THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE, INC.

Summary of the Business Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2018
7:30pm–8:30pm
Palacio de Congresos, Sala Mayor
Salamanca, Spain

Bill VanPatten, Presiding

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Business Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese was held on Monday, June 25, 2018 in the Sala Mayor of the Palacio de Congresos in Salamanca, Spain from 7:30pm – 8:30pm with approximately 150 members in attendance. AATSP President Bill VanPatten called the meeting to order.

The agenda items presented and actions taken are outlined below.

2. APPROVAL AGENDA
Motion 1: Joy Renjilian Burgy moved to approve the agenda for the Business Meeting. Kevin Cessna-Buscemi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

3. INTRODUCTION OF AATSP LEADERSHIP
Bill VanPatten introduced the AATSP Board of Directors, National Office Staff, and the Coordinators, Directors, and Editors of AATSP programs and publications. Those in attendance stood to be acknowledged by the attendees.

A. Introduction of Members of the Board of Directors
Bill VanPatten; President; Chowchilla, CA
Emily Spinelli; Executive Director; AATSP National Office; Walled Lake, MI
Cheryl Fuentes-Wagner; Past President; Retired; Sugar Land, TX
Martha Vásquez; President Elect; San Antonio ISD; San Antonio, TX
Sheri Spaine Long; Executive Director Designate; Birmingham, AL
Adriana Aloia; Retired; Armonk, NY
Carlos Benavides; Univ. of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; North Dartmouth, MA
Irma Bjerre; Clackamas Community College; Oregon City, OR
Kevin Cessna-Buscemi; National Spanish Examinations; Valparaiso, IN
Parthena Draggett; The Community School of Naples; Naples, FL
Cynthia Flax; Retired; Clifton Park, NY
Benjamin Fraser; Editor, Hispania; Winterville, NC
Ronald Leow; Georgetown University; Washington, DC
John Maddox; University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
Rachel Mamiya Hernández; University of Hawaii; Honolulu, HI
Kelly Scheetz; Franklin High School; Franklin, TN
Megan Villanueva; Smith Middle School; Glastonbury, CT

B. Introduction of AATSP Staff
Melanie Flick; NSE and AATSP Member Services
Cindy Kendall; Director of Communications
Kara Majchrowicz; Director of Financial Services
Lesli Mikenas; NSE and AATSP Member Services
Debra Nigohosian; Director of Conferences and Exhibits
Dieter Waldvogel; Director of Operations and Memberships
David Wiseman; Director, Publications and Marketing

C. Introduction of Coordinators, Directors, and Editors
Albricias
Editor: Faith Blackhurst

Conference Wrap-Up
Editor: Mary-Anne Vetterling

Hispania
Editor: Benjamin Fraser
Book/Media Review Editor: Domnita Dumitrescu
Managing Editor: Jennifer Brady
Assistant Managing Editor: Conxita Domenèch

National Spanish Examinations
Director: Kevin Cessna-Buscemi

Online Classroom Resources
Coordinator: Carol E. Galvin Flood

Phi Lambda Beta
Director: James Krause

Poster Contest
Coordinator: Crystal Vicente

Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad
Interim Director: Cheryl Fuentes-Wagner

Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
Director: Kelly Scheetz

Spanish and Portuguese Review
Editor: Cory Duclos

The Portuguese Newsletter
Editor: Luci Moreira
4. REPORTS

A. Member Services Report: Lesli Mikenas, Member Services
Lesli Mikenas presented a report on member programs, the AATSP database, and member retention and growth via a PowerPoint presentation. Membership for 2018 to date is at 8977, an increase of 1.5% over 2017. Lesli Mikenas described the AATSP membership by teaching levels and language area and provided data about these levels and languages. Lesli Mikenas completed her report by providing information about submissions for AATSP scholarships, travel stipends, and awards.

B. Conference Report: Debra Nigohosian, Director of Conferences and Exhibits
Debra Nigohosian presented the Conference Report via a PowerPoint presentation and described the different components of the conference. Debra Nigohosian explained that we received 571 proposals, the largest number of proposals in AATSP history. She also explained that we had the largest registration in recent AATSP history and the largest number of attendees to sign up for the Awards Banquet. She presented data on sponsors and exhibitors.

C. Finances Report: Kara Majchrowicz, Director of Financial Services
Kara Majchrowicz presented the Financial Report via a PowerPoint presentation. She reported that the AATSP is financially stable with more than 1 million dollars in reserves. She explained that the investment account serves as a reserve and provides for continuation of the organization. The AATSP continues to provide and further enhance member services and programs without increasing membership dues since 2006. She presented profit and loss charts over the years and showed that revenue has exceeded expenses since 2007. She also provided information from the Sigler Accounting Report for 2017 demonstrating favorable financial status and indicating that the AATSP is in compliance with all accounting principles.

D. Executive Director Update: Emily Spinelli, Executive Director
In her final report as Executive Director, Emily Spinelli summarized the status of the AATSP as it enters its second century.

- **FINANCES**: The AATSP is financially stable with more than $1,000,000 in reserves; favorable CPA report for 11th year in a row
- **MEMBERSHIP**: Membership has doubled since 2005 and is stable at 10,000+
- **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**: 2018 Conference had record number of submissions and record number of sessions scheduled; 2018 conference has largest number of registered attendees since 2000 (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
- **PROGRAMS**: NSE participation since 2005 has more than doubled; in 2018 3875 teachers and 158,746 students participated in the program in 2018; SHH increased number of chapters to 2700 and increased number of awards, scholarships; other programs show similar growth.
- **PARTNERSHIPS**: Increased number of partnerships with other companies and organizations; Increased number of study-abroad scholarships
- **PUBLICATIONS**: Redesigned and enhanced existing publications; Increased number of publications; increased electronic and reduced print publications.
Emily Spinelli concluded her report stating that the AATSP is well poised for its next 100 years: it is financially stable with an exceptional reserve; has a healthy membership base; and enjoys thriving programs and publications.

5. **PAST PRESIDENTS RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
Cheryl Fuentes-Wagner announced that the Past Presidents of the AATSP recognized Emily Spinelli for her contributions to the organization throughout her term as Executive Director. The Past Presidents presented Emily Spinelli with several gifts including a commemorative book with photos and messages from Past Presidents.

6. **INFORMATION ABOUT 2019 CONFERENCE**
Martha Vásquez, AATSP President Elect, provided information on the 2019 AATSP Conference to be held July 8-11, 2019 in San Diego, California. A video highlighting sites in and around San Diego, CA was shown.

7. **INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR 2018 ELECTION**
The Business Meeting concluded with the introduction of the candidates for the 2018 election for President Elect and Representatives to the Board of Directors. The candidates were introduced individually and presented their statements of candidacy (or a video in their absence) outlining their qualifications for office and what they hope to accomplish if elected. The candidates included:

**President Elect**
- Domnita Dumitrescu; Professor Emerita; California State University; Los Angeles, CA
- Ada Ortúzar-Young; Professor Emerita; Drew University; Madison, NJ

**College / University Representative**
- Ana María González; Texas Lutheran University; Seguin, TX
  *NOTE: Ana María González was not present at the conference; a video was played of her candidacy statement.*
- Comfort Pratt; Texas Tech University; Lubbock, TX

**Secondary (9-12) Representative**
- Stephanie Enseñat-Davis; Isidore Newman School; New Orleans, LA
- Cándida Kraska; Millard West High School; Omaha, NE
  *NOTE: Cándida Kraska was not present at the conference; a video was played of her candidacy statement.*

**K-8 Representative**
- Pamela Gemmer; Retired; Indianapolis, IN
- Barbara Pietroski; Retired; Buffalo Grove, IL
  *NOTE: Barbara Pietroski was not present at the conference; a video was played of her candidacy statement.*

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion 2: Martha Vásquez moved to adjourn the meeting. Crystal Vicente seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance.