

Where Does **ADVOCACY** Fit in the **SIGN LANGUAGE** **INTERPRETING** Profession?

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Does RID have a Deaf heart?



Nancy Rourke's "Deaf Mind Deaf Heart"



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History.

“Change your opinions, keep to your principles; change your leaves, keep intact your roots.” – Victor Hugo



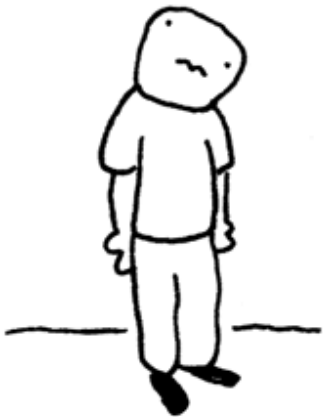
With the resignations of Lewis Merkin and Naomi Sheneman, what is going on at the leadership level of RID?



Change.

“There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist or accept the responsibility for changing them.”

– Denis Waitley



When asked “would you rather work for change, or just complain?” 81% of the respondents replied, “Do i have to pick? This is hard.”



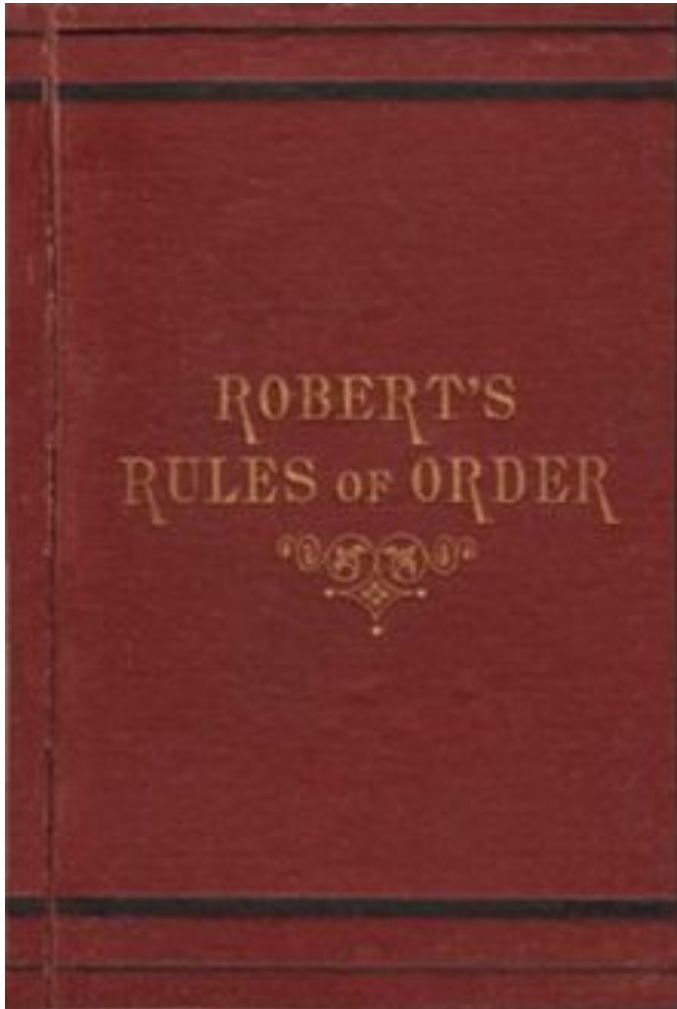
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Will the positions be filled/appointed before the conference?



Accountability.



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**In both Lewis' and Naomi's responses
to their resignation they said
something happened, specifically
what are they talking about?**



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Professionalism.

“In almost every profession - whether it's law or journalism, finance or medicine or academia or running a small business - people rely on confidential communications to do their jobs. We count on the space of trust that confidentiality provides. When someone breaches that trust, we are all worse off for it.” – Hillary Clinton

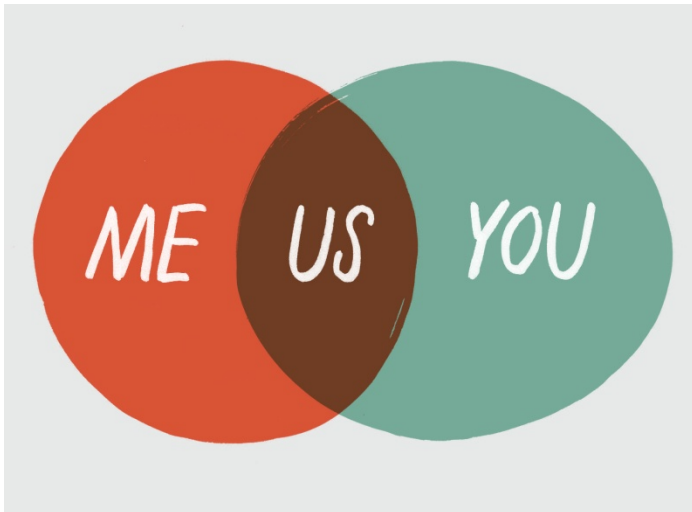


Why does it always come down to a "Deaf vs. Hearing" argument?



Collaboration.

“Professionalism is not about adherence to the policies of a bureaucracy. Professionalism is about having the integrity, honesty, and sincere regard for the personhood of the customer, in the context of always doing what is best for the business. Those two things do not need to be in conflict.” – Eric Lippert



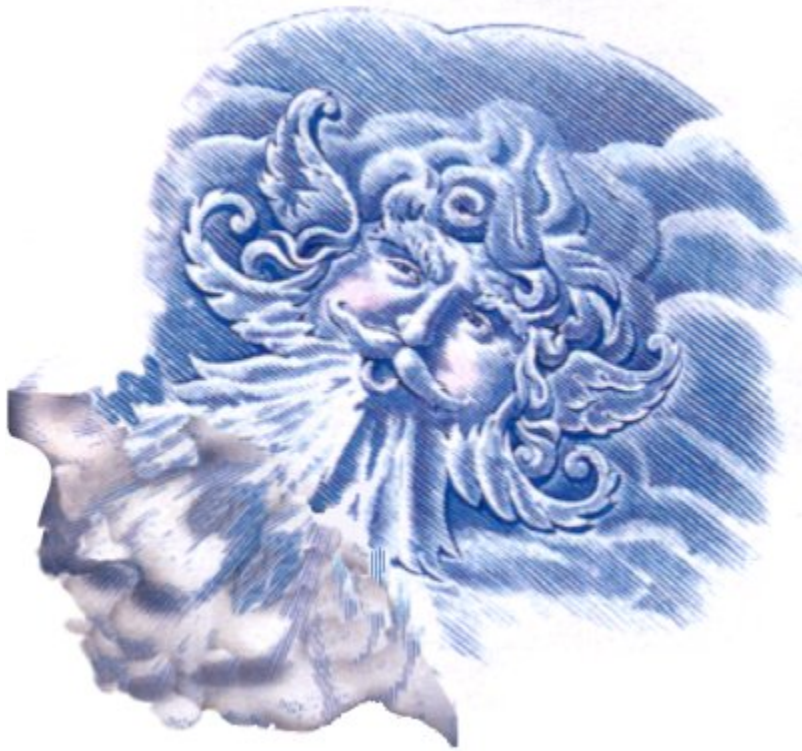
What does the Future of RID Hold?



Challenges.

“Adversity is like a strong wind. It tears away from us all but the things that cannot be torn, so that we see ourselves as we really are.”

– Arthur Golden



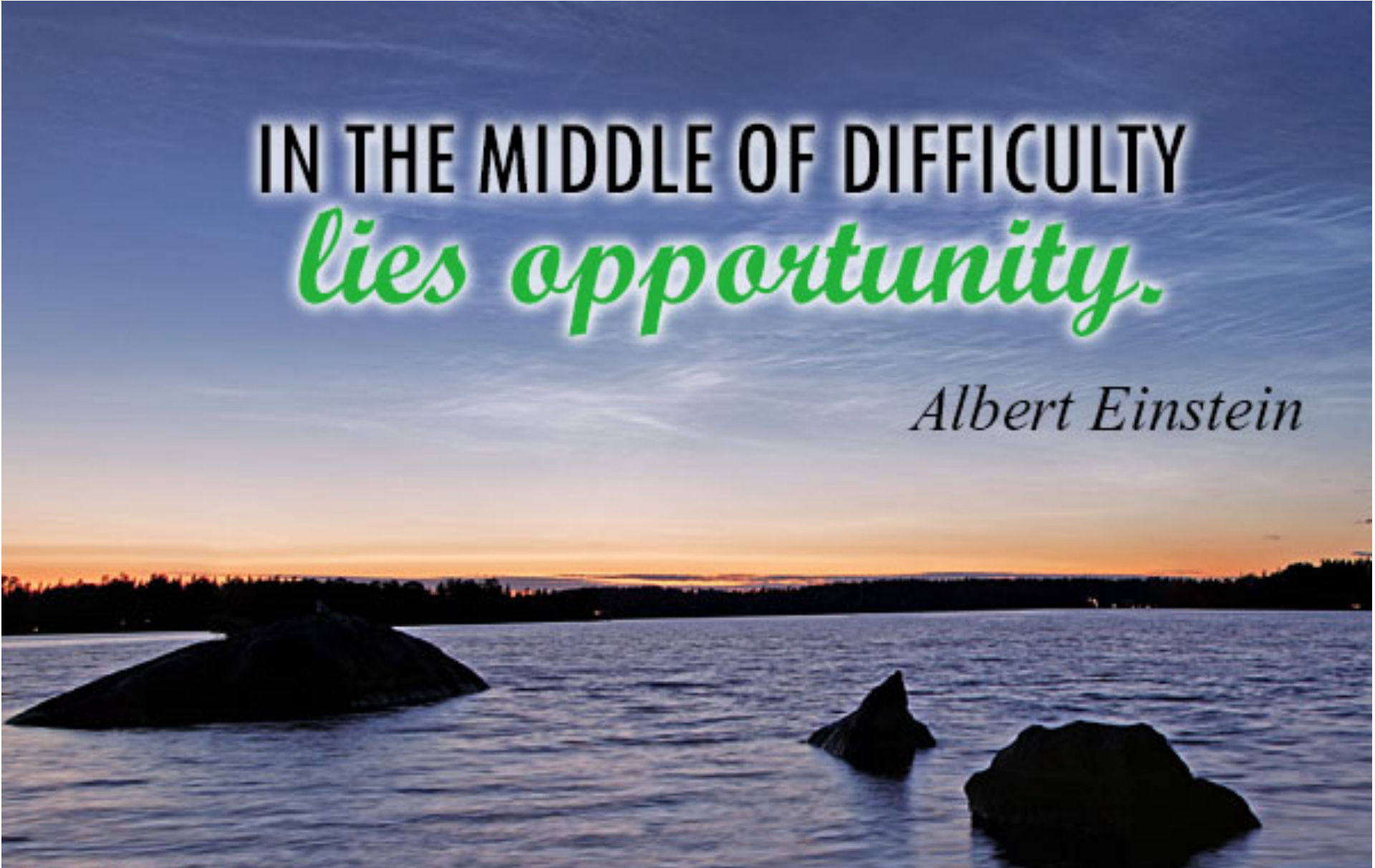
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Challenges.

IN THE MIDDLE OF DIFFICULTY
lies opportunity.

Albert Einstein



Challenges.

“Fractures well cured make us more strong.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson



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So do-do?



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Advocacy Now.

“Now we're in the midst of not just advocating for change, not just calling for change - we're doing the grinding, sometimes frustrating work of delivering change - inch by inch, day by day.”

- Barack Obama



Q&A.....



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