

Literary Division

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I hold a PhD in Spanish from the University of Wisconsin and am currently an Associate Professor of Spanish and Director of the Certificate in Translation Studies program at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis where I teach translation theory and practice and interpreting. For the last two years I have served as the Administrator of the Literary Division. During that time I have succeeded at the following; (a) the creation of the first Literary Division website <http://www.ata-divisions.org/LD/> that includes vital information for the functioning of our Division. Also still a dynamic process, the current website has information about events that deal with literary translation, information about our new version of Beacons, the annual peer-reviewed journal published by the American Translators Association's Literary Division, and many useful links for literary translators. The website also includes the business of the Literary Division, and the minutes from the 2006 Literary Division Annual Business Meeting keeps members aware of what is going on in the Division. Last year's Agenda for the Annual Business Meeting may also be found on the website, and the Agenda for the 2007 business meeting will be posted shortly; (b) established and approved by members the first Mission and Vision Statement for the Literary Division (may be found on the LD homepage); (c) approval of the first set of Literary Division Bylaws by the ATA Board of Directors; (c) selection and approval of a guest editor for Beacons, volume 10, with a projected publication date of September 2007. Should I be elected to continue for another two year term, my goals will be to continue working on increasing membership. When I joined the Literary Division as Administrator in 2005, there were 254 members in the Literary Division and we now have 1,451 members. I will also continue to add information to our website, showcase translations by LD members, work on the continuation of the newsletter Source, and get accomplished literary translators as guest speakers for the ATA annual conference. I think in my two years as LD Administrator I have the beginnings of a strong infrastructure for the Literary Division which I hope to solidify in another two-year term. Thank you for your consideration.