

Interpreters Division: 2008 Candidate Statement

Mr. Robert K. Brara **Candidate for Administrator**

I have been an active member of ATA since 2000. I am a science graduate with English medium from India. In my early life in India, I have been a man of Industry and have held posts of Vice President of the small scale industry, and became member of Rotary International in 1980. My native languages are Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu.

I have a passion of helping people and started medical interpreting and translating for the needy in 1995, which fascinated me due to my scientific background. I passed the test and was approved by the State of California in 2000 and started working in the Courts, Medical and Administrative hearings.

At present I am serving as Acting Assistant Administrator of the Interpreters Division (ID).

I propose to serve as Administrator of ID. If elected, I shall be glad to carry on the torch with added colors feathers in the cap of my predecessor Administrators by adding:

1. Opportunities for more frequent interactions and communications.
2. Taking up actions and challenges facing the Interpretation Industry.
3. To publish the ATA ID newsletter and attempt collaborations with other Division newsletters; to keep the readers informed of ID and relevant ATA activities; and to help facilitate the professional development of ID members.