

The Connecticut Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

ARTICLE I. Purposes

Section 1. Principal Purposes

The principal purposes of this organization are to initiate, sponsor, promote, and execute policies and activities that will further the profession of interpretation of American Sign Language (ASL) and English and the transliteration of English.

Section 2. Objectives

- a. to promote the RID Code of Professional Conduct for interpreters and transliterators.
- a. to provide for the professional development of all interpreters and transliterators.
- a. to provide the public with information regarding interpreting and transliterating.
- d. d. to raise funds to support the activities and purposes of the organization.
- e. e. to support the activities of organizations: of and for D/deaf and Hard of Hearing persons, and; of and for interpreters, transliterators and translators, insofar as such activities are not in conflict with the purposes of this organization.

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1. Categories of Membership

- a. voting members
 1. certified
 2. associate
- b. non-voting members
 1. supporting
 2. organizational/institutional
 3. student

Section 2. Eligibility

certified member – any interpreter or transliterator of ASL and/or English currently holding a valid certificate from RID and/or NAD

associate member – any individual who is actively engaged in the interpreting of ASL or English, and/or transliterating of English, but who is not currently certified by the RID and/or NAD but is a member of RID

supporting member –all other persons who are interested in supporting the purposes and activities of the organization, but who do not wish to maintain certified or associate membership.

organizational/institutional member – any organization or institution with an interest in supporting the purposes and activities of CRID.

student – any non-certified individual currently enrolled in a course of study in interpretation or transliteration of ASL or English.

Section 3. Voting Rights

each certified member shall be entitled to one vote in meetings, referenda, and elections.

each associate member shall be entitled to one vote in meetings, referenda, and elections except for referenda pertaining to evaluations, certifications, and ethics.

ARTICLE III. Meetings

Section 1. General Membership Meeting

There shall be held each year at least one meeting of members of the organization. The Board shall set the date(s) thereof at least 30 days in advance.

Section 2. Special Membership Meetings

Special membership meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors or by written petition of not less than 10% of the voting members sent to the Board of Directors. Written or electronic (email) notice shall be sent to the membership at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Board Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet at least six times annually on dates and at locations selected by the Board.

Section 4. Special Board Meetings

Any member of the Board of Directors can call a special meeting of the Board. Written or electronic notice shall be sent to the Board at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Section 5. Quorum

a. Membership Meetings

A quorum for general and special membership meetings shall be 10% of the voting membership.

b. Board Meetings

A quorum for board meetings, regular or special, shall be a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 46. Conduct of Meetings

All meetings shall be conducted according to the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE IV. Directors

Section 1. Number of Directors

The number of directors shall be eight (8).

Section 2. Composition of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and three Members-at-Large.

Section 3. Powers

The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct the affairs and business of the organization, and make rules and regulations consistent with the law, or the bylaws.

Section 4. Duties

Directors

to perform any and all duties assigned to them by the bylaws or the voting membership of the organization.

to audit the annual financial report submitted by the treasurer.

to adopt, use, and, at will, alter the CRID logo. Such logo shall be used by the organization for official and/or

approved purposes only. The CRID logo may not be used by an individual member for his/her personal use.

attend at least three (3) Board of Directors meetings per year to remain a Board member in good standing.

Officers

President – The President shall have general supervision and direction of the business and affairs of the organization.

S/he shall preside at Board and General Membership meetings. With the approval of the Board, s/he shall appoint standing committees. S/he shall also appoint ad hoc committees when necessary to carry out functions of the organization. S/he shall perform other duties as shall be designated by the Board. The President may appoint representatives of related associations and agencies to act as advisory members of the Board. The President or his/her designee must co-sign checks over an amount to be determined and reviewed periodically by the Board.

Vice President – The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. S/he shall also carry out other duties as shall be designated by the Board.

Recording Secretary – The Recording Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of all meetings including but not limited to general membership and board meetings. S/he shall perform other duties as shall be designated by the Board.

Corresponding Secretary – The Corresponding Secretary shall keep a current membership list and handle all correspondence of the organization and its committees. S/he shall perform other duties as shall be designated by the Board.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall collect the monies of the organization and make disbursements as ordered by the Board. S/he shall sign all checks, and shall secure the signature of the President or his/her designee for checks when necessary. S/he will file state registration and federal IRS forms, with professional help as deemed necessary, as required to maintain 501 (c) 3 status. S/he shall present financial reports at-general membership and board meetings and compile an annual report to be certified by the Board. S/he may be bonded.

Member-at-Large – A Member-at-Large shall act as a board liaison to/from members and shall perform other duties as shall be designated by the Board.

Section 5. Term of Office

Each of the following officers shall serve two-year terms of office as follows:

Elected odd numbered years:

President

Recording Secretary

Two Members-at-Large

Elected even numbered years:

Vice President

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

One Member-at-Large

OR

- 1. All directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years..**
- 2. The term of office shall begin on July first (1st) of the election year.**
- 3. For elected office, there shall be a limit of two consecutive terms per office. After at least a one term break from a specific office, an individual may run for election for that previously held office.**

Section 6. Qualifications

Board members shall be certified or associate members of the organization. Only certified members may serve as President and Vice President. Nominees for the Board shall have been members in good standing for at least one year.

Section 7. Nominations

Nominations shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least 90 days prior to the Election. The slate of nominees shall be announced to the membership with the official notice of the Election. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election.

Section 8. Elections

Voting by ballot shall be held after the conclusion of New Business. Election to any office shall be by majority vote.

Section 9. Removal of a Director

A move for removal of any director may be brought by the Board of Directors or by a majority of the voting membership only after it has been established that s/he has not been acting in good faith in the fulfillment of the duties inherent in the office. A vote by three-quarters (3/4) of the Board of Directors is required for a formal review of cause, during a meeting in which reasonable notice of action has been given to the interested party. If the vote carries, an ad hoc review committee, mutually acceptable to the parties, shall be appointed by the Board and shall be responsible for carrying out a resolution for removal. At the review meeting, interested parties shall have the right to counsel.

Section 10. Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors shall be filled with a majority vote of approval by the board. The appointee shall hold the position for the remainder of the unexpired term, providing the unexpired term is not more than one year. If the unexpired term is more than one year, an election must be held at the next general membership meeting.

ARTICLE V. Committees

Section 1. Types and Composition

The organization shall have standing committees and may have ad hoc committees. Committees shall be composed of at least three members in good standing, at least one of whom shall be a voting member. All committees, except the Nominating Committee, must report their findings and recommendations to the President and/or Executive Board for approval or adoption.

Section 2. Appointments

Unless otherwise specified by the bylaws, the chairpersons of all committees shall be appointed by the President upon approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. The President may authorize committee chairpersons to select the other members of their respective committees. For each committee, the President shall designate a member of the Board of Directors to serve as a non-voting member.

Section 3. Standing Committees

- a. Theatrical Committee (The CRIDDERS)
- b. Helena Beauchamp Memorial Fund (HBMF)
- c. Connecticut Mentorship Program

Chairpersons of standing committees may attend Board meetings.

ARTICLE VI. Fees, Dues and Assessments.

In order to remain in good standing, member must pay annual dues by the first day of July of each fiscal year, in amounts to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII. Amendment of Bylaws

Amendments to the Bylaws shall be approved by majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the membership, provided that notice has been given to all members at least 30 days in advance.

New bylaws or amendments to these bylaws must be reviewed by a bylaws committee, if/when appointed, and/or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII. Dissolution Procedure

This Corporation is not organized, nor shall it be operated for pecuniary gains, profits, or dividends to its members, and is organized solely for non-profit purposes. The property, assets, net income, profits of this Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to the Corporation's educational purposes, and no part of the profits or net income of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any Director, Officer, or member or to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. In the event of dissolution of this organization, all remaining assets, real or personal property of whatever nature, shall be transferred to the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and be held in Connecticut's name.