The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Inc.

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Saturday, July 10, 2010

The Business Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese was held on Saturday, July 10, 2010 in the Gran Salon Astral of the Presidente InterContinental Hotel, Guadalajara, Mexico from 5:15 -6:15 PM with approximately 150 members in attendance.

AATSP President Laura Sánchez called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM and announced the agenda for the meeting.

Items discussed were as follows:

1. Introduction of Executive Council members, Directors of the National Spanish Exam, Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, Sociedad Hispanica de Amistad, Editors of AATSP Publications and the Staff from the National Office.
2. Executive Director, Emily Spinelli, delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the various roles and responsibilities of the Executive Director with an emphasis on the expanding global role of the AATSP.
3. Cindy Kendall, Conference and Communications Coordinator, presented her report detailing conference events and website improvements including plans for the future.
4. Emily Spinelli presented the Membership Report on behalf of Griffin Sibinovic, Member Services Coordinator. E. Spinelli announced that AATSP Membership for 2010 was just over 9000.
6. Liliana Soto-Fernández moved to approve all the updates to the AATSP Bylaws as posted on the AATSP website since April 1, 2010. Ursula Sihocky seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by all in attendance.
7. M. Azevedo introduced the Report of the Resolutions Committee which was prepared by Luz Alvarez, Milton Azevedo, Paul Chandler, Janet Pérez, and Oneida Sánchez. The Report was read to the membership by Luz Alvarez and Paul Chandler. Phyllis VanBuren moved to approve the Report as read. Elaine Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by all in attendance.

The Business meeting concluded with the introduction of the candidates for the 2010 elections for President-Elect and Representatives to the Executive Council. The candidates include President-Elect: Christine M. Campbell; Defense Language Institute; Monterey, CA and José I. Suárez (not in attendance); Greeley, CO; College/University Representative: Terry Ballman; California State University Channel Islands; Camarillo CA and Ada Ortúzar-Young; Drew University; Madison, NJ; Secondary 9-12 Representative: Cheryl Fuentes-Wagner; Bush High School; Richmond, TX; Community College Representative: Loknath Persaud; Pasadena City College; Pasadena, CA. The candidates in attendance provided an overview of their qualifications for the position and their platform.