

ATA Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2008
Minutes

1. Liz called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M.
Present: Liz Bar-El, May Cole, Virgil County, Ruth Firestone, Janet Hand, Rod Merl, Benjamin Steers, and Cindy Tomlinson
Absent: Paul Foley

2. Approval of Minutes
Benjamin moved to approve minutes from the November, 2007 meeting as written, Ruth seconded. Motion passed unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report
Mary reported that she would like to change the format of the financial report to reflect accepted financial standards and there was discussion of developing a line-item budget.
There was no report presented.

4. Welcome to Board and Ideas for the Upcoming Year
 - a. Introductions: Board members introduced themselves to each other.

 - b. By-Laws and MOUs: Janet moved and Rod seconded to create a sub-committee to review the by-laws for possible update. Motion passed unanimously. Benjamin will chair the subcommittee, which will consist of Benjamin and Janet. Benjamin will also invite Myriam Cardenas, one of the authors of the current by-laws, to join the committee and members of ATA who are not on the board will also be invited to join the committee.

 - c. Consideration of beginning process to vote to become an agency shop: Liz moved and Benjamin seconded to form a committee to gather information on this process. Motion passed unanimously. Rod, Mary, Cindy and Virgil volunteered for the committee.

 - d. Getting information to membership: several ideas were discussed including a quarterly newsletter, more frequent reminders to the membership of the availability of the website and monthly updates from the Secretary. Further discussion is needed.

 - e. Keeping up with new employees for membership: Liz sends an email with information on ATA to each new employee who qualifies for membership as well as semi-annual (?) reminders to all ATA-qualifying employees. The Board will consider other ideas and return to a future meeting with them.

- f. Other ideas: Tracking true costs of living among members for calculation of the COLA, which does not include gas and food costs. Possible idea for a future meeting.
5. Setting Meeting Dates for 2008: The Board agreed on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:00 as the meeting dates for 2008.
 6. Update Report From Succession Planning Committee: There will be a presentation to Lamont on January 17 regarding the recommendations of the various subcommittees.
 7. Coalition/PAC Update: Rod reported on the process for voting at the PAC, which is primarily based on the number of members in each association.
 8. Old Business: None
 - 9: New Business: None
 - 10: Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:27.