

NOTIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2020, in Zoom

Chair: Shelley Fairweather-Vega

Board members present (in person and online): Naomi Uchida, Janet He, Laura Friend, Luisa Gracia, Maria Farmer, Mary McKee, Melody Winkle, Olga Cuzmanov, Pinar Mertan, Shelley Fairweather-Vega, Yasemin Alptekin, Lindsay Bentsen

Board members absent: Adriana,

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

- I. **Approval of agenda:** The agenda was approved with no changes.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** March and February
- III. **President's Remarks** (1 min)
 - a. NOTIS will receive our rebate from ATA based on number of NOTIS members who are also ATA members and marked themselves as such on their ATA renewal forms.
- IV. **Vice President's Remarks** (0 min)
 - a. None
- V. **New Business** (60 min)
 - a. Bylaws review (30 min)
 - a. In 2018 we wanted to update our bylaws to reflect the actual way that NOTIS does business but realized we first had to amend the bylaws to allow for electronic voting. We did this and it passed. Now we need to use the electronic voting to continue amending our bylaws to reflect our current procedures.
 - b. Is now a good time? Are the proposals from 2018 still valid? Do we have any more changes we want to make?
 - c. Discussion of term limits, as was done in the previously-existing organization WITS (for interpreters), but NOTIS has not instituted term limits. This could ensure that the board continues to incorporate fresh perspectives and would encourage members and volunteers to step up to serve the organization. There is discussion regarding a term limit of 3 terms, after which a 1 term or 2 term mandatory break in service is necessary. Board members weigh in on their opinions regarding a mandatory break in service of 1 versus 2 terms. Given the difficulty of finding new board members, we may need to increase the time spent on the recruiting committee.
 - d. Mary moves to adopt the proposed text for a term limit on Directors terms, and to bring it to our members for voting. Seconded. Vote passes unanimously.

- e. Luisa moves to approve the amendments to the articles as shown, to submit them to membership for voting. Seconded. Vote passes unanimously.

VI. Regular Business

- a. **Webinar Report** – (0 min)
 - i. The “webshop” went well, but there were some technical difficulties. Some participants did not yet know how to use the interactive tools. We have only web-based events for now, so everything seems to be falling to the Webinar committee.
- b. **Website Report** – (0 min)
- c. **Marketing & Social Media Report** – (0 min)
- d. **CID Report** – (0 min)
- e. **Social Events Report** – (0 min)
- f. **Legal Division Report** – (20 min)
 - i. The speaker was outstanding, AOC provided some funding. It was a wonderful workshop that people seemed to enjoy. Free to interpreters. Registration was closed within 30 minutes with 50 attendees. 10 people did not attend and will not receive their certificates.
 - ii. There will be another event on Saturday, with a fee charged to attendees, so that there will be a small profit. The Legal division would like to assign profits from their own workshops to be used for their future presenters, to streamline the process of requesting and approving funds for their workshops. Agility and quick moving is essential right now.
 - iii. Two-tier pricing will continue for many of these workshops (cheaper for members and more expensive to non-members).
- g. **Translation Division Report** – (15 min)
 - i. There have been feedback forums every two weeks for the literary translation group on Zoom. They have been well received.
- h. **Northwest Linguist Report**– (5 min)
 - i. Casual discussion determines that we probably will not have a summer meeting this year, and therefore we will not prepare a physical copy of the Northwest Linguist.
- i. **Scholarship Committee Report**– Olga (0 min)
- j. **Membership Report** — See reports in Dropbox (5 min)

i. We have gained some members.

k. **Finance Report** – See reports in Dropbox (0 min)

i. We have been refunded some money so have made a modest profit this month

VII. Review of Action Items (0 min)

Housekeeping (5 min)

Review dates for next two meetings and locations:

a. June, online meeting

b. July, online meeting

VIII. Announcements for the Good of the Society (2 min)

a. Next meeting will be held via GoToMeeting

IX. Adjournment **8:39 pm**