

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ATA DUTCH LANGUAGE DIVISION
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA - OCTOBER 24, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by Division Administrator Leo van Zanten at 4:47pm in room Mesquite F.
 - a. 15 DLD members attended the meeting.
2. The agenda and the minutes of last year's meeting were accepted.
3. Overview of the DLD 2018-2019 activities
 - a. The Division currently has 168 individual members and 98 corporate members.
 - b. The process to get a Distinguished Speaker was started in January. Nina Woodson had the name of a literary translator, who ended up not being able to make it, after the initial proposal had been turned in. Claire Singleton had also contacted a potential speaker. ATA was very flexible and accepted a second proposal from the Division, which resulted in two distinguished speakers, Marcel Lemmens and Tony Parr, with presentations about translated content in Dutch museums as well as a comparison between the human translator and a machine translation.
 - c. Mery Molenaar indicated a few months ago that she was going to be taking on the role of Assistant Administrator of the Science & Technology Division and would no longer be able to stay on as webmaster of the DLD. A call went out to all DLD members to find a new webmaster and David Stephenson volunteered to take on this position starting at this conference. The Administrator thanked Mery for all her hard work on the website in the past years, and wished her good luck in her new endeavours.
 - d. Dennis Seine indicated recently that he would like to resign from his position as Social Media Manager. The DLD is active on Facebook and Twitter. He will continue to stay on until someone is found to replace him. A message will be sent to the membership soon to ask for a new volunteer.
 - e. Alexandra de Vries published three blog posts since last year's conference. Two of those were interviews with DLD members to get to know them better, but there was a low response, so there was no additional material. She has another post in the pipeline, but if you have any ideas for a blog post, you can contact her directly.
4. New Business for 2019
 - a. A Nominating Committee needs to be established who will find candidates for the positions of the Administrator and Assistant Administrator. The terms of Leo and Marjon are both ending in November 2020, and neither one of them is eligible for an additional term in the same position. Two email messages were sent out to the membership, but no one stepped up to be on the committee. The Administrator showed the pages of the handbook that deal with the Nominating Committee and indicated the timeline for the process. Nina Woodson and Claire

Singleton expressed interest, but requested additional time to be able to get more information about the role.

- b. DLD Distinguished Speaker for the ATA61: the Administrator requested input from the membership for a distinguished speaker at the next conference in Boston. Members were requested to submit a more detailed proposal to the Administrator before the end of the year. It is easier when there is a personal connection with the proposed speaker, but this is not necessary. It is good to know the exact process to get a speaker approved, so this can be explained to them at the start, since there is already a lot to prepare before one actually finds out if the proposal is accepted by the Board.
5. Other topics: It was discussed what can be done to get more members to actually come to the conferences. Next year's location may make it easier for people from Europe to travel to the conference.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm