

## **Board Meeting Summary**

### **ATA Board Meeting, Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, FL, October 29, 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 October 2023 meeting, the Board:**

- Adopted the Board agenda.
- Approved the minutes from the August 12-13, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting.
- Received welcoming remarks from President Veronika Demichelis.
- Approved the appointment of Jessie Liu as a Director on the Board to fill the vacancy created by Director Eve Bodeux's election as Secretary of the Association.
- Received a refresher by ATA's Parliamentarian Atul Kapur on the rules and principles of Robert's Rules of Order.
- Reviewed follow-up items since the last Board meeting.
- Reviewed reports received from various ATA Committees and Divisions and the American Foundation for Translation and Interpretation (AFTI) and the International Federation of Translators (FIT).
- Reviewed minutes from the August 2, 2023 Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.
- Reviewed the Treasurer's report, prepared by outgoing Treasurer John Milan and presented by incoming Treasurer Robin Bon throne examining ATA's annual financial performance for the most recent fiscal year, July 2022 to June 2023, and noting a fiscal year loss of \$111,077.
- Heard updates about the draft audit conducted by ATA's auditing firm and reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC).
- Approved a proposal to appoint newly-elected treasurer Robin Bon throne as the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Approved the appointment of Analía Bogdan, Jamie L. Hartz, and Celine Browning as members of the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Heard an update from Certification Committee Deputy Chair Holly Mikkelsen including discussions of the English to French certification program and the online certification exam.
- Heard the Headquarters Report from Executive Director Kelli Baxter including the status of the Association's Association Management System (AMS), HQ staff updates, upcoming staff absences and information on Division websites.
- Heard an update from the Governance and Communications Committee's Chair Veronika Demichelis including information about the proposed ATA Reimbursement and Honoraria Policy.
- Approved the appointment of President-Elect Geoff Koby as Chair of the Governance and Communications Committee.
- Reviewed the Public Relations Committee Report including information on development

of ATA's buyers guides.

- Approved the appointment of Marita Propato to the Public Relations Committee.
- Reviewed the Ad Hoc Special Interest Groups Oversight Committee report.
- Approved extending the Special Interest Group Pilot Program.
- Reviewed the Business Practices Education Committee report.
- Approved the appointment of Eliane Sfeir-Markus to the Business Practices Education Committee.
- Reviewed the Ethics Committee report.
- Approved the appointment of Jeffrey D. Stewart to the Ethics Committee.
- Reviewed the German Language Division report.
- Approved a subsidy for the German Language Division workshop to be held in Leipzig, Germany, in February 2024.
- Received an update on the annual conference by President Demichelis, the 2023 conference organizer, and discussed the annual conference.
- Heard remarks from four members present.
- Heard update on 2026 annual conference location search.
- Approved proposal to appoint President Demichelis and Treasurer Bonthrone as trustees of the American Translators Association's 401K Plan.
- Approved the appointment of President Demichelis to the ATA Chronicle Editorial Board.
- Approved the appointment of Gabriela Siebach as Chair of the Interpreting Profession Advisory Committee.
- Approved the appointment of Jamie Hartz, Elena Langdon, Yolanda Secos and Evelyn Yang Garland to the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee.
- Noted feedback received from the membership by Board members.
- Discussed the location and date for the next Board meeting, to be held virtually.