For too long, decisions about compensation and working conditions for Interpreters and Translators have been made by the Courts or by Medicare or others without real input from the Interpreters and Translators who are affected by those decisions. LINGUA is a new union-affiliated organization of language professionals who are organizing to be part of those decisions.

For example, the past 17 years, the compensation rates for Court Interpreters in Minnesota have not changed. After agency fees, taxes, and expenses are taken out and travel time is added in, Interpreters receive a surprisingly low hourly income. It’s not just Court Interpreters who are undercompensated. Medicare reimbursements are far below acceptable as well. Given the importance of the services we provide and the expenses we incur, it is past time we used our collective power to change the Laws and increase the compensation rates.

We’re building LINGUA for the long term. It’s not just about compensation. Scheduling issues, dead time, and quality issues also need to be addressed and having a strong organizational voice is the only way to make the changes we need.

Come find out how we’re building LINGUA, a strong voice for working language professionals.