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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”



Membership Way

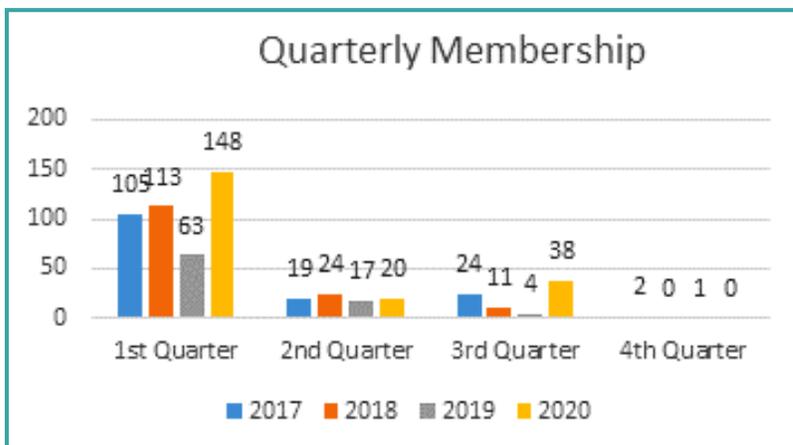
Despite the odds and ends that the year 2020 brought us, ATI continued to grow strong and plug into potential. When many systems stopped, ATI sustained. The Membership Committee is pleased to showcase the appealing benefits ATI has to offer. Membership does have its privileges. Coming up on **Wednesday 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

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.

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.



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



Update Avenue

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!



History Highway

Welcome to Miami

Miami Florida saw it's 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, combustibile 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.

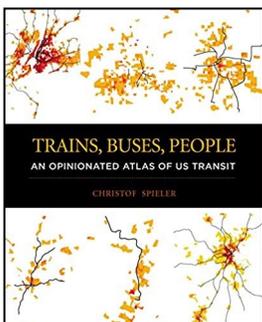


Above photo: Black & White view of city intersection circa 1933. Light colored, 15 windowed trolley turns corner. Pedestrian traffic waits in the cross walk as trolley passes. High-rise buildings in the distance with street of cars and trolleys stretching to the foreground.



Above Photo: B&W Circa 1925, Coral Gables Line trolley car centered. Two men inside stretch outside the front windows looking upward. Outside trolley men and women gather

Extra! Extra!



- *Trains, Buses, People: An Opinionated Atlas of US Transit (Oct '18)* by: Christof Spieler



- *Pedestrian Deaths in America (Oct '20) - Future Cities Podcast with guest Angie Schmitt*



- *How Cities are Detoxing Transportation (Oct '20) - Monica Araya*