



# Minnesota Interpreter NEWSLETTER

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW INTERPRETING STAKEHOLDER GROUP (ISG) STRUCTURE!

**The ISG is a non-profit organization 501(c)(3) and has filed for the tax-exempt status with the IRS. This new status will enable the group to move-forward in its professionalization efforts for the spoken-language interpreting field.**



### HOW DOES THIS CHANGE HOW THE ISG IS STRUCTURED?

Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> membership is open to paid dues members only. To attend the meetings people will need to be active members with the ISG. Everyone is welcome to join!

### WHY DID THE ISG MAKE THIS CHANGE?

The change enables the ISG to apply for grants, provide scholarships to the interpreting community of Minnesota and move forward more rapidly with professionalization efforts.

### WHY SHOULD I JOIN ISG?

Joining the ISG will keep you updated in the changes that occur in your chosen profession of interpreting. Members will have a vote in the changes that are occurring and therefore impact future changes! Scholarships for training will first go to ISG members. Other membership benefits may include discounts on cell phone plans, auto insurance and many others.

### WHAT IS THE COST TO JOIN ISG?

For interpreters that are participants on the MDH Roster, the cost is \$15.00 annually. The cost for interpreters not on the MDH Roster is \$35.00 annually.

### When Are the ISG Meetings?

Currently meetings are scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month from 10:00am-12:00pm. The ISG will be flexible to meet the demands of membership and is considering adding quarterly evening or weekend meetings.

### Where Can I Find More information?

More information can be found at [www.isgmidwest.org](http://www.isgmidwest.org)



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