

INSIGHTS

INDIANA CHAPTER OF THE REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF



Are you planning on taking the NIC Written and/or Performance exam in the near future? ICRID is putting together an efficient way to study and prepare. Stay tuned!

Have you heard? The Board of Interpreter Standards is up and running. What great news! Check ICRID's website soon for further information.



The ICRID board has been very busy in the recent months. We have been hosting workshops, conducting meetings, presenting to the ITP's, fundraising, and planning future events. We are excited about the next few months as there will be much to do in the future. We are bringing back the "annual picnic" this July which will be a lot of fun. The MALs have been busy planning and brainstorming. Located in Mooresville, Pioneer Park boasts lots of activities for the family to participate in at the picnic. But before the summer begins, we will be hosting a workshop presented by Judy Cain (ICRID secretary) and Carrie Moore, on April 22nd. RAPS will be taking place as well through the months of March and April. If you haven't tried RAPS yet, now would be a great time to start. Happy Spring everyone!





President's Ponderings

Happy almost spring!

This year our Annual Conference theme is "People, Purpose, Passion." We will have a heavy focus on Mentoring and will be offering several different workshops all that will include information on what the term "mentoring" means in our profession and the expectations that come with that moniker. We strongly feel that mentoring is a crucial part of the interpreting profession and one that is often overlooked. Many times I hear "but I do not know enough to mentor." This sentiment is unfortunate because we all have a purpose and something to give back to the interpreting and Deaf communities. We all need to look at how we can give back to the profession and provide for its longevity. As a profession, we have an obligation to bring up those behind us to ensure that the services provided are top quality.

We will be having an event at the close of the conference that will be like a speed dating event of sorts to meet possible mentors and "mentees". We know that the process of beginning a mentoring relationship can be daunting so we wanted to create a safe and fun way to meet a lot of other interpreters who would be willing to work together to help each other succeed. For this event you will need to bring business cards with you. You will exchange business cards with each other so that later you can contact that interpreter and start a mentor/"mentee" relationship. This will also be an opportunity to meet other interpreters and learn about their passions, their expertise and their skill sets.

Prior to arriving at the conference we would ask that you indicate which workshop you are interested in attending on the registration form as well as if you are willing to be a mentor or mentee or both for the closing event. We will be using this information to plan for room space and to ensure that adequate visual access is provided.

At the culmination of the conference our goal is to have a mentoring database for members with contact information for those interested in mentoring. It will allow people to directly contact each other depending on their expertise and areas they work in to help facilitate these relationships. One particular area of mentoring that could be available would be certification and getting prepared to take the written and performance tests offered in our field. Resources can be shared with the membership and then mentors and mentees can further us this to improve their proficiency.

As we continue the year we are looking to have several mentor focused workshops and events including a weekend event that would allow for in depth training on mentoring and skill development. We all have skills, experiences, and wisdom that we can share with a fellow interpreter and we hope that this system helps that process happen.

Respectfully,

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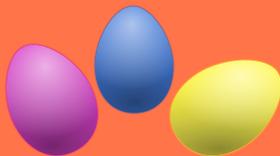
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