

## **Board Meeting Summary**

### **ATA Board Meeting, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois, August 6-7, 2022**

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 August 2022 meeting, the Board:**

- Approved the minutes of the April 9-10, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.
- Reviewed reports received from various Committees and Divisions, the American Foundation for Translation and Interpretation (AFTI), the International Federation of Translators (FIT), and on the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators Annual Conference.
- Discussed Treasurer John Milan's report covering July 2021 to May 2022. Milan reported that total revenue was \$2.44 million and total expenses were \$2.74 million. Revenue that Milan highlighted from the report included an increase in 4.6% in revenue from membership dues thanks to the dues increase despite a smaller membership and revenue from certification being back to a new normal after a year of no exams. He also reported that our \$220,000 Paycheck Protection Program loan was forgiven and that we will see savings achieved through negotiations on the lease for Headquarters.
- Heard updates on the review of ATA's investments.
- Heard updates from Headquarters on membership numbers, conference-related matters, and progress with the Association Management System and the Executive Director search.
- Heard updates from President-Elect and Governance and Communications Committee Chair Veronika Demichelis on the activities of the committee and discussed the potential membership restructuring and benefits.
- Heard updates from Director and Ethics Committee Chair Robin Bonthrone on work on the ATA Code of Ethics.
- Approved the revised Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility, to take effect January 1, 2023.
- Heard updates from Director and Advocacy Committee Chair Ben Karl on plans and resources to communicate with members about advocacy work.
- Discussed key items from the Certification Committee report, including changes under consideration for eligibility requirements for the ATA certification exam.
- Approved the appointment of Elias Shakkour, CT, to the Certification Committee.
- Approved revisions to the Continuing Education Administrative Policies for ATA certification.
- Approved revisions to the CT: ATA Certification Designation Usage Guidelines.
- Approved funding for the Certifications Committee for authoring certification exam passages.

- Discussed progress on the matrix for a potential basic professional recognition developed by the Ad Hoc Basic Credential Committee.
- Heard updates from Director and Membership Committee Chair Meghan Konkol on the forthcoming Membership Survey.
- Approved the appointment of Jessie Liu to the Membership Committee.
- Heard updates from Director and Public Relations Committee Chair Jamie Hartz on plans underway to relaunch The Compass as a client-facing blog on ATA's website, and additional activity of the committee.
- Reviewed the Professional Development Committee's report and discussed new lines of revenue being developed by the committee.
- Approved the appointment of Cathy-Eitel Nzume to the Professional Development Committee.
- Heard updates from Secretary and Standards Committee Chair Alaina Brandt on the design of a workflow whereby the Standards Committee can comment and vote upon standards.
- Heard updates from Treasurer and Strategy Committee Chair John Milan on work on ATA's long- term vision and how to best communicate it.
- Approved changing the name of the Interpretation Policy Advisory Committee to the Interpretation Profession Advisory Committee.
- Approved the revised charge for the Interpretation Profession Advisory Committee.
- Heard updates from Executive Director Bacak on progress related to the implementation of the association management system.
- Fixed September 22, 2022, as the record date for eligibility to vote in the American Translators Association's 2022 election.
- Approved the appointment of Atul Kapur (Professional Registered Parliamentarian) as Inspector of Elections for the 2022 election.
- Approved the appointments of Madalena Sánchez Zampaulo and John Milan as trustees of the American Translators Association's 401K Plan for ATA employees.
- Discussed the proposal to establish a 1-year Special Interest Group (SIG) pilot program.
- Approved a pilot program establishing up to three Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to be organized, starting October 13, 2022 and running through December 31, 2023.
- Approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Special Interest Groups Oversight Committee.
- Approved the following appointments to the Ad Hoc Special Interest Groups Oversight Committee: Andy Benzo, Cristina Helmerichs, and Robert Sette (Chair).
- Heard updates from President-Elect and Conference Organizer Demichelis on plans for the ATA 63rd Annual Conference in Los Angeles, October 12-15, 2022. She noted that the agenda for the conference is set with a long presentation waitlist.
- Discussed the two hotels that had been toured on Strategy Day and their potential as a future conference site.
- Approved the July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 final budget and the 2023-24 draft budget.
- Approved awarding honorary membership to Corinne McKay.
- Approved awarding honorary membership to Walter (Mooch) Bacak.
- Heard a recap from President-Elect Demichelis of 2022 Strategy Day.
- Shared feedback from the membership.

- Heard remarks from Midwest Association of Translators and Interpreters President and former ATA Director Christina Green, including recommendations for upcoming conferences.