



ANNUAL MEETING REPORT 2016

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

NOTIS is a volunteer organization that would not exist without the effort, sacrifice, and bright ideas of those who serve on its board and support our events. Our board members dedicate numerous hours to ensure that NOTIS can provide its members with training, social events, marketing, advocacy, and the latest in news and events. As 2016 ends, we sadly will be saying goodbye to many of these board members, who have unselfishly served us for many years. I give my heartfelt thanks to Linda Noble, Saori Sampa, Thei Zervaki, Diana Noman, and Julie Wilchins for their dedication and accomplishments. It is time for me to depart as well, and pass the leadership on to new and capable hands. It has been a wonderful eight years, and the board has successfully completed many projects during those years. The future looks very bright. With 424 active members, we have nearly quadrupled our numbers since I started on the board, and more members means more volunteers to bring more services to you as members!

In 2016 the Northwest Translators and Interpreters Society revamped its internal structure with the goal of better meeting the needs of its varied members. We now have three basic divisions: Court Interpreter Division, the Translation Division, and the Community Interpreter Division (formerly MedSIG, but now encompassing the needs of both medical and social services interpreters). We hope that these divisions will dedicate themselves to providing training each year that will specifically meet the needs of those they represent. These divisions will now be assisted by the newly formed Webinar Committee, headed by Brooke Cochran, which ran a pilot program this year that included two successful webinars. Next year we plan to offer more webinars, including some in collaboration with the Community Interpreter Division.

Community Interpreter Division: This amazing division held twelve workshops over the course of 2016, training over 700 interpreters throughout the state. NOTIS hopes to coordinate with this Division to offer even more in-person educational opportunities to communities outside of Seattle and Tacoma next year. Webinars are in planning as well, to reach even more remote locations.

Court Interpreter Division/WITS: This division held a full weekend of training in March with the renowned Thomas West, author of the Spanish-English Dictionary of Law and Business. Saturday was dedicated to the Mexican Civil Procedure and Sunday to Dissecting French and Russian Contracts. A webinar was held recently in CSI Terminology for Interpreters. Planning is already underway for 2017.

Translation Division: The translation division recently held their “Whirlwind Weekend” of technological training with Jost Zetsche from Oregon, and medical translation and terminology with Pablo Muguerza from Spain. NOTIS was able to subsidize entry fees for its members, which kept costs low. As a result, attendance broke all records.

The chair of Social Medical and Social Programs, Saori Sampa, has kept our Social Media very active, with constant postings on Facebook. We also reactivated our LinkedIn page. While LinkedIn postings have been infrequent, we hope that more members will join the page and add their postings.

Under the guidance of Saori Sampa, board members took turns organizing social events, providing members with new ways to connect and network. This year we held several coffee shop chats, a library get-together, an Art Walk, two Happy Hours, a Literary Translation Reading, a Picnic, and more. To bring NOTIS's social benefits to members throughout our five-state region, this summer we were excited to introduce the new member benefit of reimbursement for social events. Events at least 30 miles from Seattle that are attended by 4 or more NOTIS members are eligible for reimbursement of up to \$50. Please check our website's members-only section for details.

Marketing our members remained an important goal for the board in 2016. To that end we completely revamped our website to give it a more modern look, and to give the directory a more prominent placement. The directory can now be searched in new ways and it is now easier to look for translators and interpreters by credentials. Members can now easily update their own profiles, adding new data and even a photo, if desired. Now that our new website is in place, the next steps will be to make sure the wider community is aware of it and turns to it as a resource.

Sofia Beyaert took the reins of the Advocacy Committee all year and was instrumental in keeping us informed of the issues currently faced by translators and interpreters in our organization and in recommending the most appropriate action by our board. NOTIS sponsored the WASCLA (WA State Coalition for Language Access) Conference this October, sponsoring two board members to attend the conference as our representatives.

Thanks to all of you who dedicated your time and efforts to making this year a great success! A profound thanks to those who served with me on this board for so long, to our amazing office administrator, and to all of you who so generously give of your time to help us put on events. I will miss all of you and hope to see you in the future as I leave NOTIS in the care of new and highly capable hands!

Yours sincerely,



President

The Northwest Translators and Interpreters Society

NOTIS 2015 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Begining Balance on Jan. 1, 2015 | \$36,629.73 |
| Ending Balance on December 31, 2015 | \$44,679.06 |

INFLOW

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| Membership | \$14,220.00 |
| Registrations - International Translation Day | \$6,190.00 |
| Registrations - NOTIS Workshops | \$5,285.00 |
| Registrations - MedSIG Workshops | \$19,530.00 |
| Sponsorship for ITD | \$800.00 |
| ATA Rebate | \$2,663.50 |
| Bank Interest | \$9.49 |

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| Paypal Refunds | \$4.01 |
| TOTAL INFLOW | \$48,702.00 |

OUTFLOW

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| Administrative Supplies & Miscellaneous Expenses | \$3,829.20 |
| Office Manager Stipends | \$7,758.80 |
| UPS Renewal Fee | \$237.00 |
| GOTOCITRIX & Ubercinferece | \$54.74 |
| Internet/Website Maintenance | \$600.00 |
| PayPal Charges | \$1,989.57 |
| NOTIS Workshops Expenses | \$2,804.74 |
| MedSIG Workshop Expenses | \$10,799.14 |
| Honorarium Translators & Interpreters Day | \$585.00 |
| International Translators & Interpreters Day | \$5,048.76 *\$380 is for 2014 |
| Annual Meeting/Holiday Party/Picnic Expenses | \$1,791.29 |
| Refunds | \$1,213.91 |
| Office Manager MedSIG wkshop profit | \$3,940.52 |
| Total Outflow | \$40,652.67 |

Respectfully submitted by Their Zervaki

NOTIS OFFICE ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2016

Membership as of 12/31/2015

Individual 316
Corporate 8
Institutional 2
Student 61
Total 387

Membership Report January 2016

Individual 159
Corporate 4
Institutional 0
Student 21
Total 184
Figures as of 1/31/2016

Membership Report February 2016

Individual 212
Corporate 5

Institutional 0

Student31

Total 248

Figures as of 2/29/2016

Membership Report March 2016

Individual 235

Corporate 5

Institutional 0

Student34

Total 274

Figures as of 3/30/2016

Membership Report April 2016

Individual 245

Corporate 5

Institutional 0

Student39

Total 289

Figures as of 4/30/2016

Membership Report May 2016

Individual 245

Corporate 5

Institutional 0

Student39

Total 289

Figures as of 5/30/2016

Membership Report June 2016

Individual 254

Corporate 6

Institutional 1

Student47

Total 318

Figures as of 6/30/2016

Membership Report July 2016

Individual 277

Corporate 7

Institutional 1

Student48

Total 333

Figures as of 7/31/2016

Membership Report August 2016

Individual 306

Corporate 8

Institutional 1

Student54

Total 379

Figures as of 8/31/2016

Membership Report

Individual 335

Corporate 9

Institutional 1

Student 61

Total 416

Figures as of 9/30/2016

Membership as of 10/24/2016

Individual 341

Corporate 9

Institutional 1

Student 63

Total 424

Respectfully submitted by Naomi Uchida

Translation Division Annual Report: 2016

This year, the Translation Division focused its efforts on one large-scale event, the Whirlwind Weekend, a training weekend held on September 10 and 11. Kathryn German and Elise Kruidenier worked together to plan this event, and Maria Luisa Gracia Camón also contributed by applying for various credits. The goal was to bring in world-class speakers to Seattle and hold affordable sessions for translators and interpreters. We were able to bring in Jost Zetzsche, a well-known expert on translation technologies, and Pablo Mugüerza, a Spanish medical translator, to speak over the course of two days.

In total, we had 124 people register for some combination of the workshops, and we had to cap the total due to limited space in the final week. The workshops were held successfully, and met with satisfaction from attendees. Many volunteers pitched in to help the event run smoothly. The attendees cited the cost, the subject material, the speakers, the venue and the food as positives for the event. Many suggested that topics be made more specific in the future to appeal to more targeted audiences and avoid the generalities covered by presenters.

Because our goal was to give back to our members through this workshop, our overall spending exceeded our income by \$865. Although this would not be sustainable for a number of workshops, in this case it was determined that the loss of income could be subsidized by NOTIS to provide these services to our members.

For the coming year, our plan will likely be to offer one or two more small-scale targeted events for translators, to meet this need in our community.

Respectfully submitted by Elise Kruidenier, Translation Division Chair

Court Interpreter/WITS Division Annual Report 2016

The Court Interpreter Division had the following members at the start of 2016:
Linda Noble, Luisa Gracia, Nancy Leveson, Huyen Martin, and Diana Noman.

The Court Interpreter Division was co-chaired by Linda Noble and Maria Luisa Gracia Camón.

Workshop of March 2016

The 2-day event was held on March 19th and 20th and included three language specific workshops:
-6-hour workshop for Spanish language featuring two sessions: **Mexican Civil Procedure and Hilando muy fino con el lenguaje jurídico**.

-2-hour workshop for Russian language featuring one session: **Dissecting Russian Contracts**.

-2-hour workshop for French language featuring one session: **Dissecting French Contracts**.

The event was a success and it had a great reception from the court interpreter community although it did not have as many attendees as it was initially expected.

The number of foreseen attendees was not exceeded this time. Handouts and conference support materials were sent by e-mail after the conference at the request of both speakers and attendees. The feedback during the workshop was very positive and attendees were very satisfied with the training.

There was a net profit of \$116.

As a follow-up of the prior year experience with registration, Court Interpreter Division made clear in all the flyers, the policy of AOC about arriving late/leaving early and how it can have impact in obtaining the diploma or certification. The Court Interpreter Division will include the policy in the future.

Webinar 2016

CSI Terminology for Interpreters (in Spanish) – Refer to 2016 Annual Report –Webinar Committee for details.

There was no other event after the **Webinar** in which CID was involved.

Court Interpreter/WITS Division agreed to work together with the Community Interpreter Division on the matters that may affect to Court interpreters.

Going forward 2017

Workshop 2017.

It will be advisable to start preparing an event for next year as soon as possible.

Court interpreters are very interested on the training NOTIS (Court Interpreter/WITS Division) provides but they would like to see a cost reduction in some of the events.

The overall outcome of the efforts of CID has been positive. The events in which CID was involved provided a good quality input for the attendees.

Respectfully submitted by Luisa Gracia, Court Interpreter Division Co-Chair

Community Interpreter Division Annual Report, FY 2016

Summary

In September 2016, the NOTIS board agreed to change the name of the Medical Special Interest Group to the Community Interpreter Division, at the request of the group itself. This report covers the work of MedSIG/Community Interpreter Division for 2016.

By the close of 2016, the Community Interpreter Division will have presented 12 workshops for healthcare interpreters in Washington State, engaging over 400 unique interpreters. While some of these 400 attended only one workshop, the vast majority attended three or even four in 2016, so that over 700 interpreters attended training this year. These workshops varied in length between 2 and 7.5 hours, and generated a projected profit of over \$5,600 for NOTIS this year, not including the funds used to pay the trainers and the NOTIS Office Manager. For each workshop, handouts and a certificate of attendance were provided to participants, both in hard copy and electronically. Continuing education (CE) credits for each workshop were obtained from DSHS, ATA and in some cases, the AOC. PowerPoint presentations from some of the workshops have been posted to the NOTIS website. Follow-up evaluation surveys showed that participant were extremely happy with these offerings.

Two workshops had to be cancelled. One class on the Fundamentals of Healthcare Interpreting, scheduled for March in Spokane, did not attract the minimum 20 interpreters necessary to make it financial feasible. Another class on Medical Terminology scheduled for April was cancelled as the trainer did not like the venue that had been reserved and none other could be found on short notice.

Workshops

| Workshop | Participants Reg/Attend | Net Income for NOTIS |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Interpreting for Cancer Genetics Date: January 23 Location: Tacoma General Hospital Trainer: Cindy Roat, MPH Length of training: 5 hours Maximum class size: 100 | 79/84 | \$682.69 |
| Bridging to Simultaneous: An Introduction to Simultaneous Interpreting Skills Date: February 27 Location: Valley Medical Center Trainer: Juan Gutierrez, MD, MPH, MPH Length of training: 5 hours Maximum class size: 100 | 83/82 | \$611.01 |
| Interpreter Skill Building: Notetaking and Sight Translation Date: May 21 Location: Tacoma General Hospital Trainer: Yvonne Simpson Length of training: 4 hours Maximum class size: 100 | 63/61 | \$525.15 |

| Workshop | Participants Reg/Attend | Net Income for NOTIS |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Medical Terminology for Medical Interpreters and Translators Date: June 19 Location: Yakima Valley Medical Center Trainer: Joe Tein Length of training: 7.5 hours Maximum class size: 100 | 41/40 | -\$516.09 |
| Interpreting in Neurology Date: August 20 Location: Valley Medical Center Trainer: Juan Gutierrez, MD, MPH, MPH Length of training: 5 hours Maximum class size: 100 | 103/101 | \$798.73 |
| Consecutive Skills Building for Healthcare Interpreters Date: January 23 Location: Valley Medical Center Trainer: Cindy Roat, MPH Length of training: 4 hours Maximum class size: 50 | 50/43 | \$279.59 |
| Notetaking for Healthcare Interpreters Workshop Series Date: October 1, November 5, December 3 Location: Impact Hub Seattle Trainer: Sofia Garcia-Beyaert, PhD Length of training: 5 hours Maximum class size: 50 | 32/32 | Est \$1,300 |
| Medical Interpreter Ethics Date: October 1 Location: Skagit Valley Medical Center Trainer: Linda Golley, MOM Length of training: 3 hours Maximum class size: 50 | 56/52 | \$260.01 |
| Interpreting for Cardiology Date: October 1 Location: Skagit Valley Medical Center Trainer: Joe Tein Length of training: 4 hours Maximum class size: 50 | 54/55 | \$189.47 |
| Consecutive Skill Building Date: November 12 Location: Tacoma General Hospital Trainer: Cindy Roat, MPH Length of training: 4 hours Maximum class size: 50 | Est. 50 | Est. \$280 |

| Workshop | Participants Reg/Attend | Net Income for NOTIS |
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| Overview of Pediatric Cancer Date: November 12 Location: Seattle Children's Hospital Trainer: Alison Thompson, RN Length of training: 4 hours Maximum class size: 85 | 85 reg | Est. \$760 |
| Pediatric Diabetes Date: December 11 Location: Seattle Children's Hospital Trainer: SCH staff Length of training: 4 hours Maximum class size: 64 | Est. 85 | Est. \$760 |
| Total | | Est \$5,930.56 |

New this year

New volunteers

This year, MedSIG added three new volunteers who have been helping to check participants in and out of the workshops. This gives us seven active volunteers who are willing to help with check-in. As we don't need more than three volunteers at any one event, we are now giving volunteers notice of workshop dates as soon as they are set so that they can sign up ahead of time for the events at which they would like to assist.

New trainer

This year three new trainers joined our team: Yvonne Simpson, the Interpreter Services Manager at Harborview Medical Center; Joe Tein, a freelance interpreter and translator on Whidbey Island; and Dr. Sofia Garcia Beyaert, freelance interpreter and trainer here in Seattle. Linda Golley has also been working with clinical staff at Seattle Children's Hospital to do presentations on technical issues such as pediatric cancer and diabetes.

New locations

This year, MedSIG expanded our trainings locations to include the Yakima Valley Medical Center in Yakima and the Skagit Valley Medical Center in Mt. Vernon. Both these locations generated new interest in our workshops and will be used again in the future. A training planned for Spokane did not fare so well; the low enrollment led to the class being cancelled. It is not clear whether the topic was the issue or whether there was inadequate advertising. However, contacts were made for the location, St. Luke's Rehab, which may be used again in the future.

Standarization

The Community Interpreter Division documented and standardized the process of setting up and running a workshop, uploading templates of all the relevant documents as well as the ever-updated Master Workshop Chart to a shared drive, so that more individuals will be able to duplicate the efficient and comprehensive processes that the Community Interpreter Division has developed for these events.

Expansion of the MedSIG and name change

The Medical Special Interest Group, which has been organizing these trainings, was made up for most of the year of only Cindy Roat and Linda Golley. In August, the group expanded to include Sofia Garcia Beyaert and Naomi Uchida, the NOTIS Office Manager. All four of the members were empowered to organize and run workshops, which has led to an increase in the number of workshops the group has been able to offer.

In October, the group also petitioned the NOTIS board to change its name from the Medical Special Interest Group (MedSIG) to the Community Interpreter Division, to reflect an inclusion of educational and social service interpreters in addition to healthcare interpreters; the board approved this petition.

Plans for 2017

The Community Interpreter Division is in the process of planning additional workshops for 2017, employing the same model and adding additional trainers.

In 2015, the survey we sent out was not of much use in planning our 2016 year, so we will not do that again. Instead, we will try to plan a general calendar of at least one workshop per month somewhere in Washington and add in workshops as need arises and trainers offer their services. While most of the workshops will continue to be in the Puget Sound region, since that is where most of the interpreters are, we will try to hold workshops in Spokane, Yakima, Mt. Vernon, Vancouver and perhaps on the Kitsap Peninsula as well.

We will also try to hold at least two webinars next year, in order to make continuing education available to interpreters who live far from any of the metropolitan centers where we can hold on-site trainings.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Roat, Community Interpreter Division Chair

2016 Annual Report – Webinar Committee

2016 Members of the Webinar Committee

Brooke A. Cochran (chair), Julie Wilchins, Lindsay Bentsen

Activities

- Reached out to other NOTIS chapters with webinar experience in order to get planning tips before launching our presentations
- Researched the most appropriate webinar platform – we chose GoToWebinar (GTW)
- Planned and hosted two webinars – 1 translator specific, 1 interpreter specific

Results

| Description | Attendance | Revenue |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Translating Official Documents with Bekircan Tahberer | Members: 34 x20 Nonmembers: 16 x30 | \$1,160 |
| CSI Terminology for Interpreters (in Spanish) | Members: 15 Nonmembers: 16 | \$780 |

Total expenses

\$565.04

Total revenues after expenses

\$1,374.96

Next Steps: Plan for next year

- Do we organize more than 2 webinars? What topics?
- Pairing with Community Interpreter Division so they can produce webinars next year

- Streamline the presenter-finding process

Respectfully submitted by Brooke Cochran, Webinar Committee Chair

Social Event Report for 2016

NOTIS offered numerous social events through the year 2016. The number of social events was increased compared to the previous year. One of the remarkable changes we made this year was that we offered social events and gatherings in a variety of places.

2016:

| Event | Date | Details |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Coffee Afternoon | 01/16/2016 (Sat) 2:00 pm | Uptown Espresso (4301 SW Edmunds St, Seattle) 12 people attended including students from Bellevue College Translation and Interpretation Certificate Program. |
| Chat at Library | 02/19/2016 (Fri) 4:00 pm | Redmond Library (15990 NE 85th St., Redmond) 7 people attended. There is no specific activity involved, but we exchanged anecdotes. |
| Pioneer Square Art Walk | 03/03/2016 (Thu) 6:45 pm | Davidson Galleries (313 Occidental Ave S, Seattle) 4 people attended. The group walked from gallery to gallery and shop to boutique although the weather was not coping so well. |
| Happy Hour | 04/13/2016 (Wed) 4:30 pm | Island Soul Restaurant (4869 Rainier Ave. South Seattle) 8 people attended. The attendees enjoyed sampling meals/drinks as well as sharing stories. |
| Translation in the Spotlight | 05/21/2016 (Sat) 8:30 pm | The Bounty (1218 N 45th St, Seattle) 25 people attended including people from out of WA, other professional organizations and educational institutions. The attendees enjoyed reading/listening to other's literary translation work as well as some good wine or other drinks. |
| Summer BBQ and Picnic | 07/10/2016 (Sun) All day | Seahurst Park (1600 Southwest Seahurst Drive, Burien) Approximately 20 people attended including 7 students from Translation and Interpretation Certificate Program and 1 from another state. The attendees enjoyed games and BBQ. |
| Happy Hour / Readings of Inspiring Translations | 09/13/2016 (Tue) 5:30 pm | Vermillion Art Gallery & Bar (1508 11th Ave., Seattle) 7 people attended. The attendees enjoyed networking and chatting during Happy Hour and celebrated National Translation Month together. |
| Coffee Afternoon | 11/19/2016 (Sat) 2:00 pm | Caffe Appassionato - Stone Way (1218 N 45th St, Seattle) |

Our monthly social events have become our tradition. We would like to keep this tradition and make efforts to offer a variety of social networking opportunities and improve their quality even better to cater for our members. For 2017, we will plan ahead and make a bigger effort as a team. We have more than 60 student members within NTOIS, and we would like to come up with social events for students, novices or beginner-level members in the translation and interpreting field as well as continue our favorite socializing opportunities like happy hour and summer picnic.

Respectfully submitted by Saori Sampa, Social Programs Committee Chair

Outreach – Social Media Report for 2016

1. Posting Frequency and Engagement

Posting frequency (between Jan 1 and October 20): 0.6 posts per day on average

2. Issues

There were no significant issues this year.

3. Examples of Postings

- Board meetings
- Social events (e.g. Happy Hour, Picnic, Gathering, etc.)
- Language / culture related articles
- Translation and interpretation related articles
- NOTIS's website (e.g. Directory, etc.)
- Event announcement (e.g. ITD, workshops, etc.)
- Videos and website links related to languages

4. Remarks

- The number of FB friends clicking "Like" increased
- More shares
- More comments
- Inquiries via direct inbox and through posting comments
- Language / culture related articles are very popular
- More access to NOTIS's website through a click-through button

Respectfully submitted by Saori Sampa

DIRECTORY MARKETING REPORT

The NOTIS Directory is our way of promoting the services of local translators and interpreters, and could develop into one of the most valuable services we provide. In 2016 NOTIS made some changes to our directory and how we market it.

By far the most significant improvement in the NOTIS directory was connected with NOTIS's migration to a new online platform using the Wild Apricot system. Our new website is much more attractive and functional overall, and it features the Directory prominently on the main page. All this has made our Directory easier to use both for members and for potential customers.

As the new site launched, the NOTIS board made concerted efforts to rally members to update their profiles. The response was encouraging, and a majority of active members now have a complete profile on our new site. NOTIS is monitoring traffic on the website with Google Analytics.

In an improvement from past years, new jobs advertised on the NOTIS job board are sent only to members with the language combinations and skills requested in the job posting (our new directory makes this a simple task, as well). This has helped to reduce the volume of the irrelevant email we send to members.

NOTIS also continued marketing efforts through direct participation of members at local events related to interpreting and translation (NOTIS's own trainings and social events, those run by MedSIG (now the Community Interpreter Division], the WASCLA summit, and more), through our social media accounts, and through word of mouth. The Board also approved a new program to reimburse members who organize NOTIS social events outside of Seattle, which promises to support the organization's growth in the geographical areas we would like to serve better.

In September 2016 NOTIS began advertising on LinkedIn, paying for an ad pointing to the Directory to show up as potential translation and interpretation buyers in the Northwest use LinkedIn. In October, NOTIS started a similar campaign through Google AdWords.

We hope to continue these efforts in 2017, including by:

IMPROVING THE VISIBILITY OF THE DIRECTORY

1. Advertise to likely local service buyers through professional newsletters, presence at industry events
2. Improve search engine optimization
3. Design and publish a pamphlet specifically advertising the Directory for wide distribution
4. Continue to mention the Directory in all other NOTIS publications, social media posts, etc.

IMPROVING THE USABILITY OF THE DIRECTORY

1. Add search functionality, including subject area specializations

IMPROVE THE CONTENTS OF THE DIRECTORY

1. Periodically remind members to list themselves and keep their listing updated
2. Campaign for membership in regions outside Seattle

IMPROVING THE JOB BOARD

NOTIS's online job board is still not frequently used, and marketing efforts might help make the page a more useful tool for members.

1. Adjust the process for posting jobs, and remove them or archive them automatically when they are no longer relevant
2. Reformat the Jobs page in a more consistent way

Respectfully submitted by Shelley Fairweather-Vega
Directory Marketing Committee

Advocacy Committee's Report for 2016 as of October 26, 2016

The Advocacy Committee supports NOTIS members in their efforts to advance their professional interests. The Committee tracks legislation that could affect translators and interpreters, keeps members informed, and offers opinions on professional issues to government agencies, trade organizations, and the business community.

The following issues were reported to the Advocacy Committee in 2016:

- City of Seattle's survey of translators & interpreters to update their directory of language professionals.
- Tort claim against the WA Department of Licensing posted on members forum for exchange of impressions.

- Court Interpreter Reimbursement Program declared a major priority by AOC for the biannual state budget of 2017-18.
- ‘American Association for Applied Linguistics Guidelines for communicating rights to non-native speakers of English in Australia, England and Wales, and the USA’ distributed to prosecutors in WA.

Additionally, WASCLA was identified as a key partner to collaborate on matters that affect translators and interpreters. Every effort was made to have NOTIS representation at the monthly Language Access Calls hosted by WASCLA.

Finally, a monthly advocacy committee meeting was instituted to provide a space to work collaboratively on advocacy-related matters.

Respectfully submitted by Sofía García-Beyaert