Health Care Interpreting Educational Network
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2008

The organization’s first meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m. in the Academic and Professional Center at Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove, Illinois.

Members in Attendance: Gloria Abundis, Manuel Abundis, Patricia Arroyo, Viviana Avila, Laura Ballines, Sandy Boyd, Maricela Camacho, Kathy Cordes, Cynthia Cruz, Susana Dieck, Cindy Fisher, Ed Flores, Jessica Frantesi, Carmen Cruz Guerrero, Ana Herrera, Laura Herrera, Araceli Heynez, Lydia Holguin, Antonio Jacobo, Judith Lozano, Jose Luna, Laura Martinez, Lilia Mendoza, Maria Elena Menjivar-Diaz, Cynthia Perez, Marisol Piedra, Jane Regnier, Maria Luisa Robledo, Felicia Saad, Naihely Sanchez, Carmen Tinajero, Federico Vinas, Candy Zuniga

Welcome and Opening Comments
Cindy Fisher, Waubonsee Community College Dean for Humanities, Fine Arts and Languages, welcomed members and directed them to the new website link for the Educational Network at www.waubonsee.edu/healthcareinterpreting. All information concerning the Network, its meetings, and upcoming events will be posted on that website link.

Cindy Fisher encouraged attendees to share ideas concerning the creation of the Network’s mission statement. Examples of other missions statements were presented, and small groups of network members brainstormed ideas to be included in the mission statement. These ideas were shared and collected for further review. A rough draft mission statement will be presented at the next meeting.

Officer Nominations
Jane Regnier, Waubonsee Community College Assistant Vice President for Program Development and Distance Learning shared the qualifications for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. Nominations were taken from the members. The following members were nominated and accepted the nomination:
Chairperson – Cynthia Perez
Vice Chairperson – Laura Martinez
Secretary – Patricia Arroyo and Susana Dieck
Voting will take place at the next meeting.
**Future Meeting Dates**
Cynthia Perez, Waubonsee Community College Health Care Interpreting Instructor, directed the members in a discussion regarding frequency of meeting dates. The decision was made to meet every three months on the last Monday of the month. The Educational Network will meet on the following dates:
Monday, January 26, 2009
Monday, April 27, 2009
Monday, June 29, 2009
Meeting times begin at 5:30 p.m.

**Learning Exchange**
Cynthia Perez led the members in a book review and presentation of *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman, the story of a Hmong child, her American doctors, and the collision of two cultures. Using this narrative as an example, Cynthia stressed the importance of health care interpreting in a diverse community.

The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.