

Spanish Language Division: 2008 Candidate Statement

Mr. Gerardo Konig **Candidate for Administrator**

I have been a member of ATA for almost two decades, I am certified English>Spanish. I attended my first ATA Annual Conference in Philadelphia in 1993, and did not miss one ever since. I was a member of the committee that planned the first SPD Conference, and attended all of the Division Conferences except one, sadly missed due to scheduling conflicts. I am a free lance technical translator and worked as a part time freelancer, as in house translator for a couple of years, and for the last 18 yeas as a full time free lance translator. I have been a Board Member of the Delaware Valley Translators Association, a Chapter of ATA, for many, many years, serving as Treasurer, President, and currently as Vice President. Under my presidency we became a Chapter of ATA. I have seen ATA grow, and our working environment change rapidly during all these years. The way we work, do business, and communicate changed, technology changed, and I believe that in our profession we have to keep abreast of all these changes in order to keep being competitive in the market. Our SPD has grown

enormously, and there are now more SPD members than there were ATA members when I became a member of this Association. I want to make sure we use the synergy from such a big, talented and diverse group, to benefit all of our members. I want to work in order to maintain the high quality of our SPD Conferences and our Newsletter. I want to work to make sure that, as a group, we help the new generation of professionals arriving to our profession. If elected, please do not expect someone that is just open to new ideas; expect someone that will be asking for new ideas. I would be honored to serve the Division in the best way I am able to.

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