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## ***Goals in Implementing EIPA-RID Agreement***

- Closing the 'us and them' chasm within RID.
- Creating a more cohesive interpreting profession.
- Proactively moving toward the inclusion of all interpreters in our association.
- Creating recognition for all interpreters.
- Better representing all aspects of the interpreting profession.
- Recognizing the mission is to provide an organizational structure which facilitates the continued growth and development of the profession, we embrace a vision that strives to place the profession on the cutting edge in looking at other testing instruments, other agencies, and other groups that can facilitate the furtherance of our mission. As such, it is incumbent upon the leadership to bring these to the attention of the profession in order to ascertain whether these instruments, agencies, and groups will be instrumental in positive growth for the profession and the association. To this extent we initiate dialogue within the membership toward examining these possibilities.
- Envisioning an association comprised of full and equal practitioners.
- Reaching out and connecting with the larger number of working interpreters.
- Making strides to actively support all working interpreters, rather than exclusively focusing on community based interpreters.
- Embracing change, and growing stronger for it, through embracing all interpreters in the profession. Finding strength through inclusion, thereby becoming stronger than the sum of our parts.
- Granting every interpreter empowerment and accountability through access to the Certification Maintenance Program and the Ethical Practices System.
- Promoting the responsibility of every interpreter toward earning the right to access membership in their professional association, and thereafter to maintain membership through the CMP and the EPS.

- Seeking the greater value in interpreters, who after having proven their entry-level competence, have committed to a system requiring life-long learning and the protection of consumer rights. A valid and reliable test is merely a product any organization can create which seeks to get interpreters in the profession. Interpreters show their commitment to the profession by participating in programs which maintain their life long learning (CMP) and promote consumer protection (EPS).
- Moving forward, confident in the fact that acceptance of separate testing instruments will have no diluting effect on our products and services - the NAD-RID NIC, CMP and EPS.
- Seeking avenues to embrace all interpreters.
- Working in tandem with our affiliate chapters, knowing that better representation of all interpreters on a national level facilitates affiliate chapters doing likewise.
- Validating the work of all interpreters while simultaneously promoting consumer protection and life-long learning.
- Knowing that various testing products merely provide a benchmark – a starting point. Acknowledging that what is crucial is continuing a life long learning commitment that all interpreters need.