

2010 ATA Language Technology Division (LTD) meeting minutes at ATA conference

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., 30 October 2010

The minutes from last year's meeting were accepted.

LTD 2010 membership, communications, and outreach

Division Administrator Michael Metzger presented a comparison of membership numbers for the various ATA divisions. The LTD is #5 with 2,511 members.

LTD News - the LTD newsletter was issued twice this year with 10 articles.

The LTD Blog site gets about 120 visitors per week.

LTD Twitter has 132 followers.

The website has been redesigned and released in October by webmaster Michael Walster

LTD activity at ATA Conference: ATA conference in Denver

LTD organized or sponsored the following:

- LTD had a table at the open house
- 5 language technology sessions
- 5 It related sessions
- 7 TIP sessions with a strong focus on machine translation
- TAC tools tutorials and TAC tools forum – running in parallel with the exhibition

ATA meets AMTA - LTD contributions

Developed over the last year – and coordination of AMTA with ATA.

A printout is available summarizing all the ATA LTD sessions

ATA LTD 2011 Plans

2011 will be very active!

Election of administrator and vice administrator for 2011-2013 terms

The administrator and vice administrator are both one year in to two year terms that will end in 2011. ATA LTD needs to elect an administrator and vice-administrator for the 2011-2013 term. Michael asked for volunteers to *serve as administrator and vice administrator as well as on the nominating committee*. The nominating committee needs to find leads for candidate administrators and vice administrators.

Building the ATA LTD publication team

ATA LTD is also looking for an editorial team for the LTD website: Authors, bloggers, mailers, editors, proof readers.

ATA 2012

Call for Distinguished Speakers: ATA LTD needs to scout, recommend, and propose distinguished speakers for the 2011 conference. The distinguished speaker is a chance to bring in outside perspectives, so it is preferable that the candidate is NOT from the ATA. The speaker must be interesting to the ATA community and the language technology division. As an example, a few years ago the distinguished speaker sessions were on Microsoft Office.

Distinguished speakers are compensated to some degree (at least reimbursed for expenses) in addition to receiving free conference registration. ATA typically asks distinguished speakers to do a pre-conference seminar as well as a presentation at the main conference.

The Business section of the General Meeting was adjourned at 10.25 am. A report about the session following the LTD Business can be found in a separate report filed.

See: ATA 2010 LTD track Highlights