

THE WORK OF NAJIT COMMITTEES

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

- 1.) Monitor and analyze public policies, government initiatives and press coverage of matters pertaining to the profession of judiciary interpretation and translation.
- 2.) Recommend responses to the above matters to the board of directors for possible action.
- 3.) Engage in outreach to help make governmental bodies, professional users of judiciary interpreting and translation services, and the general public more aware of the realities of our profession.
- 4.) Work closely with government entities and advocacy groups regarding Title VI LEP policies and request for comments.
- 5.) Review and monitor legislation as well as cases and case law pertaining to interpreters and translators.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- 1.) Organize the Annual Conference in coordination with the Executive Director, taking particular responsibility for the following tasks:
 - a) Speaker recruitment and selection
 - b) Exhibitor, advertiser and sponsor recruitment
 - c) Entertainment
 - d) Coordination with local T&I groups
 - e) Outreach to colleagues and members of the legal community
 - f) Coordination of volunteer assistance to assist staff at conference.
- 2.) Prepare budget and P&L projections of the conference in consultation with the Treasurer or other designated person. Seek board approval for over-all budget and before adding any additional expense items to conference plan.
- 3.) Enlist the aid of and work closely with members of other relevant committees to reach the goals of the conference.

BYLAWS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 1.) Consider such bylaws changes as may be appropriate and recommend them to the board of directors and the membership.
- 2.) Propose policies and procedures for strengthening NAJIT governance.

3.) Serve as consultants to the Elections Committee to ensure the best possible practices for elections.

4.) Advise the board of directors when requested on governance issues.

BENCH AND BAR COMMITTEE

1.) Act as the liaison between NAJIT and the legal community. (To be expanded upon)

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

1.) Ensure that the election process is carried out in a timely and correct fashion in consultation with the Executive Director.

2.) Review all ballots received in advance of the Annual Meeting for validity against the master list of eligible voters.

3.) Conduct the election at the Annual Meeting.

4.) After the meeting, tally the ballots and prepare a report for the membership before midnight of the same day. Only members of the committee are to be present during this process.

5.) Inform candidates of the outcome of the election by posting the report in a public location before midnight of the day of the election.

6.) Deliver the ballots and report to the Executive Director for safekeeping in accord with the requirements of the bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

1.) Plan activities to increase awareness of NAJIT among members of the judiciary interpreting and translating community.

2.) Coordinate plans with the Executive Director to make sure that NAJIT membership materials are available at translation and interpreting events in various locations in the U.S.

3.) Arrange for staffing of our table by volunteers at major conferences.

4.) Provide materials and programs whereby NAJIT members may reach out to other colleagues, language provider agencies, universities with foreign language programs, and members of the legal community, who may not be familiar with all that NAJIT offers.

- 5.) Collect testimonials about the benefits of NAJIT membership
- 6.) Network individually, as time permits, with individuals who are potential new members.
- 7.) Create and periodically update, with the help of the Executive Director and the Administration, “welcome packages” to be sent to all new members. Ensure that such packages are being received by making random follow-up calls to some of the new members.
- 8.) Create and evaluate exit questionnaires for non-renewing members.
- 9.) Conduct surveys of the membership at the request of the Board.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- 1.) Prepare and publish communications to the membership informing them about the elections process.
- 2.) Connect with individual members who show potential for future board service, and encourage them to consider it.
- 3.) Review all nominations received during the nominations process, solicit excellent candidates, and prepare a slate of candidates for presentation to the membership; whenever possible, there should be two candidates for each open position.
- 4.) Keep the NAJIT Board informed of the results of the nomination process with sufficient advance notice so that steps can be taken to increase the slate if too few candidates are in evidence.
- 5.) Collect statements by candidates in a timely fashion to allow them to be mailed to the membership in due time for the election. Coordinate with the Executive Director to ensure that notices are sent within the time prescribed by the Bylaws.

PROTEUS COMMITTEE

- 1.) Prepare and publish NAJIT’s quarterly newsletter, working closely with the Executive Director
- 2.) Solicit advertising for the newsletter.
- 3.) Maintain a list of key individuals in the interpreting and translating professions, the judiciary, the legal profession, and allied professions who are entitled to receive a complimentary subscription to the newsletter.
- 4.) Prepare several individual articles from each issue for publication on the website.

5.) Keep an index of the newsletter.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

- 1.) Review all publications, other than *Proteus*, to be published by NAJIT before publication to ensure quality and consistency.
- 2.) Update and maintain the portions of the NAJIT website containing articles, FAQs, position statements, monographs and other written materials pertaining to the profession.
- 3.) Prepare position papers as requested by the Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Advocacy Committee.
- 4.) Undertake specific projects as requested by the Board of Directors.
- 5.) Upon request of the NAJIT Board, submit position papers or other publications for review by consultants, agencies or government bodies in order to ensure compliance with regulations and broad approval and exposure in such entities.
- 6.) Submit all materials to be published to the NAJIT Board for review and approval before publication.
- 7.) Perform legal research, obtain writers' signed consent forms or other authorization, and consult with NAJIT legal counsel and/or specialists in intellectual property law to ensure that publication contracts, copyrights and other legal considerations are in order before the publication of any materials.
- 8.) Maintain and keep current a list of all NAJIT publications on the NAJIT website and in *Proteus*. Promote the sale of publications and furnish publications to Conference and Education Committees, with aid from NAJIT's administrative service, for sale at conferences and training events.

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