

Certification Committee:

As most committees, this committee is going through the process of forming and defining the most adequate role of the certification committee before the National Coalition. Part of the work done so far has been based on Cindy Roat's work. We are trying to map and cut the work based on Cindy's report. For our next meeting, we are going to discuss the current status across the nation to try set up a plan of action based on our findings. A lot of research is in the future for this committee. We would research and analyze various findings resulting from more recent studies on this subject.

Fundraising Committee:

The committee will circulate a letter to Coalition members itemizing the operating needs and asking for direct or indirect support. The list will include items such as: travel and lodging, venue rental, food, materials and supplies, website hosting and development, and production of letterhead.

Prior to circulation of that letter, the Fundraising committee will complete its statement of principles around accept funding and other support.

The committee also discussed the potential need to explore sources beyond direct nonprofit foundation funding, including working under contract, and partnering with other organizations on specific pieces of work.

The Coalition's need to receive its grant funding through a fiscal agent was discussed, with NCIHC and CHIA identified as two known 501(c)(3)'s in the Coalition that would qualify.

The Fundraising Committee will develop Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) to sign with its fiscal agent(s) in advance of any funding activity.

The Committee will send out a query to Coalition members asking if they:

- 1) Have a relationship with a prospective funder
- 2) Would be willing to represent the Coalition to that funder if they have any leads on prospective funders

Legal Committee:

NYC Mayor’s Bloomberg signed NY Executive Order 120.

The committee is researching what is involved on patents and copyright work.

The working statement for the Legal Committee was fine tuned as follows:

The Legal Aspects Committee’s purpose is to provide leadership, research and support for:

- legal issues related to health care interpreter certification
- legal federal mandates
- key national legislation issues requirements from state, local, and other regulatory bodies

We also are researching the classification that the Department of Labor has for Medical Interpreters.

Election of co-chairs:

It took place last week. ISG (Alejandro) is co-chairing the Legal Committee.

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I will be needing involvement of other people from ISG soon. Once the committees have finished the “forming” phase and their working statements are more solid, we (ISG) are going to be able to provide more input as a group. Please start thinking about which group out the three committees we are involved with you would like to participate.

Thanks,

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