



### **AATSP Indiana Board of Directors Meeting**

May 20, 2023, @ 10:00 am ET

Vía Zoom: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/85196448150>

Paul Coats  
Brandon Fitzsimmons  
Mizraim Aguilar

Mabel Ramos  
Israel Herrera  
Ana Boman

#### **1) President's Report – Paul (Pablo) Coats**

- a) Welcome new members- Mizraim Aguilar
- b) Ana Boman will be the interim president with the support of Israel and Julia before her official term in 2024 while Paul is in Africa
- c) Follow Paul and his family in Uganda via *YouTube Familia PablAnu*,  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXfuRYa7FQio9Fo0sPPm34w>

#### **2) Secretary's Report – Mabel Ramos**

- a) Mabel presented the minutes of the February 18, 2023 board meeting.
  - i) Brandon made a motion to approve them. Motion approved.

#### **3) Treasurer's Report – (Unavailable)**

- a) Paul Coats filled in and presented a partial report focusing on Concurso Estatal
  - i) Initial income (from registration): \$ 539.50
  - ii) Expenses: approximately \$ 700.00
  - iii) Total income: (\$ -160.50)

#### **4) Presence in social networks – (Unavailable)**

- a) Group consensus is that we need strategies to attract and encourage more interest in the association
- b) Paul will contact Lindsey to see if she can also share relevant AATSP information via Instagram and Twitter in addition to what she is currently involved in (Facebook and the newsletter).

5) **Concurso Académico 2023** – Brandon Fitzsimmons

- a) Although there was no survey to evaluate the event, it was a success based on student and parent feedback. Students were able to apply their Spanish language skills in various settings.
- b) The only concern was the lack of participation from schools that traditionally joined us in this event. This lack of participation caused monetary losses for the association.
  - i) **New Committee** – Brandon, Mizraim, Israel and Judith will meet to brainstorm and put together a survey to reach participant schools and schools that were used to participate in this event. The survey will focus on two aspects: **Motivation and challenges** (Ideas: What would motivate you as a teacher to participate in the Academic Contest? What would motivate your students to participate? What challenges or limitations do you encounter? What would prevent you and your students from participating?)
- c) **Next state contest:** Saturday, March 2, 2024; Location: (TBD)
  - i) How do we increase school participation in this event? How is it going to look (sound, feel) like?
  - ii) Send a “save-the-date” invitation with key information to teachers in August. This invitation should expound how important and beneficial it would be for them and their students. These benefits should be results-oriented and focus on personal, social, cultural and academic outcomes.

6) **Sigma Delta Pi** – (Unavailable)

7) **Día de inmersión 2023** – Israel F. Herrera

- 1) Israel will communicate with the other members of the committee (Ana, Gabriela, Sandra, Tom) to set a date. The plan is to have the event before the IFLTA conference in October, so time is of essence. They will work on organizing the activities for the events and “save-the-date” invitation and communication to with key information to increase participation.
- 2) Focus of **Día de inmersión 2023**
  - a) Theme will be México and regional indigenous languages/cultures
  - b) Paul will email a list of people he knows that use indigenous languages to see if any are available to help on that day

- c) The University of Notre Dame has a Linguistics Studies Museum; *The Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures (CSLC)* <https://cslc.nd.edu/>. Israel will contact Professor Otero, a former Notre Dame professor to see if the CSLC has any resources or can contribute to the event.

8) **Portuguese Events Committee** – (Unavailable)

- a) AATSP National Portuguese Week – Around this time the Committee will focus to promote Portuguese education in Indiana
- b) The Committee is currently planning a *Summer Language Workshop* for 2024
- c) IU Teatro VIDA (Vision, Identity, Drama, and Art) that promotes languages via the theater recently wrapped up a successful season in April.

9) **Membership Committee** – (Unavailable)

- a) Suggestions for next Newsletter
  - i) Brandon will contribute a blurb about **Concurso Académico**

10) **Awards Committee** – Israel F. Herrera

- a) Celebrations: Middle school students are now being recognized in addition to high schoolers
- b) Teacher of the Year (categories: K-8, HS, University) and Rising Star nominations are in the final steps for selection

11) **Congreso Estatal IFLTA 2023** – Israel F. Herrera

- a) The event will be in October
- b) We need a committee to prepare for the **Congreso Estatal IFLTA**

12) **Congreso Nacional AATSP** – Israel F. Herrera

- a) Congreso 2023 en Salamanca: This year the grant was reduced for the Indiana representative

13) **Congreso de Primavera de IFLTA** – Israel F. Herrera

14) **Reporte Comité Defensa del español** – (Unavailable)

15) **National Spanish Exam** – (Unavailable)

- a) **Calificaciones de estudiantes del examen 2023:**
  - i) Honorífica: 285
  - ii) Bronce: 105
  - iii) Plata: 75

iv) Oro: 38

16) **Informe Centro de Recursos de España** – (Unavailable)

17) **Próxima Reunión** – Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 -11:30 am EDT

**La reunión concluyó a las 12:45.**