



**INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL
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Minority Languages Division Meeting Minutes - May 2013

We finally had our first official conference call and I'm delighted to let you know that the members who attended were enthusiastic and participated fully in the meeting.

Languages represented were: Hindi, Punjabi, Telugo, Cambodian, Farsi, Romanian.

Discussions:

Introductions.

Vice Chair: We are still unable to announce the Vice Chair as we are still waiting for decision from the Nominations Committee. We're looking forward to having our Vice Chair soon! We would gladly announce the New Vice Chair once we receive the word.

Concerns: The members expressed some common concerns as minority language interpreters: How to obtain training and credentials, employment opportunities, networking with other ML Interpreters, and how to grow as professionals.

Our advisor, Cynthia Schenck, shared some pointers on what employers look for when hiring interpreters. We also discussed how to locate jobs online and identifying opportunities in the local area and attendees shared some of the ways they are looking for interpreter jobs.

Action Plan:

Call for volunteers:

1. Secretary: We need a volunteer to be the Division Secretary to keep the minutes and summarize reports. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming our Division Secretary.

2. MLD Discussion Group:

It is very important to hear from members personally each month. We would like to convene a group of at least 6 people to form our MLD Discussion Group, and who would like to become more involved in the discussions, and would plan on attending our monthly meetings regularly and participate in email discussions as needed.

The MLD Discussion Group will be composed of Marlene, Cynthia (advisor), Vice Chair (to be announced), Secretary, and 2-3 other interested individuals. Please email Marlene to sign up as

3. Survey: Marlene will be sending out a brief survey to the members regarding your priorities and what things matter to you as a minority language interpreter so we can start working on our goals as a group. Please watch your email and reply before the next MLD meeting so we can compile the results and share with everyone.

4. Finally, we would love to have you join our next meeting. Please contact Marlene and Cynthia with questions or suggestions so we can keep the momentum going!

Please join us:

Second Thursday June 13, 2013.

Please call the conference call line (new phone number will be announced):

1-2 pm PST

3-4 pm CST

4-5 pm EST