The Business Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 in the Bridge Rooms of the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel, Washington, DC from 4:00-5:00 PM with approximately 125 members in attendance.

AATSP President Liliana Soto-Fernández called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM and announced the agenda for the meeting.

The agenda items presented and actions taken were as follows:

1. Introduction of the following individuals: Executive Council members, Director of the National Spanish Exam, Co-Directors of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, Director of the Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad, Editors of AATSP Publications, Coordinator of the ELL Poster Contest 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; she provided the membership with information about the presence of the AATSP at conferences and meetings in the United States and abroad.

3. Debra Forde, Coordinator of Member Services, presented the report on membership and announced that the AATSP membership for 2011 was approximately 9200, an increase over 2010. Debra also provided data about membership categories, languages and levels taught, and compared data from 2011 with that of previous years.

4. Roberta Miller, Director of Financial Services, delivered the Report on the finances of the Association including the independent, audited CPA Financial Statement for 2009-2010 and the year-to-date 2010-2011 Financial Report. José Ortega moved to accept the Financial Reports as presented; Bill VanPatten seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by all in attendance.

5. Marco Arenas moved to approve Soledad Puértolas as an Honorary Fellow of the AATSP. Sheri Spaine Long seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by all in attendance.

6. Marco Arenas moved to extend the term of Judith Park as Director of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica by one year through June 30, 2013. Cheryl Fuentes-Wagner seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by all in attendance.

7. Marco Arenas moved to extend the term of Pam Wink as Director of the Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad by one year through June 30, 2013. Motion approved unanimously by all in attendance.

8. L. Sánchez introduced the Report of the Resolutions Committee which was prepared and read to the membership by Robert Anderson, Domnita Dumitrescu, José Ortega, and Laura Sánchez. Phyllis VanBuren moved to approve the Report as read. Marco Arenas seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously by all in attendance.

The Business Meeting concluded with the introduction of the candidates for the 2011 elections for President-Elect and Representatives to the Executive Council. The candidates include 

President-Elect: Laura Zinke, McClintock High School, Tempe, AZ; College / University Representative: Jane Berne, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND; María Rosario Quintana, Marshall University, Huntington, WV; Bill VanPatten, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI; Portuguese Representative:
Margo Milleret, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM; **Secondary (9-12) Representative:** Cathy Soud, The Bolles School, Jacksonville, FL. The candidates in attendance provided an overview of their qualifications for the position and their platform.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.