

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Of

ATA Portuguese Language Division

The Annual Meeting of the ATA Portuguese Language Division was held on October 29, 2009.

All officers with the exception of Julia Pedro being present, the meeting was called to order by the Division Administrator, Eloisa Marques.

Agenda for the meeting

Eloisa provided an overview of the agenda for the meeting: to approve the minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting; to provide a summary of activities this year; to present issues facing the division in 2010.

1. Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were completed but would be available only on the website owing to an oversight in preparations for the meeting.
2. Summary of Activities in 2009:
 - The 13th Mid-Year meeting was held in Amherst, Massachusetts from June 6-7, 2009. Almost 50 people attended several interesting presentations by 14 speakers, and there was a budget surplus at the end of the meeting. Eloisa welcomed suggestions for the next Mid-Year meeting to be held in 2011.
 - A new website will be developed. It has already been updated by a volunteer (Thaís) and is more user friendly and all expired links have been deleted. A blog may also be added, to be discussed by the incoming officers.
 - Three issues of the PLD newsletter were published in 2008 thanks to the efforts of editors Tereza Braga, who will continue in the position. Two issues have already been published in 2009, with a third expected after the conference.
3. Eloisa reported that the ATA would be voting on reinstatement of division dues on Sunday morning. There was some discussion on the topic, and Eloisa asked that members submit their views to the Board. Dues would still be under the control of the ATA.
4. Members were invited to attend a dinner organized by PLD members on Thursday evening at a Brazilian restaurant in New York and were encouraged to attend the Friday evening division reception.

5. The 2009 recipient of the Mario Ferreira Award was announced: long-time PLD member Donna Sandin.
6. PLD incoming officers were introduced: Administrator Elena Langdon, Assistant Administrator Cris Silva, Secretary Giovana Boselli and Treasurer Naomi Sutcliffe de Moraes.
7. New PLD members introduced themselves, and then Eloisa officially closed the meeting.