

To: Board of Directors
From: Helen Eby, Administrator
Christina Green, Assistant Administrator
Date: September 23, 2022
Re: Interpreters Division Report

Leadership Council Members

Carol Shaw
Milena Calderari Waldron
Daniela Obregón
Yasmin Alkashef
Gabriela Penrod
Cristina Helmerichs

Andreea Boscor
Gaby Penrod

Professional Development

Daniela Obregón
Yasmin Alkashef
Maggie Hong

Committees/contact groups

Blog and web

Chair: Carol Shaw
Webmaster: Paula Irisity
Members:
Maggie Hong
Julie Burns

Social Media

Chair: Christina Green
Members:
Flavia Lima
Paula Irisity
Maggie Hong

Distinguished Speaker: Maya Hess, from Red T, will be our distinguished speaker at the conference. We thank Cristina Helmerichs for making that contact. Ms. Hess will give a two-hour interactive presentation. We are pleased that Red T now has an ATA member on the board, and there is a longstanding collaborative relationship between the two organizations.

Networking event: The Interpreters Division is planning a picnic in the park to provide an environment with the recommended ventilation and social distancing that has become an expectation. The following invitation has been sent to members:

We are excited to host a picnic lunch on Saturday, October 15th from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at the Maguire Gardens in front of Los Angeles Central Library (on Flower St between 5th St and 6th St). We will meet at 12:30 PM at the conference hotel lobby to walk over together. There are a few restaurants in the area, like on 7th St where you can grab something convenient to eat. Bring comfy clothes as we will be sitting on the benches or the grass.

Leadership Council meetings so we could know what interpreters are concerned about and how to respond to those concerns. This informed planning for the blog and research projects.

Our **website went through a significant update**, thanks to Paula Irisity, our webmaster. She has consistently reminded us of when she needs new content to keep our members abreast of issues that concern them. As part of the social media team, she is able to check the relevance of our material.

Incoming leadership team:

Christina Green, the incoming Administrator, has given me her unflagging support as Assistant Administrator. We exchanged frequent calls and texts and made decisions jointly. She took on the leadership when I needed to step back for various reasons and provided wonderful input at the Leadership Council and behind the scenes. The Division is in excellent hands under her leadership.

Daniela Obregón, the incoming Assistant Administrator, has been very involved in the Leadership Council, and has been one of the strong co-leaders of Interpreter Connections, taking on other roles as needed. She is coordinating the picnic lunch this year, which will serve as our networking event at the conference.

I am confident the Division is in good hands and our members will be well served in the foreseeable future.

Helen Eby

Outgoing Interpreters Division Administrator