



TAALS

The American Association of Language Specialists

Overview

Presentation to the ILR – Sept. 25, 2020

History

- **Founded in Washington, D.C., in 1957**
- **Freelance and staff interpreters and translators**
- **Highest international level of service**
- **A direct link to our members through our website**



MISSION STATEMENT

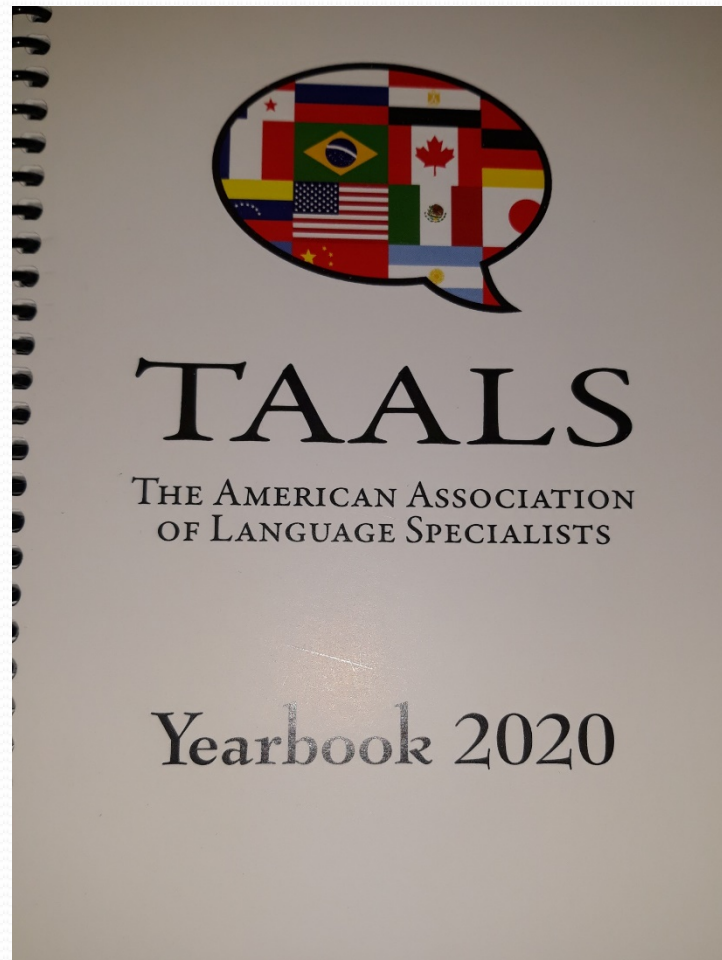
To define and represent the profession of language specialists (editors, interpreters, précis-writers, revisers and translators) of an international conference and/or international organizations level to safeguard the legitimate interests of its members and to improve communication among nations by maintaining a high standard of professional services.

170 members as of August 2020



Publication of the annual Yearbook

- Alphabetical and geographical list of members
- Standards of Professional Practice for Conference interpreters and Translators
- Professional recommendations concerning recording, webcast and webstreaming



Current Status

- **22 languages**
- **60+ domiciles**
- **Steady membership growth**

Working Languages of TAALS members

- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Chinese (Min Jan)
- Dutch
- English
- German
- Greek
- Haitian Creole
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latvian
- Malay
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbo-Croatian
- Spanish
- Ukrainian

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Where do TAALS members work?

- International Organizations:

- FAO United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy
- ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- IDB InterAmerican Development Bank, Washington DC
- IMF International Monetary Fund, Washington DC
- IOC International Olympic Committee, Lausanne, Switzerland
- ITU International Telecommunication Union, Geneva, Switzerland
- OAS Organization of American States, Washington DC
- PAHO PanAmerican Health Organization
- UNITED NATIONS, New York, USA and Geneva, Switzerland
- UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, France
- WORLD BANK GROUP, Washington, DC

- Government Agencies:

- USA:

- United States Department of State DOS
- United States Departments of Commerce DOC, Energy DOE, Justice DOJ
- US Federal Court Systems,
- State and County Courts
- USTR Office of the US Trade Representative USTR

- CANADA:

- Government Office of Public Works (Translation and Interpretation), Ottawa, Canada

- MEXICO:

- Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores, Mexico City, Mexico

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TAALS Difference

- One of the oldest interpreter and translator associations in the world
- Membership in TAALS is a sign of quality
- Applicants are sponsored by existing members and are peer reviewed
- Established relationships with major international organizations and government agencies.

TAALS desk at the ATA meeting



TAALS Educational Agenda

- Events and seminars for interpreters and translators worldwide
- Promoting ethics and professional standards
- Educating a new generation of professionals



Examples of Recent Seminars

- Strategies for Simultaneous Interpreting
- Taxation issues #1: COVID-19 Relief Options for Interpreters and Translators and Tax Implications
- Taxation issues #2: Maximizing Write-offs and Accounting Best Practices for Interpreters and Translators.
- Hearing Loss and Acoustic Shock
- Language Interpretation: from the Ancient World to the Ottoman Empire and Beyond
- The Origins of Translation in the Americas

Associate Membership

Article 5

Associate Members

(a) Any applicant who does not yet fulfill the requirements for active membership in the Association but subscribes to its principles and mission may apply for associate membership.

(b) An associate member has the right to participate in discussions of the Assembly but not to vote, and is not eligible for the positions of officer or Council member.

TAALS Associate Membership



A meeting of the DC-area Associate Member Group

- **Attending training seminars**
- **Participation in General Assemblies**
- **Mentoring**
- **Networking**

Associate Membership (cont.)

- **Regular associate member-focused meetings**
- **Sense of community**
- **Chance at input in the profession**
- **5 years to become an Active Member**

The right first step as you grow in the profession!

It is not all about work!



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Main Website Features

- **Member directory**
- **Online membership application**
- **Paper and online yearbook**
- **Member-only forum**

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