

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DUTCH LANGUAGE DIVISION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - OCTOBER 25, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by Division Administrator Leo van Zanten at 4:50pm in Studio 1
 - a. 15 DLD members attended the meeting.
2. The agenda was accepted.
3. Overview of the DLD 2017-2018 activities
 - a. The official announcement was made about the outcome of the elections. Leo van Zanten and Marjon van de Bosch were both reelected for a second term and received an official recognition from ATA for services rendered.
 - b. Mery Molenaar gave an overview of the DLD website, where to find it, how to navigate, where to find resources and invited the membership for inputs and material to be published on the website. She indicated that the members should scroll down to the bottom of the page for more info and also to subscribe to the DLD Blog. She made it clear that she is open to suggestions from the members.
 - c. Irene Paquet provided an overview of the DLD Forum on the Google Groups and provided a brief step-by-step explanation on how to sign up for those with or without a 'Gmail' account and how to create a Google-account. Currently 70 division members are part of the group.
 - d. Dennis Seine, gave an update on the activities on social media sites Facebook and Twitter. Twitter: we have posted over 400 messages. We follow some 325 other Twitter members, and have more than 200 followers. He also presented his suggestion for future blog articles, which were positively received.
 - e. Alexandra de Vries presented her ideas for the DLD Blog. She proposed not to use the blog for reposting and to provide fresh content to the members.
4. New Business for 2019
 - a. DLD Distinguished Speaker for the ATA60: as in previous years the Administrator requested input from the membership for ideas of a person who could be the DLD featured distinguished speaker at the next conference in Palm Springs. Members were requested to submit a more detailed proposal before the end of the year.
5. Other topics: None
6. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm