After joining NAJIT in 1999, my life changed forever. Little did I know that when I began this journey many, many years ago, I would one day be in a position to offer support and guidance to others who had chosen the same path.

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve this extraordinary and important profession that has given me so very much. I am humbled and honored to be here.

As a independent contractor and a freelance interpreter for the Executive Office of Immigration Review, also known as EOIR (the branch of the Dept. of Justice that handles all immigration proceedings in this country), I hope to represent and give voice to those in this area of our profession.

In my many years as a member of NAJIT, I have worked as a volunteer on several committees. First, under the direction and guidance of Anne MacFarlane and Judith Kenigson-Kristy, later on with Rob Cruz and then Esther Navarro-Hall, and most recently with Aimee Benavidez and Janis Palma.

In addition, I served as administrator of the American Translators Association Spanish Language Division from 2012-2016 where I ran twice, unopposed. Additionally, I served as president of Arizona Translators and Interpreters during the same period, also unopposed. Some may say that I am an old dog; they are not lying. I have been at this for a long time and have been fully committed from the start. I am willing to put in the long working hours, the holiday hours, the weekend hours, the late hours, the early hours, for you and me and this great organization.

I am passionate about the future of our profession and what is in store for all of us come tomorrow. But let me share something with you. Tomorrow is already here, so we need to go to work!

I hope to have the privilege of your consideration for member of the NAJIT Board of Directors. Thanks for your time!