

Board Meeting Summary

ATA Board Meeting, Westin Seattle, Seattle, Washington, August 12-13, 2023

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 2023 meeting, the Board:

- Approved the minutes from the May 6-7, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting
- Reviewed follow-up items since the last Board meeting, including four motions from the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC), Business Practices and Education Committee (BP), and Gode Medal Committee that were voted upon since the last Board meeting
- Reviewed reports received from various ATA Committees and Divisions and from the American Foundation for Translation and Interpretation (AFTI), the Government Linguist Outreach Task Force (GLOTF) and the SAFE-AI Task Force meeting
- Reviewed Treasurer John Milan's report covering the first 11 months of the fiscal year from July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. During that period, total revenue was \$2.79m, and total expenses were \$2.93m, leaving ATA with a negative change in net assets of approximately \$139k.
- Heard updates on the review of ATA's investments
- Heard updates from Executive Director Kelli Baxter on the many large-scale activities of ATA headquarters (HQ) since the last Board meeting including the downsizing of HQ office space, producing more than \$50,000 in savings to the Association, streamlining of HR-related activity, additional personnel changes, and reorganization.
- Heard updates from ATA President-Elect and GCC Committee Chair Veronika Demichelis on the committee's activity since the last Board meeting, including updates to the membership restructuring proposal and work on the proposed bylaws amendments that the GCC proposes the Board approve to put before the ATA voting members.
- Discussed the membership restructuring proposal and the proposed bylaws amendments
- Approved placing the proposed amendment regarding the updated charge of the Membership Committee on the 2023 ballot for approval at the Meeting of Voting Members in October 2023
- Approved placing the proposed amendment regarding the updated charge of the Finance and Audit Committee on the 2023 ballot for approval at the Meeting of Voting Members in October 2023
- Approved placing the proposed amendment regarding the updated title of the ATA Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility on the 2023 ballot for approval at the Meeting of Voting Members in October 2023

- Approved placing the proposed amendment regarding the requirements for nominations by petition on the 2023 ballot for approval at the Meeting of Voting Members in October 2023
- Approved the appointments of the following members to the Advocacy Committee: Christina Guerrero Harmon and Kelly Kuglitsch
- Approved the appointment of Victoria Mendez to the Public Relations Committee.
- Heard updates from Membership Committee Chair Megan McCallum on the committee's activity since the last Board meeting, including their support of the mid-year membership campaign, continued membership meetup sessions, and work on the results of the membership survey
- Approved the appointment of Nora Diaz to Strategy Committee
- Reviewed the report from the Professional Development Committee with updates on the 2023 Virtual Conference, a proposed online course in development, and the Inside Specialization podcast
- Reviewed the report from the Standards Committee
- Discussed the Basic Credential proposal with additional information on the background for the work of the ad hoc Basic Credential Committee (BCC), the various models presented that could be used as a basis to credential practitioners for whom no certification is available and others who do not wish to take the certification exam, and next steps that could be taken to build upon the BCC's work
- Heard updates from the Certification Committee
- Approved the appointment of John Riedl to the Certification Committee
- Approved the Initial Graders Exam Fee Waiver
- Discussed a potential increase in candidate appeals fees and requested more information from the Certification Committee before making any changes to fee structures
- Reviewed the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee Report and the updated slate for the 2023 ATA election
- Failed a motion to approve the appointment of an Interim Chair of the Interpreting Profession Advisory Committee (IPAC)
- Approved a motion to Dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee for the ATA Position Paper on Best Practices in Localization
- Approved the Appointment of Paula Arturo-Klammer as Chair of The ATA Chronicle Editorial Board to start October 27, 2023
- Approved the following Committee Chair Appointments, effective October 27, 2023:
 - o Advocacy, Ben Karl
 - o Business Practices Education, Danielle Maxson
 - o Certification, David Stephenson
 - o Chapters, Yolanda Secos
 - o Divisions, Andy Benzo
 - o Education and Pedagogy, Yasmin Alkashef
 - o Ethics, Robin Bon throne
 - o Honors and Awards, Beth Smith
 - o Membership, Antonio Guerra

- Nominating and Leadership Development, Karen Tkaczyk
- Professional Development, Nora Diaz
- Public Relations, Jamie Hartz
- Standards, Gabriela Escarra
- Strategy, John Milan
- Discussed possible configurations for the 2026 Annual Conference and adjustments in programming
- Went into Executive Session to discuss a proposal for this year's Honorary Membership awardee(s)
- Fixed October 5, 2023, as the date of record for eligibility to vote in the American Translators Association's 2023 election
- Approved the appointment of Atul Kapur (Professional Registered Parliamentarian) as Inspector of Elections for the 2023 Election
- Heard a recap from President-Elect Demichelis on 2023 Strategy Day
- Heard an update from President-Elect and Conference Planner Demichelis on the 2023 Annual Conference
- Heard an update on the status of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) program
- Approved Andie Ho as Chair of the Ad Hoc Special Interest Groups Oversight Committee
- Discussed the Education and Pedagogy Committee Report
- Approved the Creation of an ATA provider account on the OER Commons
- Approve the appointment of Annelise Finegan to the Education and Pedagogy Committee
- Thanked outgoing Board members
- Shared feedback from the membership
- Heard remarks from Director Andy Benzo and President-Elect Demichelis