

# GARID - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## WHAT IS GARID?

GaRID, the Georgia Affiliate Chapter of RID, is an organization established for, comprised of, and sustained by sign language interpreters. GaRID is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. The Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf endeavors to promote initiatives to further the profession of Sign Language Interpreting through a statewide alliance of professional interpreters, students of the profession, and consumers of interpreting services.

## WHY SHOULD I JOIN GARID?

GaRID has many membership benefits. [Reasons to become a member are professional development, networking, professional pride and responsibility, as well as RID requirements and voting rights.](#)

## I HAVE QUESTIONS, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

[Here is a link to the Contact Page of GaRID.](#)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Contact [president@garid.org](mailto:president@garid.org)

### BY-LAWS

Contact [vicepresident@garid.org](mailto:vicepresident@garid.org)

### MEETING MINUTES

Contact [secretary@garid.org](mailto:secretary@garid.org)

### YOUR ORGANIZATION PARTNERING WITH GARID

Contact [secretary@garid.org](mailto:secretary@garid.org)

### BUDGET

Contact [treasurer@garid.org](mailto:treasurer@garid.org)

### ARTICLES AND GARID FACES NEWSLETTER

Contact [editor@garid.org](mailto:editor@garid.org)

## MEMBERSHIP

Contact [membership@garid.org](mailto:membership@garid.org)

## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The mentorship program is currently being restructured. There is a committee that is currently working very hard to get this program back up and running. GaRID appreciates your patience while we are restricting this program. Please refer to <https://garid.wildapricot.org/mentorship> for updates.

## WORKSHOPS

If you want more information about upcoming workshops please look at <https://garid.wildapricot.org/page-1197509> or contact [pdg@garid.org](mailto:pdg@garid.org).

To be a presenter for a GaRID sponsored workshop, contact [pdg@garid.org](mailto:pdg@garid.org)

If you want to host a workshop that is not sponsored by GaRID, contact [cmp@garid.org](mailto:cmp@garid.org) and visit <https://garid.wildapricot.org/HostWorkshop> to set up CEUs.

## CEUS

Contact [cmp@garid.org](mailto:cmp@garid.org) or go to <https://garid.wildapricot.org/CEUs>.

## GARID FACEBOOK GROUP

Any questions related to Facebook should be sent directly through Facebook.

The Facebook Group is called Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

GaRID has two Facebook Member Sections:

- GaRID IEIS Member Section
- GaRID Freelance Section

## GARID WEBSITE

Contact [webmaster@garid.org](mailto:webmaster@garid.org)

## I JUST MOVED TO GEORGIA, NOW WHAT?

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Member at Large, Richard Brumberg at [memberatlarge1@garid.org](mailto:memberatlarge1@garid.org). We also have a resource guide with a list of [resources available locally and nationally](#).

## HOW DO I FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH GARID?

GaRID works hard to plan and promote quarterly workshops. Check out our [Events page](#) for local upcoming workshops. We also help promote other events hosted by other parties on our [Facebook page](#).

## CAN I ATTEND WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS EVEN IF I'M NOT A MEMBER?

Of course! Although, often times, it's more cost effective to [join GaRID or renew your membership](#) then register for the event.

## AM I ALLOWED TO VOTE AT BUSINESS MEETINGS?

### IF I AM IN ATTENDANCE

As stated in the [GaRID Bylaws](#), in order to be a voting member of this Chapter, a person must be a member in good standing and belong to a voting category (Certified or Associate) of RID.

### IF I'M NOT IN ATTENDANCE

No, you must be in attendance to vote. GaRID does not offer proxy voting.

## HOW DO I BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH GARID?

GaRID is always looking for volunteers. You can always reach out to our [Committee Volunteers](#) directly and inquire about how to support them. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, elections are held every 2 years. The next election will be Fall 2021.

## DOES GARID PROVIDE INTERPRETERS?

GaRID promotes professional learning for interpreters and does NOT provide paid or pro bono interpreting services. A list of interpreting agencies can be found through an internet search engine, on the [RID website](#), or on our [GaRID resources page](#).

## WHAT IS GARID SERVES?

GaRID is not a request for interpreting services. The [GaRID Serves](#) initiative is to document the pro bono work provided by GaRID members and supporters in order to demonstrate one way that GaRID interpreters are giving back to the community that they work and live in.

## HOW DOES THE CEU PROCESS WORK?

[There are many ways to earn CEUs.](#) Our Certification Maintenance Program ensures that all CEUs are awarded in a timely manner.

### PINRA AND INDEPENDENT STUDIES

[PINRAs](#) and [Independent Studies](#) applications must be submitted prior to beginning an activity are evaluated and awarded individually once an activity is completed.

### ACADEMIC COURSEWORK

[Academic Coursework](#) is the only type CEUs that can be applied for and awarded after an activity has been completed.

### WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE

[Workshop and Conference](#) CEUs are awarded to a large group at once. Evaluation and CEU forms are available online ONLY for three full business days upon completion of the activity. After three days the forms are removed from the website and no longer accepting responses. To make this process easier for our attendees, all information is placed on one form. At this point the CMP committee must compile all the data from the form into an excel spreadsheet that is compatible with RID's database. This means taking the information input and rearranging it into separate lines for separate events. Depending on the number of attendees and the number of breakout sessions at the workshop/conference this can be an easy task or a time-consuming task. Each breakout session has its own code that must have its own line in the excel spreadsheet. If one person attends 4 workshops at a conference, that is four-line items just for that one person. GaRID makes every attempt to complete this process and have CEUs submitted to RID within 4-7 days after a workshop or conference. If this process is slightly delayed, please be patient.

### IT'S BEEN OVER 2 WEEKS AND I HAVEN'T RECEIVED CEUS FOR A WORKSHOP/EVENT I ATTENDED. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you have not received CEUs after 2 weeks, please reach out to the [CMP Chair](#). The CMP Committee cannot award you CEUs for a workshop/event that occurred more than 60 days prior to your inquiry. Please be diligent in filling out CEU forms after attending a workshop/event to avoid the possibility of missing out on your hard earned CEUs.