



DYSPHONIA INTERNATIONAL

*During the 2022 Virtual Board Meeting and the 2022 Virtual Leadership Workshop, participants were asked to write a **Dysphonia International Introduction Statement**. Here are the responses —10 from the Board Meeting (unidentified responses) and 26 from the Leadership Workshop.*

Purpose

Dysphonia International would like to have one consistent way of speaking and introducing itself as part of the transition.

Exercise

Write an Elevator Speech for Dysphonia International or a one-line statement you could use when introducing this organization to someone who knows nothing about it for the first time.



Dysphonia International _____ / _____
What does DI do? For whom?

Responses from the 2022 Board Meeting:

- Dysphonia International is a community that cares about you and your voice.
- Dysphonia International involves the major vocal disorders.
- Dysphonia International provides support and hope for those impacted by life-altering, currently incurable vocal disorders.
- We are a patient-driven non-profit shaped and driven by tireless passionate advocates.
- Dysphonia International helps people with voice conditions cope with the daily challenges and live better lives.
- Dysphonia International is an organization of support, education, and research for people with voice problems.
- Dysphonia International supports people with disorders that affect the voice.
- We help troubled voices.
- Dysphonia International supports people with voice disorders with education and information to live fulfilled lives.
- Dysphonia International – a community that cares about you and your voice – provides support and hope for those impacted by life-altering vocal disorders.

Responses from the 2022 Leadership Workshop:

- ACL from NC, **Jayne Reavis**: Dysphonia International supports and offers resources for all vocal disorders throughout the world.
- Board Member and ACL from NC, **Dot Sowerby**: Dysphonia International is an organization that deals with voice disorders, and it gives hope, help and resources.
- Board Member and ACL from MA, **Jane Gordon**: Dysphonia International provides support and hope for those with spasmodic dysphonia and related vocal disorders.
- Board Member from TN, **Charlie Womble**: Dysphonia International supports people with voice disorders.
- Board Member and SGL from CA, **Marcia Sterling**: Dysphonia International supports people with voice disorders in order to offer information, support, and hope.
- Special Projects Leader from VA, **Karen Feeley**: Dysphonia International is an association that helps people with voice disorders learn to thrive despite their vocal challenges.
- Board Member and SGL from IN, **Bev Matthews**: Dysphonia International is an organization which gives help for anyone with voice problems to provide hope.
- ACL from WI, **Ray Schumacher**: Dysphonia International offers support and educational resources for those who experience a variety of vocal disorders and for medical support people, to provide a better understanding of the disorder.
- ACL from OH, **Nancy Peltier**: Dysphonia International is an organization of volunteers who provide support for those with voice disorders.
- Board Member and SGL from MI, **Dennis Kaszeta**: We focus on all major vocal disorders that impact your lifestyle, family relations, occupation etc. Our goal is to provide education and awareness.
- ACL from SC, **Carol Wines**: Dysphonia International is an organization for support to all people with speech problems.
- ACL from NC, **Bonnie Simpson**: Dysphonia International is an organization that provides support and information for individuals with different voice disorders.
- Board Member and SGL from NC, **Mary Bifaro**: Dysphonia International provides research, education, awareness, and support to people with SD and related voice disorders so that no one feels alone.
- SGL from CA, **Iris Miller Stetson**: Dysphonia International is an organization that provides support and numerous resources for people with voice disorders.
- SGL from Canada, **Jennifer Roy**: Dysphonia International provides education and support to any person with a voice condition that helps them to live and thrive with their condition.
- SGL from FL, **Ron Langdon**: Dysphonia International is an organization which provides support and education for individuals with voice disorders.
- ACL from Mexico, **Luis Trejo**: Dysphonia International is a organization that helps people with voice problems.
- ACL from Canada, **Becky Lacroix**: Dysphonia International gives support, information, and resources for medical, patients, friends, and family.

Responses from the 2022 Leadership Workshop, *continued*:

- SGL from AZ, **Vicki Orazem**: Dysphonia International offers support through research education, awareness, and support for people with vocal disorders.
- ACL from CA, **Rod Carter**: Dysphonia International is an organization for people involved with related voice disorders to help people understand and improve their lives.
- SGL from NY, **Adrienne Simons**: Dysphonia International offers support, awareness and research funding to folks affected by SD and other voice-related disorders for the purpose of helping patients and ultimately eradicating these disorders.
- Regional Coordinator from MN, **John Comer**: Dysphonia International advocates for those of us with vocal conditions. The organization provides access to support groups and funds research to help understand and, hopefully, find a solution to alleviating the impact of these conditions.
- SGL from PA, **Jeannine Stewart**: Dysphonia International provides support and resources for those without a voice.
- ACL from NC, **Gwen Pongracz**: Dysphonia International provides global support, outreach, awareness, and research for individuals with voice disorders.
- SGL from CA, **Toni Gold**: Dysphonia International is an organization that provides education, support, and research internationally for people with vocal disorders.
- Board Member and SGL from KS, **Dorothy Tannahill-Moran**: Dysphonia International provides information, support, and most of all hope for people with voice disorders.