

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DUTCH LANGUAGE DIVISION  
WASHINGTON D.C. - OCTOBER 26, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by Division Administrator Leo van Zanten at 4:50pm
  - a. 18 DLD members attended the meeting.
2. The agenda was accepted.
3. Overview of the DLD 2016-2017 activities
  - a. Mery Molenaar gave an overview of the DLD website and asked the membership for suggestions for resources for that category on the website. It was suggested to provide a direct link to the website in the e-mail signature of all correspondence to improve the website's visibility.
  - b. Irene Paquet provided an overview of the DLD Forum on the Google Groups and explained how to sign up without a 'Gmail' account. Currently 70 division members are part of the group.
  - c. The administrator read the overview from Social Media Coordinator Dennis Seine about the Facebook Group as well as the Twitter account. Twitter: we have posted 372 messages. We follow 323 other Twitter members and have 189 followers.
  - d. The administrator read a statement from Blog Editor Cindi Sheridan-Heller that for personal reasons she was not able to satisfy the required minimum of blog posts and therefore will resign.
4. New Business for 2018
  - a. The administrator presented the list of members of the Nominating Committee, Maha El Metwally and Dorine Oz-Vermeulen. The members present gave their approval. If anyone else would still like to join this committee, they can notify the administrator or the committee's current members.
  - b. Alexandra de Vries volunteered to be the new Blog Editor. She asked the membership to provide her with ideas and content. Clarification about content and language were researched during the meeting as well as the requirement for review by the ATA before publishing.
  - c. DLD Guest speaker for the ATA59: the Administrator requested input from the membership for ideas of a person with a broad interest to not only DLD, but also the ATA membership in general who could be the DLD featured guest speaker at next year's conference. He explained the process as well as the reason why we were unable to secure a guest speaker this year. It would be preferred to suggest someone who is either known personally by one of the members or whose lecture has been attended before. DLD members are requested to send in their proposals before January 1, 2018.
5. Other topics: None
6. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm