



**Meeting of the Board of Directors  
American Translators Association  
February 14 & 15, 2026  
Hyatt Regency, San Francisco  
Room: Waterfront A/B**

## AGENDA

## *ATA Mission Statement*

*ATA's mission is to promote the recognition of professional translators and interpreters, to facilitate communication among its members, to establish standards of competence and ethics, to provide its members with professional development opportunities, and to advocate on behalf of the profession.*

***Note: Agenda items in italics require Board action.***

Saturday, February 14, 2026

8:15 a.m.

## Breakfast – *Waterfront A/B*

9:00 a.m. Call to Order - *Benzo* (5 minutes)

1. 9:05 a.m. *Approval of the Agenda - Benzo* (5 minutes)

2. 9:10 a.m. *Approval of the Minutes - Benzo* (10 minutes)  
A. October 24, 2025, Annual Meeting of All Members  
B. October 25 & 26, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting  
C. Board Meeting Summary  
D. November 4, 2025, Board of Directors Special Meeting  
E. December 17, 2025, Board of Directors Special Meeting

3. 9:20 a.m. President's Welcome and Remarks - *Benzo* (10 minutes)

4. 9:30 a.m. ATA67 Conference Update – *Karl* (10 minutes)

5. 9:40 a.m. Headquarters Report - *Aleckna* (15 minutes)

6. 9:55 a.m. Treasurer's Report – *Greenfield* (30 minutes)  
A. Treasurer's Report  
B. Finance and Audit Committee Update  
C. Minutes of the August 6, 2024, Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

10:25 a.m. Break (10 minutes)

7. 10:35 a.m. Language Technology Division - *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board DISCUSSION Request – ATA Conference Attendance for Language Technology Division Leadership Council Member*

8. 10:50 a.m. Strategy Committee - *Marazzato Sparano* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board DISCUSSION Request - Strategy recommendations and operationalization of recommendations via KPIs to foster cohesiveness and efficiency throughout the Association.*

9. 11:05 a.m. Medical Division - *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board DISCUSSION Request - Permission to invite non-members to a division networking event for the purposes of recruitment*

10. 11:20 a.m. Membership Development Committee - *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board DISCUSSION Request - Development of a community platform for younger T&I professionals within ATA.*

11. 11:35 a.m. Reports Requiring No Board Action - *Benzo* (30 minutes)  
A. Committee Reports  
1. Advocacy Committee  
2. Business Practices Education Committee  
3. Certification Committee  
4. Chapters Committee  
5. Divisions Committee  
6. Education and Pedagogy Committee  
7. Ethics Committee- (no report received)  
8. Governance and Communications Committee  
9. Honors and Awards Committee  
10. Interpretation Policy Advisory Committee  
11. Membership Development Committee  
12. Nominating and Leadership Development - (no report received)  
13. Professional Development Committee  
14. Public Relations Committee  
15. Standards Committee  
16. Strategy Committee  
  
B. Divisions & Special Interest Groups  
1. Arabic Language Division  
2. Audiovisual Division - (no report received)

3. Chinese Language Division
4. Dutch Language Division - (no report received)
5. Educators Division
6. French Language Division
7. German Language Division
8. Government Division
9. Interpreters Division
10. Italian Language Division
11. Japanese Language Division
12. Korean Language Division - (no report received)
13. Language Technology Division
14. Law Division
15. Literary Division
16. Medical Division
17. Nordic Division
18. Portuguese Language Division
19. Science and Technology Division
20. Slavic Languages Division
21. Spanish Language Division
22. Translation Company Division - (no report received)
23. Financial Translators SIG
24. Interpreters & Translators In Education SIG - (no report)
25. Southeast Asian Languages SIG- (no report)

*(SIG Reports due only for Spring and Fall Board Meetings)*

C. Other Reports

1. American Foundation for Translation and Interpretation (AFTI)  
- (no report received)
2. DEIAB Task Force - (no report received)
3. AI Task Force - (no report received)

**12:05 p.m.      Lunch (1 hour) – *Waterfront AB Foyer***

12. 1:05 p.m.      Spanish Language Division – *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Request for conference subsidy*

13. 1:20 p.m.      German Language Division - *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Subsidy for GLD Members in Europe Workshop*

14. 1:35 p.m.      Elections and Voting - *Andy* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Transitioning to a fully online election process*

15. 1:50 p.m. Interpreters Division - *Karl* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Board designates the Interpreters Division Administrator, Interpreters Division Assistant Administrator, IPAC Chair or their designee as constant reviewers of Interpreter Track proposals for the ATA Conference.*

16. 2:05 p.m. Client Outreach Task Force - *Karl* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Board form a Client Outreach Task Force comprising Tianlu Redmon, Jessie Liu, and Cristina Helmerichs.*

17. 2:20 p.m. Governance and Communications Committee - *Karl* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Ad hoc committee to draft position paper on personal document translation*

18. 2:35 p.m. Business Practices Education Committee – *Eby* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Public posting of model contracts*

19. 2:50 p.m. Strategy Committee – *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Strategy Committee Mandate*

**3:05 p.m. Break (10 minutes)**

20. 3:15 p.m. Division Memberships – *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request – Proposal to introduce a nominal division membership fee*

21. 3:30 p.m. Chapters Committee – *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
A. *Board ACTION Request –Proposal to Create a Council of Committee Chairs*

22. 3:45 p.m. NCTA - *Andy* (5 minutes)

23. 3:50 p.m. Advocacy Committee – *Benzo* (15 minutes)  
*Board ACTION Request - Know Your Rights Multilingual*

24. 4:05 p.m. Distinguished Speakers at the Annual Conference – *Karl* (15 minutes)  
*Board ACTION Request - Change in Procedure for inviting divisions to propose a Distinguished Speaker*

4:20 p.m. Remarks from the General Membership (5 minutes)

4:25 p.m. Adjourn Meeting for the Day

**5:30 p.m.** **Meet in the hotel lobby – Dinner at Perry’s – Embarcadero,**  
6:00 pm (415) 495-6500 (10 min walk/5 min uber drive). 155  
Steuart St.

**Sunday, February 14, 2026**

**8:30 a.m.** **Breakfast – Waterfront A/B**

9:15 a.m. Call to Order - *Benzo* (5 minutes)

25. 9:20 a.m. Governance and Communications Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve a Chair Appointment to the Governance and Communications Committee* – Karl

26. 9:25 a.m. Microcredentials Advisory Council – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve a Chair Appointment to the Microcredentials Advisory Council* - Debonis  
B. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Microcredentials Advisory Council* – Asensio  
C. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Microcredentials Advisory Council* – Benzo  
D. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to Microcredentials Advisory Council* – Jimenez  
E. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Microcredentials Advisory Council* – Lafulla  
F. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to Microcredentials Advisory Council* – Mansilla

27. 9:30 a.m. IPAC Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the IPAC Committee* – Obregon

28. 9:35 a.m. Advocacy Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Advocacy Committee* – Rivers  
B. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Advocacy Committee* – Helmerichs  
C. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Advocacy Committee* – Rojo  
D. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Advocacy Committee* – Siebach

- E. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Advocacy Committee – Cazes*
- F. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Advocacy Committee – Redmon*
- G. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Advocacy Committee – Saebi*
- H. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Advocacy Committee – Paterson*

29. 9:40 a.m. Honors and Awards Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Honors and Awards Committee – Yang*

30. 9:45 a.m. Membership Development Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Membership Development Committee – Alkhaldi*

31. 9:50 a.m. Certification Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Certification Committee - Woodson*

32. 9:55 a.m. Professional Development Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve a Chair Appointment to the Newbies Course Subcommittee as part of the Professional Development Committee – Demichelis*  
B. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Professional Development Committee – Capelle*

33. 10:00 a.m. Chapters Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Chapters Committee – Valido*  
B. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Chapters Committee – Hayashi*  
C. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Chapters Committee – Gurman*

34. 10:05 a.m. Education and Pedagogy Committee – *Benzo* (5 minutes)  
A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Education and Pedagogy Committee – Delmar*  
B. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Education and Pedagogy Committee – Pena*

35. 10:10 a.m. AFTI Board of Directors – *Benzo* (5 minutes)

- A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the AFTI Board of Directors – Xian*
- B. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the AFTI Board of Directors – Wojowski*

10:15 a.m. **Break (10 minutes)**

- 36. 10:25 a.m. Business Practices Committee – *Eby* (5 minutes)
  - A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Business Practices Committee – Rojo Guiñazú*
- 37. 10:30 a.m. Strategy Committee – *Marazzato Sparano* (5 minutes)
  - A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Strategy Committee – Doukmak*
- 38. 10:35 a.m. Divisions Committee – *Bogdan* (5 minutes)
  - A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Divisions Committee – Pals*
- 39. 10:40 a.m. Public Relations Committee – *Liu* (5 minutes)
  - A. *Proposal to Approve an Appointment to the Public Relations Committee – Jones*
- 40. 10:45 a.m. Location and Date for the Next Board Meeting - *Benzo* (10 minutes)
- 41. 10:55 a.m. Any other Business - *Benzo* (10 minutes)
- 11:05 a.m. Remarks from the General Membership (5 minutes)
- 11:10 a.m. Feedback from Membership - *Benzo* (5 minutes)
- 11:15 a.m. Adjourn Meeting for the Day