

GaRID Committee Directory

Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf



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GaRID Active Committees

GaRID's committees are the heart of our organization. They bring members together to collaborate, lead, and strengthen the interpreting profession across Georgia. Each committee plays a vital role in supporting professional development, community connection, mentorship, communication, and certification maintenance. Serving on a committee gives members the opportunity to contribute their skills, expand their network, and help shape the future of interpreting in our state. Whether you're a seasoned interpreter or new to the field, there is a place for you to get involved, grow, and make a meaningful impact.

Continuing Maintenance Program Committee

Oversees Continuing Maintenance Program (CMP) activities, CEU processes, and compliance with RID standards.

Conference Planning Committee

Leads the planning, coordination, and execution of GaRID's statewide conferences and major professional events.

Membership Committee

Supports the growth, engagement, and retention of GaRID members through outreach, onboarding, and community-building efforts.

Professional Development Committee

Designs and coordinates workshops, trainings, and educational programming that support skill building and certification maintenance.

Mentorship Committee

Develops and supports GaRID's mentorship opportunities for emerging and developing interpreters across Georgia.

Communications Committee

Manages the organization's newsletter, website, social media presence, and overall communication strategy.



Continuing Maintenance Program Committee

Purpose

The CMP Committee oversees GaRID's Continuing Maintenance Program (CMP) activities and CEU processes. The committee ensures members have access to high-quality, standards-aligned professional development that supports certification compliance and lifelong learning.

Responsibilities

- Administer and monitor CEU processes in alignment with RID policies
- Review and approve CEU activity applications and sponsor documentation
- Support members and presenters with CEU guidance and resources
- · Maintain documentation for CMP activity filings and reporting
- Evaluate and update procedures for ongoing compliance with RID standards
- Collaborate with the Professional Development Committee to align offerings
- · Report activities, trends, and recommendations to the Board

Key Goals

- · Improve clarity and accessibility of CEU guidelines
- Increase the number and diversity of approved CEU activities
- Establish clear timelines and workflow standards
- Expand CEU training and support for hosts and presenters

What Volunteers Gain

- Direct experience with RID CEU policy and documentation
- · Strengthened organizational and administrative skills
- Opportunities to work closely with presenters and workshop hosts
- Service that supports RID certification renewal
- A role in supporting statewide access to quality professional development

Questions?

Contact us for more information.

Email: CMP@GaRID.org



Conference Planning Committee

Purpose

The Conference Planning Committee leads the development and execution of GaRID's statewide conferences and major professional events. The committee creates inclusive, high-impact experiences that foster learning, networking, and excellence.

Responsibilities

- Plan and manage all aspects of GaRID conferences and large-scale events
- Develop themes, schedules, and session tracks
- Coordinate logistics (venue, registration, accessibility, technology)
- Recruit and support presenters, facilitators, and special guests
- Work with CMP to ensure CEU compliance
- Oversee sponsorship, exhibitors, and vendor relations
- Manage event budgets with the Treasurer
- Implement marketing and attendee engagement strategies
- Provide post-event reports and recommendations

Key Goals

- Deliver memorable conferences aligned with GaRID's mission
- Increase session diversity across skill levels and specialties
- Strengthen accessibility and inclusion
- Build partnerships with sponsors and community stakeholders
- Streamline planning workflows and documentation
- Grow member engagement and networking opportunities

What Volunteers Gain

- Hands-on conference and event planning experience
- Leadership, project coordination, and communication skills
- Networking with professionals statewide
- Service hours supporting RID renewal
- A meaningful role in shaping GaRID's flagship event

Questions?

Contact us for more information.

Email: Workshops@GaRID.org



Membership Committee

Purpose

The Membership Committee supports the growth, engagement, and retention of GaRID members while ensuring an inclusive and welcoming community.

Responsibilities

- Manage membership processes, renewals, and outreach
- Support member onboarding and engagement
- Track membership trends and provide recommendations
- Collaborate with Communications to share updates and resources
- Develop strategies for member recruitment and retention

Key Goals

- Increase active membership across regions
- Strengthen member support and welcome processes
- Build more opportunities for connection and involvement
- Improve communication around membership benefits

What Volunteers Gain

- Experience in community engagement and member support
- Communication, outreach, and data management skills
- Direct involvement in strengthening Georgia's interpreting network
- Opportunities to connect with interpreters statewide

Questions?

Contact us for more information.

Email: Membership@GaRID.org



Professional Development Committee

Purpose

The Professional Development Committee develops and coordinates GaRID's year-round training opportunities to support skill development, certification maintenance, and lifelong learning.

Responsibilities

- Plan and coordinate workshops, webinars, and trainings
- Identify emerging professional development needs
- Recruit and support presenters and content experts
- Manage logistics for virtual and in-person events
- Collaborate with CMP for CEU approval and compliance
- Maintain event materials and documentation
- Promote PD opportunities through Communications
- Evaluate events and provide feedback to the Board

Key Goals

- Expand the variety and reach of PD offerings
- Ensure training aligns with RID standards and community needs
- Increase member participation and access
- Build sustainable planning structures and timelines

What Volunteers Gain

- Hands-on experience in workshop design and educational programming
- Collaboration with presenters and subject-matter experts
- Enhanced project and event management skills
- Service experience supporting RID certification renewal

Questions?

Contact us for more information.

Email: <u>PDC@GaRID.org</u>



Mentorship Committee

Purpose

The Mentorship Committee supports the development of a statewide interpreter mentorship program to strengthen skill growth, professional readiness, and community support.

Responsibilities

- Develop and manage mentorship structures and resources
- Recruit and support mentors and mentees
- Provide guidance, tools, and best practices
- Collaborate with PD and Membership for program alignment
- Track outcomes and recommend improvements

Key Goals

- Establish a sustainable statewide mentorship framework
- · Increase mentor participation and training
- Support new and developing interpreters across Georgia
- Strengthen pathways to certification and professional confidence

What Volunteers Gain

- Practical experience in digital communication and content creation
- Skills in writing, editing, design, and social media management
- Opportunities to shape GaRID's public voice
- Collaboration with leaders and committees across the organization

Questions?

Contact us for more information.

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