



Literary Division Annual Meeting Minutes

American Translators Association

Date: October 5, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm – 1:40 PT

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Present

Kate Deimling (Division Administrator)

Petra Rieker (Assistant Administrator)

Michele Bantz

Wales Browne

Sue Burke

Steven Capsuto

Timothy Cassidy

Shelley Fairweather-Vega

Ruth Gentes Krawczyk

Matt Griffin

Carrie Grignano

Mercedes Guhl

JT Hine

Kelly Koch

Caroline Kyung

Andrea Nemeth-Newhauser

Fang Sheng

Pamela Shepard Garcia

Steve Smith

David Stephenson

Melody Winkle

Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm PT by Petra Rieker.

Approval of Agenda & Previous Minutes

Agenda: The agenda for the current meeting was displayed and approved.

Prior Minutes: The minutes of the 2025 annual meeting were reviewed and accepted without changes.

JT Hine made the motion to approve and Kelly Koch seconded.

Division Overview & Leadership Report

Accomplishments in 2026

- New Year's virtual social on January 29
- Webinar on Nordic literature in translation with Mia Spangenberg
- Holiday virtual social (scheduled for Q4)

Blog Posts: Six articles were posted during the year.

Collaboration with ALTA: cross-promoting literary awards and planning future collaborations

Preview of ATA67 in San Francisco

Ten sessions are scheduled for ATA67. There are also social events and the LitDiv table at the Book & Resource Fair.

A call for a blog post covering ATA67 sessions was made.

Catalog of Member Publications

The catalog contains 124 entries from 25 LitDiv translators.

Literary Awards

The Galantière Award winner will be announced at ATA67.

Changes to literary awards: starting next year

- In odd years, the ATA Ungar Literary Translation Award will be offered for translations from French, German, and Spanish.
- In even years, the ATA Galantière Literary Translation Award will be offered for translations from all languages except French, German, and Spanish.

Plans for 2027

More online events:

- Co-working
- Deep-dive networking
- Collaborative Literary Translation Workshop with Kate Costello

Building on collaboration with ALTA

More blog posts

Distinguished speaker at ATA68 in Henderson, NV (Las Vegas)

Stay in Touch with LitDiv

Blog, email list, LinkedIn

Open Floor

Center for the Art of Translation in San Francisco unfortunately not ready to collaborate at ATA67, but we look forward to the opening.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting officially wrapped up at 1:40 pm PT.

Minutes recorded by Melody Winkle.