

## 9.1 Class A Membership Criteria Revision

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#### Questions? Concerns? Here's who to contact

Please direct all questions and/or concerns about the motions below to the Active Membership Criteria Investigation Committee co-coordinator

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#### 9.1.1 Motion to Revise Class A Membership Criteria

MOTION: I move that persons who have been working as signed language interpreters since the year 2000 but who do not meet the current criteria for membership, and who are interested in becoming members of AVLIC be allowed to obtain a Class A Active Membership using the following criteria:

1. Successful ASLPI (to be determined by CCSD for this purpose) within one year of application for membership;
2. Curriculum Vitae summary that includes historical outline of professional development and related education, that has been validated by a notary or other legal professional;

Followed then by

3. Successful scoring on the Written Test of Knowledge.

MOVER: Monique LeDrew

SECONDER: Sean Power



**RATIONALE:** There are individuals that are providing interpretation services and would like to join the Canadian professional organization but are currently not able to do so based on current criteria. AVLIC membership was not always a requirement, and still isn't in many places across Canada however it is being requested more as an assurance of a qualified provider<sup>1</sup>. As an Association, we would serve ourselves and our consumers better by having these individuals part of our profession. Being a member ensures consumers protection under the PCR (Professional Conduct Review Process) and confirms that these individuals will adhere to the AVLIC Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Professional Conduct, and strive for AVLIC certification. As an Association, we can benefit from the knowledge and experience these individuals bring to our Association such as potential committee or board members, presenters and researchers. In addition to growing our numbers which in turn provides us with increased dues to pursue our objectives, it also improves our authority and recognition as a profession.

This motion is intended to allow those who are professionals and not those who may be trying to bypass current requirements. This group of individuals is expected to be small and get smaller as years progress since the requirement of (year) 2000 is explicit. This means the person would have a minimum of seventeen (17) years affiliation with the field.

These proposed requirements were discussed with WAVLI to ensure compatibility with their Protection of Title criteria.

The committee recognized that Active membership contains three groups of interpreters: ASL-English, LSQ-French and Deaf Interpreters. The committee did not want to decide for LSQ-French or DI persons but we did explore certain aspects (e.g.; and LSQ Proficiency interview v.s the ASLPI; if WTK Readings were available in French; translation of the current WTK into French) and are happy to pass along our findings to a new committee should they wish to create similar criteria. This motion was drafted to address ASL-English interpreters specifically, however not to exclude LSQ-French or DI are permitted to pursue this method as well.

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<sup>1</sup> Currently qualified by AVLIC membership definition, is graduate of a program, which confirms a certain knowledge of the profession and certain skill set.

Definition: CVs include information on one's academic background, including teaching experience, degrees, research, awards, publications, presentations, and other achievements. CVs are thus much longer than resumes, and include more information, particularly related to academic background.

A **curriculum vitae summary** is a one-to-two-page, condensed version of a full curriculum vitae. A CV summary is a way to quickly and concisely convey one's skills and qualifications. Sometimes large organizations will ask for a one-page CV summary when they expect a large pool of applicants. (Doyle, 2017)