

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Ever since becoming a professional in the legal field, NAJIT has always been my go-to source for guidance. I am not only referring to the educational material resources available, but to the great network of colleagues and their wealth of knowledge and experience. I've had the opportunity to serve on the ATA Medical Division's leadership board in a few different capacities and to learn about dynamics and procedures when my career was more involved in the medical area. As time went on, my career pivoted to the legal translation and interpreting field, in line with my goals and I have I've come to get to know NAJIT, coming to the conclusion that this is where I would like to contribute and serve.

I am passionate about lifelong education and advocacy for our profession, and it would be a privilege to collaborate with colleagues on the board to continue advancing the interests of language professionals. My goals as a board member would include promoting communication between with the membership as well as other professional groups we work with closely, providing opportunities for quality continuing education and meaningful ways for colleagues to connect, and supporting research in our field.

As a bit of background about me, my professional experience has been in legal, medical, and conference interpreting, and prior to language work, approximately seven years as a paralegal. Over the years, I have made it a goal to pick up useful skills from each type of work. For example, as a paralegal, working on trials taught me a great deal about working on a team, often under pressure while keeping our eyes on a common goal. Having a freelance business taught me to improve time management and how to effectively keep accounting records. I welcome the challenge of putting these skills to use as a part of this board.