

**NMTIA  
GENERAL MEETING  
March 17, 2018**

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	General Meeting	<b>President</b>	Lisa O'Grady
<b>Date/Time:</b>	3/17/2018	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Nicole Pennebaker
<b>Location:</b>	APS		
<b>Distribution List:</b>	To be posted on NMTIA website.		
<b>Attendees:</b>	(See attached sign-up sheet)		
<b>Call to Order</b>			
Called to order at 1:12 by Lisa O'Grady			
<b>1. Introduction of Meeting &amp; Attendees:</b>			
(See attached sign-up sheet)			
<b>2. Review &amp; Approve Agenda:</b>			
Agenda reviewed. There were no changes.			
<b>3. Review &amp; Approve Minutes of Last Meeting:</b>			
The minutes from the 1/20/18 membership annual meeting were reviewed. A couple of typos were noted and one word change was suggested. Ruth moved to approve the minutes with the proposed changes. Gwen seconded. The motion passed.			
<b>4. Treasurer's Report:</b>			
Uwe Schroeter gave the Treasurer's Report. The current balance is \$7883.05. The majority of income from January, February and March has been membership renewals. This will be tapering off. The largest expense has been website maintenance. The directory printing and mailing hasn't been paid for yet, but will come in slightly under budget (about \$490.00). There will be large expenses next month for the conference, but there should be income from it too. Gwen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tina seconded and the motion passed.			
<b>5. Old Business:</b>			
<p>A. <b>Tax-Status Committee - Volunteers</b> - Lisa announced that she has the articles back from the state and the organization is now incorporated as an association. The next step is to form a committee to investigate tax status options. Peter Katel has been researching information about non-profit status and gave some information to the board. Molly may be interested in helping. Uwe suggested checking with our fellow organizations in Colorado, Arizona and Texas to see what they have done. Gwen suggested looking into Legal Zoom because another organization she works with used them and had a good experience.</p> <p>B. <b>Conference</b> - The spring conference is scheduled for 4/27-4/29. An email announcing the conference has been sent to about 400 people as well as the T &amp; I organizations in El Paso, AZ and CO. It's now also listed on the ATA website. The committee is looking into posting it on NAJIT. Tina suggested contacting UNM and the State Bar. The conference has tried to appeal to the broader membership by offering sessions for both translators and interpreters with some sessions being Spanish-specific while others are language-neutral. Lisa gave an overview of the sessions being offered. The AOC is offering 22 possible CEUs and the ATA has approved up to 10 CEUs (their limit for any conference). There are currently 8 people signed up for sessions. The conference is on NMTIA's website and the email with the registration link can be forwarded to people. Uwe</p>			

recommended advertising the conference aggressively for the next two weeks. Early bird registration ends April 2. Helena suggested creating a Facebook group for the event and linking it to other Facebook groups (i.e., NAJIT). Nohemi will be hosting an event at her house on Friday evening during the conference.

- C. **ATA Certification Exam** - Uwe reported that the ATA certification exam will be held on Saturday, May 19. The ATA recently announced that the price of the exam is increasing from \$300 to \$525 next year, so that may encourage more people to sign up. If a large number of people are interested we can offer a second sitting on the same day. We may also want to consider offering another exam in the fall. There was a suggestion to poll people attending the conference exam prep sessions to see if there's interest in that idea.
- D. **Directory Update** - Ruth reported that a decision was made not to phase out the print directory. They will be mailed out soon and a flyer about the conference and the ATA exam will be included. Very few people are currently listed in the NMTIA website directory. An email was sent to members offering to enter their information on the website, and a volunteer is available to do the data entry, but there hasn't been much response so far.
- E. **La Cueva High School Career Fair** - Michael has information about the event, but couldn't attend today's meeting. Uwe noted that La Cueva's Career Fair takes place in the fall and many companies participate with students rotating through their tables. He believes the event held in the spring is actually Modern Language Day; a different event where students sit in the auditorium and guests are invited to speak about how they acquired their language and how they use it. Uwe participated last year and noted that it involves public speaking. He thinks it takes place in early May. Raquel and Gwen were interested in participating and Lisa will put them in touch with Michael.

#### 6. New Business:

- A. **2018 Meeting Schedule** - Lisa reviewed the following membership meeting dates: 5/12/18, 7/14/18, 9/22/18, 11/17/18, 12/8/18. The July and December meetings are social events with high turn-out. There are board meetings in the months between membership meetings if members have issues they'd like addressed in between general meetings.

#### 7. Announcements

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**Adjournment: 2:45 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: May 12, 2018**