

## **Board Meeting Summary**

### **ATA Board Meeting, Renaissance Nashville, August 7-8, 2021**

To keep the membership abreast of ATA Board activities in a timely manner, a summary of the most recent Board meeting follows. This summary is not the same as the meeting minutes. The minutes are posted after they are approved by the Board.

#### **At its meeting on August 2021, the Board:**

- Approved the minutes of the April 24-25, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting.
- Discussed reports received from various Divisions and Committees, the American Foundation for Translation and Interpretation, and from members who attended the ACES 2021 Conference and the ASTM F43 Spring Meeting on ATA's behalf.
- Discussed Treasurer John Milan's report covering the first nine months of the Association's 2020- 2021 fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021). Total revenue was \$1.87 million and total expenses were \$1.80 million, so our positive change in net assets was roughly \$66,000. Higher revenue from an energetic Professional Development program was a positive note.
- Approved the revised Investment Policy and Procedures.  
Approved a dues increase for 2022 as an exception to current policy.
- Heard updates on Headquarters activity from Executive Director Bacak and discussed various priorities, with a focus on three areas: the Association Management System (AMS) project, membership renewals, and the compensation survey. The relationship with the AMS provider was terminated as directed by the Executive Committee and the search for a new provider is underway. Headquarters is working with a membership marketing vendor to follow-up with lapsed members from the past three years. The compensation survey data is good, but we need more data, especially from non-members, so that we have statistically valid data to compare ATA and non-ATA members. There is no extra cost to leave the survey open longer, so that decision was taken.
- Approved placing the following proposed amendments to the Association's bylaws on the 2021 ballot for approval by the Meeting of Voting Members, most of which are minor matters related to consistency or administrative clean-up.
  - o Amendment 1: Ex officio membership of Ethics Committee
  - o Amendment 2: Expanding eligibility to chair and serve on committees
  - o Amendment 3: References to committee chairs
  - o Amendment 4: Removal of membership facilities
  - o Amendment 5: Two-thirds of Board votes
- Approved releasing the Proposal to Restructure Membership Classes and Benefits for comment by the general membership for a period of 30 days.
- Approved the ATA Position Paper on Remote Interpreting.
- Heard updates on the Strategy Committee's activity over the past quarter and focus for the future.

- Heard updates on the Membership Committee’s activity over the past quarter and discussed the potential benefits that ATA might be able to arrange with external providers, a process for rolling out the change to phase out the print edition of The ATA Chronicle, and membership trends.
- Approved extending the Government Linguists Outreach Task Force and remaining budgeted funds until June 30, 2023.
- Approved extending the 50-percent discount on the Associate member rate for U.S. Military personnel until June 30, 2023.
- Approved the Educators Division’s revised mission statement.
- Heard updates on the Advocacy Committee’s activity over the past quarter, including joining Red- T’s international language coalition and Amnesty International to bring Afghani linguists to the US. Decided that the Association could not budget for a professional lobbyist at this time but expressed the hope that the budget would be more favorable for that in 2023.
- Reviewed the Professional Development Committee’s report and activity over the past quarter, including virtual workshops and a robust webinar program. Activities are already planned out for the remainder of 2021.
- Approved the July 1-2021-June 30, 2022, Final Budget and the 2022-24 Draft Budgets.
- Reviewed the Divisions Committee’s report and discussed the requirements to establish a division.
- Discussed our International Federation of Translators representative’s report. Fixed September 30, 2021, as the record date for eligibility to vote in this year’s elections.
- Approved the appointment of the 2021 Inspector of Elections, Atul Kapur (Professional Registered Parliamentarian).
- Reviewed the final recommendation received from the ad hoc National Registry of Individual Translators and Interpreters Committee and determined next steps.
- Approved the recipient of the 2021 Alexander Gode Medal.
- Heard updates on the Honors & Awards Committee’s activities over the past quarter and discussed conflict of interest scenarios regarding award nominations.
- Approved the appointment of Committee Chairs to take office October 29, 2021, following the Annual Meeting of All Members.
  - Advocacy Ben Karl
  - Business Practices Education Danielle Maxson
  - Certification Michèle Hansen
  - Chapters Yolanda Secos
  - Divisions Lebzzy Gonzalez
  - Education and Pedagogy Caitilin Walsh
  - Ethics Robin Bon throne
  - Honors and Awards Beth Smith
  - Interpretation Policy Advisory Elena Langdon
  - Membership Meghan Konkol
  - Professional Development Veronika Demichelis
  - Public Relations Jamie Hartz

- Standards Alaina Brandt
- Strategy John Milan
- Translation and Interpreting Resources Jost Zetzsche
- Recapped the outcomes from the 2021 Annual Strategy Day.  
Approved establishing an ad hoc Professional Special Interest Groups Exploration Committee.
- Discussed progress made in planning for the Annual Conference to be held October 27-30, 2021, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with an online component, noting that registration is open and the full schedule is online. The team is working on responses for frequently asked questions from attendees and a new reporting system for continuing education credits for interpreters. Specifics regarding pandemic protocols are in place. Networking events will differ in some cases for online and in-person attendees.