

Svetlana Ruth

Candidate for Secretary

Born and raised in the former Soviet Union, lived in Russia, Latvia, US, Croatia, and again US. I feel enriched by the languages and customs I learned. I changed careers from teaching to interpreting, advocating for victims of domestic violence to working in the library, organizing activities for the International Women's Club to medical interpreting. I have a Bachelors degree in Teaching English as a foreign language from a college in Russia, where I also worked as a teacher for nine years, and a License to train Interpreters from the Cross-Cultural Communications. I have been interpreting intermittently for years in different settings and have chosen to focus on the medical field as one of the most important and needed. I am passionate about languages, thrilled to help people to communicate, proud of my profession, and grateful for every opportunity to grow.

Reason for running

I have been an OSTI member since 2014 and would like to be more active. The Secretary position is a good fit for me because I love when everything is well organized, timely, documented, properly presented. A new role will be a great challenge, and I am confident that I can learn from a team of members with experience. I will be honored to contribute to the growth of our organization for everyone's benefit.

Thanks for your consideration.