



Dear colleagues,

I feel like I have been a part of this profession all my life, as I am sure many of you do. Some of us started very young, lived abroad or were simply immersed in a bilingual world where language barriers resulted in meaningful connections.

It was these meaningful connections that drew me to the profession and I am now a Judicial Certified Interpreter in the states of California and Ohio for the Spanish language. Every day that goes by, I never stop learning or pushing forward in advocating for our unique profession. It has been many years since I decided to embark upon this adventure and not a day goes by that I regret it.

Being a member of NAJIT has been a key factor in my daily professional growth. It was an honor to serve on NAJIT's Advocacy Committee in Washington D.C. last year; it was truly a motivating experience and a step forward for our profession.

This year, I am excited to be part of NAJIT'S 39th Annual Conference Committee, working alongside amazing professionals who are the driving force behind our yearly matchless event!

Here in Ohio, I am an active member of our local interpreters and translator's associations (CCIO and NOTA), and in 2017 I served as CCIO's Northern Representative. Additionally, I am also an active member of ATA. If elected to serve on NAJIT's Board, I will continue being committed to advocating for the integrity and understanding of our specialized and demanding profession.

I believe that, as certified judicial interpreters, we have an ethical duty to protect the record, bound and under oath as neutral parties. By adhering to all ethical standards and maintaining a high quality professional conduct, we serve and assist the courts in carrying out due process. We are members of a learned profession who are dedicated to public service, and we strive to promote public confidence in the administration of justice.

Should I be elected, I promise to work towards a better understanding of our profession in all the fields we are summoned to assist. NAJIT is for us a voice that represents and showcases our skills and talents to the world; it would be a great honor and welcomed responsibility for me to serve its Board.

I am grateful for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Roxane J. King