

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ATA DUTCH LANGUAGE DIVISION  
OCTOBER 18, 2020 - via Zoom

1. The meeting was called to order by Division Administrator Leo van Zanten at 9:32am (PDT)
  - a. 14 DLD members joined the meeting.
2. The agenda and the minutes of last year's meeting were accepted.
3. Overview of the DLD 2019-2020 activities
  - a. The Division currently has 148 individual members and 96 corporate members.
  - b. Our Distinguished Speaker was supposed to be Gaston Dorren. He has written several books about the Dutch language. He had, among other things, issues with the deadlines when the conference became virtual and canceled his appearance.
  - c. David Stephenson has been the division webmaster since last year's conference. He did not implement any changes to the website, but mostly added announcements and updates from ATA Headquarters.
  - d. Irene Stoel is the current Forum Moderator: we currently have about 80 individuals in the Google Group. More may request to be part of the Google Group after the old ATANed Yahoo Group ends at the end of the year. Several divisions moved over to groups.io during the past year, but our division ended up deciding to stay with the Google Group, since there was no compelling reason to make the move. Since Irene will become the Division Administrator, a new Forum Moderator is needed. Irene gave a short overview of the duties, indicating that it is a way to volunteer without a big time commitment.
  - e. Dennis Seine is currently still serving as Social Media Coordinator. He had indicated last year that he wanted to step down, but up to now the division has not been able to find someone to replace him. The DLD has accounts on Facebook and Twitter, and Dennis would have liked to be more active on those platforms. He is willing to continue, but feels like the DLD should have a bigger presence.
  - f. Alexandra de Vries has been taking care of the DLD blog. She maintained a minimalist approach this year, because of the fact that a lot of blogs and articles have been written since the start of the pandemic, and she did not want to become redundant. If any DLD member has any ideas for new blog topics or would like to write a guest blog, please contact Alexandra.
4. New Business for 2020
  - a. DLD Distinguished Speaker for the ATA62: we need to start the process to find a Distinguished Speaker for next year's conference in Minnesota. There was a question about whether or not we could ask this year's Distinguished Speaker to come next year, but there was also some hesitation since he canceled on us at a time when it was no longer possible to find a replacement. Anyone who has a suggestion can send it to Irene and/or Leo.

- b. ATA is thinking about a hybrid version for next year's conference. For example, the annual division meetings could be done online instead of at the conference. This would free up time slots for presentations and would allow Division members who are not able to personally attend the conference to be part of the annual meeting.
5. Other topics: None
6. Results of Elections of Officers  
Alexandra de Vries announced the results of the Elections of Officers. Irene Stoel will be the new Administrator and Leo van Zanten will serve as Assistant Administrator by acclamation. We thank the previous Administrator and Assistant Administrator for their hard work over the past two years. The outgoing Administrator thanked all members of the LC for their work during this past year.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 10:03am