

# CONSTITUTION OF THE GREATER HOUSTON INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

## ARTICLE I ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be **Greater Houston Interpreters for the Deaf**; hereafter referred to as GHID. This is a non-profit organization.

## ARTICLE II PURPOSES

GHID is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain, profits, or dividends to its members, and is organized solely for non-profit purposes.

GHID shall be affiliated as a Chapter of Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., hereafter known as TSID. GHID's purposes shall be concurrent with those of TSID. The primary emphasis of TSID is the development, strengthening, and enhancement of a network of professional interpreters.

To promote the development and expansion of quality interpreting services available to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing;

To encourage the recruitment and training of professionals in interpreting for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing;

To promote the highest standards in interpreting for and communicating with persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing;

To train and encourage those interested in learning to communicate with persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing;

To offer a forum for professional interpreters for exchange of ideas, opinions, and information concerning interpreting;

To offer meetings whereby members can learn, upgrade skills, and participate in group activities;  
To unitedly support legislative interests and concerns;

To utilize the InterpreTexan as the vehicle for dissemination and exchange of information; update of events; legislative and national information; special announcements; information regarding the happenings, workshops, meetings, etc. of the local chapters of TSID, and RID.

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## ARTICLE III CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITY TO TSID

As a local chapter of TSID, GHID must meet the following responsibilities:

- 1 Adopt and follow the Local Chapter Constitution of TSID, or become in compliance with and follow the Local Chapter Constitution of TSID.
- 2 Participate in governing TSID by sending a voting representative to at least two (2) official meetings of the TSID board each year;
- 3 Coordinate local arrangements and/or support services for any professional development or classification of activities requested from TSID;
- 4 Contribute to the TSID communication network by listing activities and workshops open to the TSID General Membership with the Editor of the *InterpreTexan* for statewide dissemination.
- 5 File a written Chapter Report and a Financial Report at each Annual Conference.

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#### ARTICLE IV **MEMBERSHIP**

GHID shall consist of Certified, Associate, and Student members; and may also consist of Honorary, and/or Lifetime Members.

#### ARTICLE V **MEETINGS**

General meetings of GHID shall be held a minimum of three (3) times a calendar year. Executive Board meetings shall be held at least four (4) times a calendar year. Dates of these meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE VI **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board shall govern GHID and shall consist of the following officers: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President (hereafter referred to as Vice-Presidents), Secretary, Treasurer, , Professional Development Chairperson, Communication Chair and other Committee Chairs. and GHID's Representative to the TSID's Executive Board. [At the discretion of GHID's membership, GHID's Executive Board may be expanded to include other members.]

#### ARTICLE VII **COMMITTEES**

GHID shall have as standing committees: Nomination Committee, Audit Committee, Scholarship Committee and other ad hoc committees as needed. [The Executive Board and/or the President shall determine the need for and the size of ad hoc Committees.] The President and/or the Executive Board shall appoint the Chairperson of each committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII **DISSOLUTION OF GHID**

In the event of dissolution of GHID, all remaining assets, real and personal property of GHID shall be transferred to TSID to be kept for a period of twenty-four (24) months in escrow to allow for possible reorganization. If GHID is not reorganized under these Constitution/Bylaws within twenty-four (24) months, all assets will become the permanent property of TSID.

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ARTICLE IX  
**AMENDMENT**

This Constitution may be amended or a new Constitution adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at any scheduled or called general meeting of GHID, after fourteen (14) days of notification has been given to the membership. Email ballot votes may also be utilized as defined in Article VI of GHID's Bylaws.

This Constitution is effective as of May 01, 1989.

Amended as of January 26, 1990.

Amended as of May 08, and July 10, 1992.

Amended as of May 31, 2003

Proposed amendments as of 9/13/15 pending TSID updates and membership vote

Amended as of February 20, 2016

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