

Board Meeting Summary

ATA Board Meeting, Embassy Suites, Alexandria, VA, April 27-28, 2024

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 minutes. Meeting minutes are posted in the Members-Only section of the ATA website after they are approved by the Board:

<https://www.atanet.org/about-us/board/board-meeting-minutes/>

At its April 2024 meeting, the Board:

- Adopted the Board agenda.
- Approved the minutes from the February 10, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting, and the February 26, 2024, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- Reviewed follow-up items from the February 10, 2024, Board meeting.
- Reviewed the Treasurer's report covering ATA's financial performance for the current fiscal year through March 31, 2024.
- Reviewed minutes from the February 9, 2024, Finance and Audit Committee meeting.
- Discussed a possible Bylaws Amendment regarding a proposed Treasurer-Elect, a new role, led by Treasurer Bonthrone.
- Discussed revisions to the Board Action Request (BAR) form.
- Received the annual conference update from President-Elect Benzo.
- Received the Headquarters report from Executive Director Kelli Baxter, including staffing updates, membership updates, and updates on the implementation of ATA's Association Management System (AMS).
- Reviewed the Special Interest Group report and discussed the possible creation of a new Special Interest Group for young professionals.
- Received a review of the Divisions Committee report from President-Elect Benzo.
- Received a review of the Governance and Communications Committee report from President-Elect Benzo, including revisions made to the ATA Chronicle Editorial Policy.
- Approved the appointments of Andy Benzo (Chair) and Tony Rosado to the Governance and Communications Committee.
- Reviewed the Membership Committee report.
- Heard an update from Certification Committee Chair David Stephenson.
- Reviewed the Standards Committee report and related attachments.
- Approved the appointments of Safira Amazan (Chair), Maria Gaspar, Lucy Gunderson, Erin LaFargue, and Jeffrey D. Stewart to the ATA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Belonging Task Force.
- Reviewed the American Foundation for Translation & Interpretation (AFTI) report.
- Approved the appointments of Michelle Lampinen, Tianlu Redmon, and Rony Gao to the

2024-25 AFTI Board.

- Reviewed the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee report, the 2024 Election Slate, and the ATA Board Elections Policy.
- Reviewed the Professional Development Committee report and discussed a possible increase in the number of webinars offered by ATA.
- Reviewed reports received from various ATA Committees and Divisions.
- Noted that, between Board meetings, the Board unanimously approved a BAR to approve the selection of San Francisco as the 2026 conference site.
- Approved the appointments of Geoff Koby and Robin Bonthron as trustees of the American Translators Association's 401K Plan.
- Approved the appointment of Geoff Koby to The ATA Chronicle Editorial Board.
- Approved the appointments of Daniel Sebesta (Co-Chair), Robert Sette (Co-Chair), Andy Benzo, Blaise Hylak, Bridget Hylak, and Nora Diaz to the ATA Virtual Conference Task Force to plan the ATA Virtual Conference to be offered in 2025.
- Approved the appointment of Executive Director Kelli Baxter as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee as required by Article VI Section 1 of ATA's Bylaws.
- Approved the appointment of Madalena Sánchez Zampaulo (Chair), Ted Wozniak, Geoff Koby, Manako Ihaya, and Beth Smith to serve on the 2024 Alexander Gode Medal Award Committee.
- Engaged in a discussion, led by Ethics Committee Chair Robin Bonthron, on various ethics issues.
- Discussed the process for submitting bylaws changes.
- Engaged in a discussion, led by President Koby, on whether the ATA Tagline needs to be updated.
- Engaged in a discussion, led by President Koby, on whether there should be a Basic Credential Task Force.
- Received remarks from past ATA President Caitlin Walsh, who also provided an update on AFTI, of which she is currently president. No other members were present at either meeting day to provide remarks to the Board.
- Discussed the location (to be determined) and dates (July 26-28, 2024) for the next Board meeting.
- Discussed other business.