, shall commit to the following:

- Work in close cooperation in actively exchanging information that is of common interest and/or might have an effect on both organizations and members.
- Maintain organizational membership as well as individual memberships for the presidents, executive directors and board members in each other's organization.
- Continue to partner on joint oversight of administration and upgrades to the NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification tests.
- Continue to partner on joint oversight of and upgrades to the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct.
- Encourage collaborative agreements between state association affiliates of NAD and affiliate chapters of RID.
- Support and attend each organization's biennial conference.
- Publically recognize the importance of and encourage the involvement of deaf members and deaf people in RID and sign language interpreters in NAD.
- Recognize that both deaf people and sign language interpreters are essential partners, individually and collectively, and that the continued collaboration between RID and NAD is a crucial and integral element to the future success of both organizations and members.

This MOU is effective upon the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties of the MOU.

Effective August 1, 2009.

Cheryl Moose

RID President

August 1, 2009

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NAD President

August 1, 2009

