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~ **November 6-8, 2015** ~

Hilton Hotel

650 Terrace Avenue

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## NAVIGATING THE CMP PROCESS

by  
Grace Samis

Some of you may know that I am serving as temporary CMP Chair for NJRID. I am learning that the process is intricate with many facets to understand, but I want the membership to know that I am doing my best to submit your CEUs in a timely manner and with proper authentication. Following are bullet points of information that will help the CEU submission process run more smoothly.

### PARTICIPANT-INITIATED NON-RID ACTIVITY FORM (PINRA)

- PINRAs are used for earning CEUs when attending professional development opportunities offered by numerous entities that may or may not necessarily be involved with the interpreting field. Example: a conference or class that may or not be related to the interpreting field and that is not held at an accredited institution.
- Completed PINRA form must be emailed and approved by the CMP chair PRIOR to the activity as soon as possible. A minimum of two weeks before the event is preferable. You may email a PINRA form with the top portion filled out (the part that pertains to contact and event information) to: [grace\\_samis@mac.com](mailto:grace_samis@mac.com).
- Following the event, provide copies of registration, conference agenda or other documentation that identifies content, hours and attendance to NJRID CMP chair. Feel free to email this information to [grace\\_samis@mac.com](mailto:grace_samis@mac.com) at the conclusion of the event.
- The PINRA form, fee schedule and CMP chair's address can be found on [www.nj-rid.org](http://www.nj-rid.org) website on the CEU/CMP page.
- Finally, send the approved PINRA form, accompanying documentation and check made out to NJRID to:  
  

Grace Samis, NJRID CMP Chair  
4 Brynmore Rd  
New Egypt, NJ 08533
- CEUs will be submitted to RID within 45 days after submission to NJRID.

### ACADEMIC COURSEWORK

- ACADEMIC COURSEWORK form is used to apply to NJRID for CEUs when attending accredited institutions of higher learning.
- Accreditation of the school must be recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
- Academic units will be converted to CEUs on the basis of 1-quarter credit hour equaling 10 contact hours (1 CEU) and 1 semester credit hour equaling 15 contact hours (1.5 CEUs).
- Submission of the completed Academic Coursework Activity Plan/Report and appropriate fee should be sent to NJRID's CMP Chair along with the course outline, syllabus, or course description from the course catalog and payment

of the appropriate fee and your grade report transcript after completing the course.

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- Successful completion is defined as receiving a passing grade (pass or letter grade of C [2.0 GPA] or above). Pass/Fail courses will be processed as a PINRA.
- ACADEMIC COURSEWORK PLAN/ACTIVITY form, fee schedule and CMP chair's address can be found on [www.nj-rid.org](http://www.nj-rid.org) website under CEU/CMP tab.

NOTE: Presenters may receive General Studies CEUs for teaching an approved activity.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to working with all of you. For further information, please contact Grace Samis by email [grace\\_samis@mac.com](mailto:grace_samis@mac.com)

CMP Fee Schedule (as found on [www.nj-rid.org](http://www.nj-rid.org))

	ACTIVITY	
	NJRID Member Fee	Non-NJRID Member Fee
Sponsored Activity NJRID	0	0
Sponsored Activity Outside Entity	\$25.00	\$50.00
Participant Initiated Non-RID Activity (PINRA)	\$10.00	\$25.00
Academic Coursework	\$10.00	\$25.00

Make check payable to NJRID and mail payment to:

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Grace Samis, CMP Chair



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the long cold winter, plans began to take off for the first ever NJAD/NJRID Biennial Conference. A place was found – The Hilton Hotel in Hasbrouck Heights. Dates were decided – November 6-8, 2015.



Conference Chairs, Monica Ayer and Carrie Pogue began the business of bringing a committee together. Spring was filled with planning and preparing. There were face-to-face meetings, video conferencing, Glide messages and dozens of emails. The conference began to take shape and a logo and slogan were developed (thank you Laura Schultz). The goal of the conference became clear – to strengthen the collaboration between the Deaf and interpreting communities.

Now summer is here and the longer days will give the committee time to roll up their sleeves and hammer out the details needed to make this a successful event. Presenters will be hired. Workshops set up. Sponsors found. Exhibits scheduled. Menus ordered. Entertainment planned. Just to mention a few things. We have a brand new conference website (thank you Laura Schultz): [www.njadnjrid.org](http://www.njadnjrid.org). Check there often for the most up to date information. If you can volunteer there is

still a lot of work to be done. Save the date and come out on November 6-8 and be a part of this exciting event.



We are also selling tickets (\$10 each) for a super 50/50. Winners will be drawn on November 7th at the conference. If you would like to purchase tickets or help sell them, please contact Audrey Rosenberg at [audie0217@gmail.com](mailto:audie0217@gmail.com). This is just one way we are helping to keep the conference costs affordable for all who attend.

Remember to renew your membership by June 30th to stay current.

NJRID has set up a special fund to help members experiencing a crisis and in need of some financial support. This is called the "NJRID Interpreter In Need Fund" and you can donate through our website. Also, if you know of a member that may be in need, please let the board know. The account was started with a \$500 donation. We hope that it will grow and we will be able provide some relief for those in need whether it be the cost of co-pays, a piece of medically needed equipment or some other necessity.

New Jersey Deaf Senior Housing had a fashion show and gift auction on May 16 at the Molly Pitcher Inn, Red Bank. This event was set up and staffed entirely with, approximately, fifty donors/volunteers! A total of \$7,300.00 was raised to help equip the homes for senior Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind residents. It was heart warming to see so many people from various areas of the state, different walks of life and associations come together for such an important cause. It is proof that we can come together and work together as one community.

I hope to see many of you in New Orleans in August. A healthy and safe summer to all!

Cynthia Piana  
CI, CT



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## NJAD & NJRID Biennial Conference

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We're very excited to announce the launch of our newly released website which goes live today and is located at the new web address [www.njadnjrid.org](http://www.njadnjrid.org). The site's homepage features bright colors and an uncluttered design as well as including our designed logo. A few of our goals with the new website were to make it faster, easier to navigate and more user friendly.

We also wanted to give our attendees an opportunity to know us better, by learning about who we are as two organizations and the committees driving the team. By browsing through our website you will find Sponsorship and Presenters sections, as well as find our contact information.

Our team has worked collaboratively to put together a new website rich in information to be used as a resource just for you. We pride ourselves on being a leader in the Deaf Community and Interpreting field and look forward to seeing you at our first ever joint conference.

If you experience any problems using the new website or if you have any questions, please contact us at [2015njadnjridconference@gmail.com](mailto:2015njadnjridconference@gmail.com)

Carrie Pogue, NJAD Co-Chairperson

Monica Ayer, NJRID Co Chairperson



We would like to thank and acknowledge those members who have contributed articles to *The Mediator* by issuing each writer a \$5.00 coupon towards an NJRID workshop. We hope that implementing this incentive will entice more members to participate in shaping the organization's newsletter.

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**GRACE SAMIS**

*Print this coupon & send it with your registration form for any NJRID workshop*

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*We have your answer!*

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The badge will be made with your name, photo, & credentials, and can identify you as a certified or associate interpreter, student intern, or whatever title you have.

You don't need to be a member of NJRID to order a badge. The badge can be customized to have your agency name, school name, etc. printed right on the badge.

Visit NJ-RID.org and fill out the order form to buy your ID online and print it out at your convenience.

You can access it from your member area on our website.

**COST**

**\$18 for Interpreters and Other Professionals**

NJRID needs your help. We are selling raffle tickets to support our Fall Biennial. This will help us lower our cost. If you would like to buy some tickets or sell them, please contact Audrey audie0217@gmail.com, for more information.

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2015 Biennial Conference	Chair - open
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The New Jersey Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NJRID) is a non-profit membership-driven professional association. The members span the entire state and include professional American Sign Language (ASL) / English interpreters, transliterators, Deaf and hard-of-hearing consumers, students currently enrolled in interpreter training programs and others who have a personal interest in the field.





**TEAM INTERPRETING FROM THE INSIDE OUT:  
EXPLORING INTRAPERSONAL AND INTERPERSONAL  
DYNAMICS OF TEAM INTERPRETING,  
BY BARBARA PFINGST,  
RID CERTIFIED INTERPRETER**



Why do some teamed assignments seem to go so smoothly, while others are weighted down with tension from start to finish? What strategies do interpreters use when reaching an impasse in the process and how do we recognize our contribution to teaming situations?

This workshop will explore both intrapersonal and interpersonal dynamics of team interpreting through lecture, group discussion, and creative activities designed to enhance learning. Time for reflection and personal inquiry will be part of this interactive approach.

This workshop is open to both Deaf and hearing interpreters and is worth .55 CEU/ACET credits. It will be presented in ASL if there are Deaf participants present. If you require voiced interpretation, please contact Lauren Kafka at LDKSmile@aol.com before September 1.

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----

**TEAM INTERPRETING FROM THE INSIDE OUT:  
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Westwood Public Library  
49 Park Avenue  
Westwood, NJ. 07675

**Saturday, September 26, 2015 - 10:00 am-4:30pm**

NJRID Member \$55.00      NJAD/NWJAD Member \$55.00      Non-Members \$65.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

RID Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Accommodations Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed registration form by September 16 and a check made out to NJRID  
NJRID C/O Lauren Kafka  
28 West Pamrapo Court  
Glen Rock, NJ 07542

NJRID members can register online at NJ-RID.org

**Registration is limited to the first 20 people and there is NO walk in registration available.**

*For refund or cancellation information, contact Lauren Kafka at LDKSmile@aol.com*

**NJRID is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for Continuing Education Activities. This Professional Studies program is offered for .55 CEUs. Registrants should have some knowledge of the content area.**

**Co-Sponsored by the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

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