

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the GLD
Boston, MA
October 29, 2011

The Administrator of ATA's German Language Division, Ruth Gentes Krawczyk, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The assembled members approved the agenda of the present meeting and the minutes of the previous year's meeting with on minor correction. Regarding the GLD list, "there have been as many as 1055 contributions in a single day" was changed to indicate '1055 contributions in a single month'.

Karen Leube reminded the meeting of the upcoming BDU conference and the impending deadline for submitting proposals for presentations.

Ms. Gentes Krawczyk discussed presentation proposals, guest speakers, and current German-oriented presentations.

Michael Wahlster, in charge of the GLD website, talked about the progression of the website and the blog over the last year and made a call for presentations to be submitted to the archive. Member visitors to the website are up to 395/month on average. Mr. Wahlster announced that he is stepping down and will be replaced by Susanne Aldridge.

Matt Baird, editor of the division newsletter *interaktiv* gave a short presentation of the changes over the last year, including changes in the team as well as in the layout – specifically regarding the new look and feel of the newsletter. The new team was introduced and the outgoing contributors were thanked for their time and effort. Kim Scherer volunteered to fill the remaining open position. The member were asked to submit suggestions for future content.

Gerhard Preisner, moderator of the GLD list, discussed key statistics regarding activity on the list over the last year. There have been nearly 6000 contributions to the list over the last year. The list now has 385 members, up from 368 in the previous year, 200 of whom are passive readers and roughly one-third of whom contribute actively. The list functions well and the member contributions are overwhelmingly congenial, but the goal remains to broaden the base of active members.

Ms. Gentes Krawczyk inquired about the success of the off-site reception held at the Goethe Institut, which was widely regarded as a major improvement over the previous year's dinner event.

The new Leadership Council was introduced with a description of its function and role. The new procedure for nominating and electing division administrators was discussed. The Nominating

Committee, comprising Sysanne van Eyl and Ted Wozniak, is to select a single candidate. As an alternative, there will be the possibility of an electronic election. This change in the nominating procedure was met with widespread disapproval due to complaints regarding the lack of democracy. Linda marianello volunteered to serve on the committee. Frieda Ruppenner-Lind, an ATA board member, explained that the new procedure by no means rules out elections; the primary issue is a general lack of volunteers. Abigail Dahlberg moved to approve the Nominating Committee and the meeting approved.

Next year's conference will be held from October 24-27, 2012, in San Diego at the Hilton San Diego Conference Center. Possible guest speakers were discussed, with the suggestion of a technical topic perhaps related to Silicon Valley issues. Other guest speaker topics included 'Germany after the crisis', something related to the biotech industry with a speaker possibly from the Pasteur Institute, 'teaching bilingualism' with a speaker possibly from the Albert Einstein Academy, and subtitling in relation to the film festival sponsored for the first time this year by the German American Chamber of Commerce in California, which is based in San Diego and which was also suggested as a potential host. The 2012 GLD event was discussed and the general preference was in favor of a networking event as opposed to an off-site dinner. A suggestion was made to find an agency to sponsor next year's event.

A last call was made for nomination suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.