

Dear NAJIT colleagues,

I feel that I have been a part of this profession all of 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 overcoming language barriers resulted in meaningful connections.

The joy derived from helping create these connections drew me to the profession, and after much effort and professional growth, I am now a certified Judicial Interpreter in the EN<>SPA pair in California and Ohio.

It has been many years since I embarked on this adventure and not a day goes by that I regret it. Every day I learn something new about language, about the world, and about our unique profession, for which I have been advocating so that it gets the recognition and validation it deserves.

Being a member of NAJIT has been a key factor in this daily professional growth and one way to give back to this wonderful occupation.

In 2016-2017 I had the honor of serving in NAJIT's Advocacy Committee in Washington D.C. and it was truly a motivating experience to help raise the profile of our profession.

I have also been a member of the NAJIT Conference Committee since 2017. I am an active member of ATA and participated with the ATA Interpreter's Division as Blog Content Editor during 2019 all of which has equipped me with valuable experiences as I now run for the NAJIT Board of Directors and ask for your vote.

If elected, I will continue to promote the upholding of our ethical duty and standards of practice as certified judicial interpreters, to protect the record, as neutral parties under oath. We serve and assist the courts in their mission to administer justice in observance of due process.

We are members of a learned profession dedicated to public service and as a NAJIT Director, I will strive to promote public confidence in our role within the judiciary and in our communities.

If elected, I promise to work relentlessly towards a better understanding of our profession in all the fields we are summoned to assist. NAJIT is our voice, and it represents and showcases our skills and talents to the world; it would be a great honor and welcomed responsibility for me to serve on the board with other members to bring greater transparency in its governance, to empower committees, and to welcome the efforts of volunteers to help grow their association. I will continue to thrive towards commitment to serving our members to the best of my ability upholding integrity, fairness and transparency.

I am very grateful for this opportunity and for your consideration and I thank you for your vote.

Sincerely, Roxane J. King