

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION OF THE
AMERICAN TRANSLATORS ASSOCIATION

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 12:00 PM – 1:10 PM EDT

Held virtually on Zoom prior to the 65th ATA Annual Conference

- 1. Division Administrator Mery Molenaar called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM EDT.**
- 2. The agenda was accepted.**
- 3. The minutes were approved.**
- 4. Mery introduced the members of the Leadership Council and the Podcast Team.**

Leadership council

- Mery Molenaar, Administrator (present)
- Heike Holthaus, Assistant Administrator (present)
- Carola Berger, Webmaster (not present)
- Matthew Schlecht, Listserv Moderator (present)
- Lebzzy González, LinkedIn Manager (not present)
- Pavitra Baxi, Blog Co-Editor & X Admin (not present)
- Gene Hsu, Blog Co-Editor (present)
- Valeria Verona, Support member (present)

Podcast Team

- Patricia Fonseca (Podcast post-production) (not present)
- Valeria Verona (Podcast host) (present)
- Heike Holthaus (Podcast coordinator and podcast post-production) (present)

5. 2025 Elections & Nominating Committee

Mery shared information on leadership council elections and that for 2025 an election was due for both the administrator and the assistant administrator position. The current administrator/assistant administrator are not eligible for re-election.

After presenting information on the Nominating Committee and the election process, she introduced the candidates for the Nominating Committee: Hans-Jochen Trost (not present) & Chris Schertler (present).

Mery opened the floor and asked if anyone else is interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or if anyone is opposed to these two candidates.

There were no comments on the candidates and none of those present were opposed. Mery appointed Hans-Jochen Trost & Chris Schertler by acclamation to be the Nominating Committee.

6. Admin report

Mery reported on the Division's membership status, virtual networking events in 2024, the Division Report for the ATA Board of Directors, and that the Division will not have a Distinguished Speaker at the annual conference this year. The Division can have a DS in 2025; Mery sent out a call for distinguished speaker recommendations for 2025. She also talked about changes to the Division's leadership council, and the Division's podcast, which published its final episode this year. She thanked outgoing LC members and the podcast team for their service.

7. Report on Division activities in the past year

Website: Mery reported for Carola on the Division's website content and updates, as well as where the contact information for LC members can be found on the website.

Podcast: Heike gave a brief overview of the podcast, what platform the episodes are hosted on and why the podcast was discontinued. She also thanked her podcast team members for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Valeria expressed her concerns about insufficient support from HQ for the podcast.

Facebook: Isabell Lansberry resigned as social media coordinator earlier this year due to personal reasons and Mery took over as the Facebook admin. She reported on the groups' membership numbers, and encouraged members to be active in the group.

Listserv: Matthew reported on listserv activities and that he is still working on analyzing and cleaning the list. He plans to continue the process to ensure that all its members have ATA membership and S&TD affiliation. He encouraged members to post science and technology related topics to the list. Mery thanked Matthew for his longstanding service the Listserv moderator.

X (formerly Twitter): Mery read Pavitra's report on membership, posted content and that she was able to grow the Division's X account to nearly 900 followers.

LinkedIn: Mery reported for Lebzy on the growth of the Division's LinkedIn group. on the benefits of being a member of the group, how members can engage and how they can grow their network via the Division's LinkedIn Group.

Blog report: Mery presented the blog report for Pavitra. Blog publishing has been slow in 2024, but should improve with the addition of Gene Hsu as Blog Co-Editor. Next, Gene briefly introduced herself to the members present.

8. New business

Mery reported on the Student Poster Initiative for ATA65 and the Division's dinner in Portland. She provided information on cost, dining options and how to register for the dinner event. Mery also sent out a call for a Facebook Administrator, Virtual Networking Hosts and Blog authors.

9. Open discussion

Members present were invited to comment or ask questions. Patrick Weill expressed an interest in serving as Facebook Admin. Attendees were then asked to

briefly introduce themselves stating their name, language pair(s) and specializations. 19 members were present.

10. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM EDT.

Minutes drafted by Heike Holthaus and approved by Mery Molenaar

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