Ride The ATI Bus Membership & its Benefits

It’s that time of year. Along with renewing the calendar year its also time to renew your ATI Membership. If you are new to ATI and have not yet had the pleasure of being a member, we invite you to join us. By joining now you can take advantage of the full year of benefits.

ATI Members and the Board are excited to bring you a year of timely educational materials, networking opportunities, webinar chances, travel training topics, publications and more.

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“Promoting Independence in Public Transit”
Despite the odds and ends that the year 2020 brought us, ATI continued to grow strong and plug into potential. When many systems stopped, ATI sustained. The Membership Committee is pleased to showcase the appealing benefits ATI has to offer. Membership does have its privileges. Coming up on **Wednesday January 6th at 1pm EST** the wonderful Membership Committee will present a webinar discussing all the benefits you can take advantage of when you are an ATI member. Here’s a look at some of the topics up for review:

➔ Access to monthly webinars
➔ Exclusive website access that includes:
  • archived webinars, newsletters & presentations
  • updated resource page
➔ Quarterly newsletters
➔ Annual conference discounts
➔ Learning and networking opportunities
➔ New member directory

**Save the Date: Wednesday January 6th @ 1pm EST**

**Membership Benefits Webinar**

** ATI grew to 200+ members in 2020! **
Want to join the team?

It’s easy. ATI has several Committees that are always welcoming new members. You’ll discover the teamwork and comradery that comes along with joining any area of the organization. Have a skill to contribute or not, you can sign up now. Contact info@travelinstruction.org to have a Committee Chair follow up.

**ATI Leadership**

**Board of Directors:** David Abrahams, Raven Alexander, Felisha Barbee, Melody Bundy, Christina Cooper, Mike Culver, Mike Davis, Brittany Hoff, Anthony Johnson, Kristi McLaughlin, Sean Powers, Kristen Salkas, Doraleen Taulanga

**ATI President:** Kristi McLaughlin

**Preceding President:** Mike Davis

**President Elect:** Sean Powers

**Secretary:** Anthony Johnson

**Treasurer:** Kristen Salkas

**Conference Committee Chair:** Kristen Salkas

**Professional Development Committee Chair:** Anthony Johnson

**Membership Committee Chairs:** Raven Alexander & Christina Cooper

**Media Committee Chair:** Brittany Hoff

**Professional Certification Committee Chairs:** Melody Bundy & Mike Culver

**Mission Statement:**
To advance the right of all persons with disabilities and older adults to equal access to public transportation and community participation by providing: support, information, training and education to promote quality Travel Instruction.

**Membership Options:**

- **Individual—($50)** Entitled to vote in Annual Board of Directors elections. Receive full membership benefits, access and discounts

- **Organizational—($110)** Designates one individual that is entitled to vote in Annual Board of Directors elections. All members receive full benefits.
Connection Court

Do you have Social Media? Connect with ATI:

Twitter: @AssociationAti

Facebook: Association of Travel Instruction

Coming Soon! Meet the Member

The ATI Media Committee would like feedback about a "Meet the Members” series in the works. We didn’t get to have our conference in person this year and lots of new members have joined. One of the greatest benefits of ATI is the chance to get to know others in the field from all over the country who provide similar services and may face similar challenges. This series would allow members to get to know each other and a little more about the programs they work with. Please complete the short survey so we have a better idea what and if you are willing to share and what you would like to hear from other members. Thanks!

Take The Survey Now
**Professional Development Committee:**

Recently, the Committee welcomed its newest member, Doraleen Taulanga, of the Utah Transit Authority! Doraleen’s upbeat personality and tireless enthusiasm for travel-training instruction will help the Committee to stay on track with creating a timely and engaging calendar of activities for members.

Another late-breaking development involves one of the PDC’s responsibilities - professional certification. In November, the ATI Board of Directors voted to form a separate committee to work on these ongoing discussions with Easter Seals. Please reach out to co-chairs Melody Bundy and Mike Culver at info@travelinstruction.org for more details or to offer your help.

Lastly, plans are afoot for a new Resource Directory Board! It will be the go-to spot on the ATI homepage for relevant training opportunities, job postings, and more.

**Important Dates:**

- **January 6 - 2021**
  1:00pm EST - Understanding Your ATI Member Benefits Webinar
  
  Presented by: ATI Membership Committee

  2:00pm EST - Travel Training Considerations with the Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Community (webinar)
  
  Presented by: Brett Christensen

- **February 3 - 2021**

  2:00pm EST - Performing an Intersection Analysis
  
  Presented by: David Abrahams, NYC Board of Education

- **March 3 - 2021**

  2:00pm EST - Case Study: Sensitizing Transit Operators to ADA Riders
  
  Presented by: Jo-Ellen Douville, Milwaukee County Transit System  Moderator: Shawn Cowan, Butler County Regional Transit Authority

**Conference Committee:**

The conference committee is diligently preparing for next year’s conference, which will take place in Cleveland, OH August 11th-13th. We received very helpful feedback from our post-conference survey and are using that information to make decisions about next year. We look forward to seeing everyone in August! Stay tuned for more info!
Miami Florida saw its first electric streetcar system January 7th, 1922. With the new public transit making the downtown area more accessible, Miami saw a boost of development. The new Pullman style Trolleys in 1926 traveled faster speeds and carried more passengers. The Miami Beach line was developed a couple years later, delayed due to a 1926 hurricane. Mass transit was progressing in Miami.

Unfortunately the 1930’s saw a push for automobiles. Meanwhile trolleys and streetcars turned into buses with new, combustible engines. Removal of the overhead electric wires was a sight of happiness for many, including the 1940 Orange Bowl Committee. As they had concerns, the wires hanging only 18 feet from the ground, would create havoc for some of the floats in the New Year’s Day Parade.

Extra! Extra!

- **Pedestrian Deaths in America (Oct ‘20)** - Future Cities Podcast with guest Angie Schmitt
- **How Cities are Detoxing Transportation (Oct ‘20)** - Monica Araya