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Subject: RE: Request for NAJIT position on Continuing Education Requirements for Interpreters - Invitation to GCOI Board Meeting 6/20/2018
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Dear Rob:

On behalf of the Commission on Interpreters of the Supreme Court of Georgia, I would like to thank you for participating in today's Commission meeting. I know that your presentation was not only insightful, but will also help turn the tide in CE in the State of Georgia.

Please know that I have sent the following e-mail message to all Georgian Interpreters:

Dear Interpreters:

Before I begin, I would like to extend my gratitude for everything you do in the Courts of Georgian Jurisdiction, your service helps us to allow those whom you serve have equal access to justice, a fundamental right for all of those who live in this Great State and this nation.

I usually do not give updates related to our Commission meetings, but I feel that there have been certain developments that warrant an update. Please rest assured that I will try my best to keep you abreast of all important policy changes henceforth. The Commission on Interpreters has approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Atlanta Association of Interpreters and Translators (AAIT). Our goal is to ensure that we and AAIT can provide all candidate interpreters with a wholesome and dedicated training program for the written and the oral exam. This will be a great opportunity for us to increase the passing rate of not only the written exam but also the CLAC oral exam for those interpreters seeking a conditionally-approved or certified license. I would like to thank the Board of Directors of AAIT, in particular, AAIT's president, Carola Lehmacher and its vice-president and treasurer, Gabriel Rueda, for all the hard work they did to ensure that this MOU became a reality. I would encourage you to please visit their website, AAIT.org shortly for more information on upcoming trainings.

We also had the privilege of having Rob Cruz, Executive Director of the National Association of Judicial Interpreters and Translators (NAJIT) as our guest speaker. Mr. Cruz provided the Commission with insightful information about the importance of professional development and continuing education. Though I know that a big number of Georgian Interpreters take courses related to professional development and continuing education, we encourage you to please take advantage of any professional development or continuing education classes you can find. We hope that shortly, we will be able to have a more developed scheme for professional development and continuing education in the State of Georgia. I encourage you to please visit their website, NAJIT.org for insightful and helpful information. NAJIT offers wonderful trainings and information that I am sure, any Georgian interpreter would find useful.

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to extend our gratitude for all the hard work you do. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. My e-mail is John.Botero@GeorgiaCourts.gov.

Thank you for your service to the Great State of Georgia.

Respectfully yours,

John H. Botero

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Please feel free to share with all your membership, we are very much looking forward towards a wonderful working relationship together. Please never hesitate to contact us if there's anything we can do to assist.

Again, thank you; and also, I'd like to commend María Ceballos-Wallis for all her work in ensuring your presentation was made a reality. We thank you for your participation.

Respectfully,

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