

2019 Annual Meeting of the German Language Division
at ATA's 60th Annual Conference in Palm Springs, CA
October 25, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the German Language Division of the American Translators Association was held on Friday, October 25, 2019, at the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel in Palm Springs, CA. Administrator Ruth Boggs called the meeting to order at 4:46 PM.

An agenda for the meeting was made available. A move was made to accept the agenda, which was then seconded. The minutes to last year's Annual Meeting on October 26, 2018 in New Orleans, LA were also accepted by a motion. All minutes of Annual Meetings of past years are posted on the GLD website under the heading "GLD Archive" and printed in the newsletter *interaktiv*.

As the first order of business, GLD administrator Ruth Boggs welcomed everybody to the meeting. Dagmar Jenner, President of UNIVERSITAS AUSTRIA, was introduced. She delivered the traditional chocolates.

Ruth Boggs provided her 2019 summary of the state of our division. The division is doing well; it has about 1,400 members, and 154 were attending ATA60. The division is meeting all of its core services. Ruth briefly mentioned the GLD Annual Networking Event and Dinner the night before – when organizing the event, a less private space was given preference due to costs. All in all, the networking event was a success, and Ruth would welcome restaurant/location suggestions for the 2020 ATA conference in Boston, MA.

Ruth went to Tübingen, Germany, for the GLD Members in Europe Workshop organized by Karen Leube – Ruth thanked Karen for organizing a stellar event.

In her report on the sessions at the annual conference, Ruth indicated that there were eight (8) sessions submitted for consideration for this year's conference, of which six (6) were accepted. Ruth encouraged the presenters not chosen for ATA60 to resubmit their proposals for ATA61. Dr. Ruth Martin was the GLD's Distinguished Speaker and gave two presentations during this year's ATA conference.

Ruth Boggs thanked Matt Baird, Editor-in-Chief of the division's newsletter *interaktiv*, for nine years of outstanding service to the GLD. Matt's work was recognized by the ATA with a certificate. The new Editor is Marion Rhodes, and the baton had already been passed to her prior to the conference. Matt then reported on the newsletter *interaktiv*, which is published twice a year, sent to all GLD members via broadcast email, and is available online at the GLD website. Matt thanked and presented the 2020 *interaktiv* Editorial Team consisting of Marion Rhodes (Editor), Hilary Higgins (Co-Editor), Ellen Yutzky Glebe (Copyeditor), Ute Kegel, Kimberly Scherer & Jill Sommer (Proofreaders), Katrin Rippel (Layout Designer), Stella Waltemade (Calendar) and Carlie Sitzman (Review Coordinator). Matt reminded everyone present that *interaktiv* always needs content. He asked members to think about how they can help, suggesting that they could point out interesting articles they read, write conference session reviews or reports on other events and conferences, share blog posts from their own blogs, etc.

New Member & Proofreading Coordinator Carlie Sitzman reported on the proofreading pool, which is a partnership between ATA and Universitas to serve as a meeting point for people interested in proofreading services. Carlie mentioned that she is happy to answer new members' questions and distribute information.

Social Media Coordinator Sandy Jones reported on the GLD's social media presence. The division now has 398 "likes" on Facebook ([@GLDATA](#)) (up from 358 in 2018) and 748 Twitter followers ([@ata_gld](#)) (up from 633 in 2018). Sandy asked members present to consider sharing anything that can be distributed via social media and to share and "like" the division's posts.

Listmaster Gerhard Preisser entertained the meeting with his now 10th eagerly anticipated Annual Listmaster Report. Gerhard was looking back on about 7,600 contributions to the GLD's list over the past 10 years. A big topic of Gerhard's presentation was the move of the list away from Yahoo Groups. ATA is striving for an overall solution for all divisions; any updates will be announced as soon as they become available. Please find Gerhard's 2019 State of the List report on our website <http://www.ata-divisions.org/GLD/gld-archive/>.

In wrapping up the meeting, Ruth made a couple of additional comments:

- A call went out to assemble a Nominating Committee: four volunteers came forward (Ruth Gentes Krawczyk, Heike Holthaus, Elani Koogle, Luz Miranda). No objections were made regarding these volunteers, and they were confirmed by acclamation.
- Jessica Lucio has stepped down as the GLD Website Manager. The division is in urgent need of a new volunteer to fill this position, and Ruth encouraged members to consider volunteering their skills. We also need a new layout designer for the website. Again, Ruth called for volunteers, citing a small honorarium paid by ATA as an incentive.
- On February 8-9, 2020, the GLD Members in Europe Workshop will take place in Erfurt, Germany. A broadcast will go out to all members, and the event will be announced in the division's social media channels.
- As a final point, Ruth called for suggestions regarding a Distinguished Speaker for ATA61 in Boston, MA, from October 20-24, 2020, as well as for session proposals to be submitted.

Ruth adjourned the Annual Meeting at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Jones
GLD Assistant Administrator