

Friday, October 30, 2009

## ATA Language Technology Division Meeting

Dierk Seeburg called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

The agenda for the 2009 meeting and the minutes from the 2008 meeting were approved.

### **Naomi de Moraes reported on the following activities from the year:**

- Some recent newsletter articles were summarized.
- The mailing list was mentioned.
- The 2009 ATA conference speakers as well as language technology-related activities such as tutorials and talks were announced.

Dierk acknowledged the hard work that Naomi put into the LTD during the year and expresses his gratitude.

### **Elections**

Elections were held for the officers of the LTD. The membership acclaimed the election of officers Michael Metzger and Emily Tell as incoming Administrator and Assistant Administrator.

Michael thanked the LTD administration, the newsletter contributors and the mailing list administrators for their work. He expressed his goals for the direction of the LTD for 2010. Some of which were:

- Creating new communication channels with the membership such as via Twitter.
- Identifying division issues with the division task force.
- Working closely with the Computers in Translation Committee.
- Opening a dialogue with the machine translation community.

Michael gave the floor to Alon Lavie, the current President of AMTA (the Association for Machine Translation in the Americas) to speak. Alon expressed that one of their goals has been to bring machine translation closer to the translators' community. He announced that their biennial conference will take place immediately following the 2010 ATA Conference in Denver, Colorado, which will give translators the opportunity to understand machine technology through tutorials. He is also encouraging AMTA members to attend the ATA conference to bring the two communities closer together to foster collaboration.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.