



MNTIC Quarterly Newsletter



Ehtalow (Karen), Edith (Spanish), Josafat (Spanish), Geoff (Swahili), Beatriz (Swahili), Gilvanete (Portuguese), Jenny (Spanish) and Andres (Spanish) at Mandalay Kitchen in March

Our Community

This year we've switched up our monthly gatherings by adding remote workshops. Attendance was good for both the "Leveraging Our Social Media" workshop in January and the "Language Justice and Equity" presentation in February. Gathering in person is always extra special and we enjoyed the opportunity to welcome three of our newest members.

Our Clients

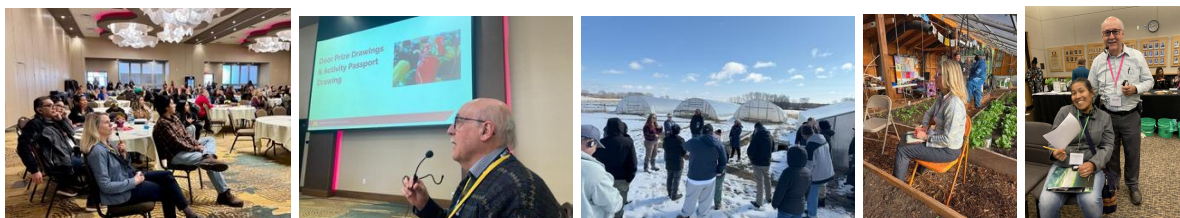
The new year is starting off strong! Thanks to all of *your* hard work and contacts, we've reached or surpassed our sales goals for each month of the first quarter! We have an interesting mix of work so far, especially agriculture and immigration related jobs.

Agriculture

MNTIC provided translations, in-person and remote interpretation services for:

The Food Group, Marbleseed, Metro Blooms, Midwest Farmers of Color, Plant Grow Share, Renewing the Countryside, Tamales y Bicycletas, and UMN Extension Service.

Languages provided for Agricultural jobs included; Hmong, Kisii, Spanish, Somali.



Legal - Criminal and Immigration

The Henn. Co. Public Defenders and Mid-MN Legal Aid appreciate that we are a one-stop-shop, offering so much more than Spanish language services! Requests for 11 languages so far this year include: Amharic, Arabic, French, Karen, Oromo, Pashto, Russian, Spanish and Somali.

We've also seen a significant increase in the number of USCIS interview requests in the first quarter. The majority have been for Spanish, but we've also had Somali and Vietnamese jobs and hope the variety of languages requested increases.

If you currently work with Public Defenders, remember to let them know that our membership covers many languages and that everyone has court experience.

Q1 Stats

Jan jobs. - 30 - Jan Languages - Hmong, Pashto, Russian, Spanish, Somali

Feb jobs - 41 - Feb Languages - Arabic, French, Hmong, Russian, Spanish, Somali

March jobs - 40 - March Languages - Amharic, Arabic, Hmong, Karen, Kisii, Oromo, Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese

Breakdown - In-person 70.64%, Remote 5.12%, Translation 4.46%

Average rate for in-person interpretation after our rate increase - \$123

Our Partners in Language Justice-Spreading the word about Language Equity



We're kicking the year off with something new. In March, MNTIC and St. Paul's Lutheran Church teamed up to present a workshop during the Mpls ELCA Synod Toolkit Conference. The presentation was impactful and well received. We hope to do more educating on the power of language and supporting multilingual spaces in the year to come.

Please mark April 26th on your calendars for our 3rd Annual Membership Meeting!

Looking to the months ahead, keep an eye out for the new membership page on our website,, more frequent updates in newsletter form, and a membership survey prior to our annual meeting.