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That's a Wrap

2020 Conference Summary

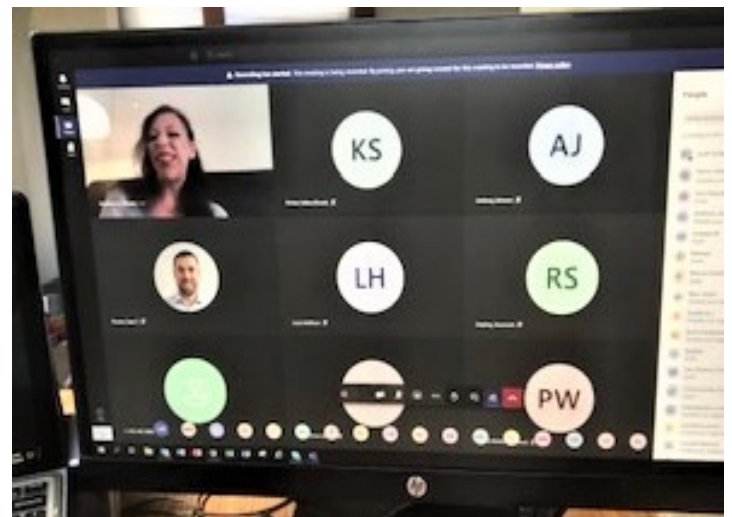
We have found ourselves navigating this unprecedented year in many new ways: remotely, virtually, at a distance. The list continues with all the “new” we have experienced this year. ATI was no exception to new experiences, especially for the Conference Committee. Hotel bookings were replaced by video conferencing software and the traditional in-person happy hour was swapped with pre-presentation chatter and hellos from all over the county.

Over the course of six weeks, beginning

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“Promoting Independence in Public Transit”



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the last week of July and working through to the first week of September many of us found ourselves logging onto Teams every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. We were lucky enough to have great content on new topics each week followed by a question and answer session with the presenters. Although this years' format was new the substance of each presentation and Q&A was valuable.

ATI adapted with the dilemmas 2020 has brought and strived to make sure Membership continued to have access to resources, discussion opportunities and more. With pleasing feedback from attendees, ATI can safely say the first virtual conference was a success. ATI Committees and the Board of Directors look forward to bringing information and regular chances of learning and participation in the field of Travel Instruction. ●

By The Numbers:

Registered: 138

Organizations Represented: 74

Presenters: 6

First Time Attendees: 76

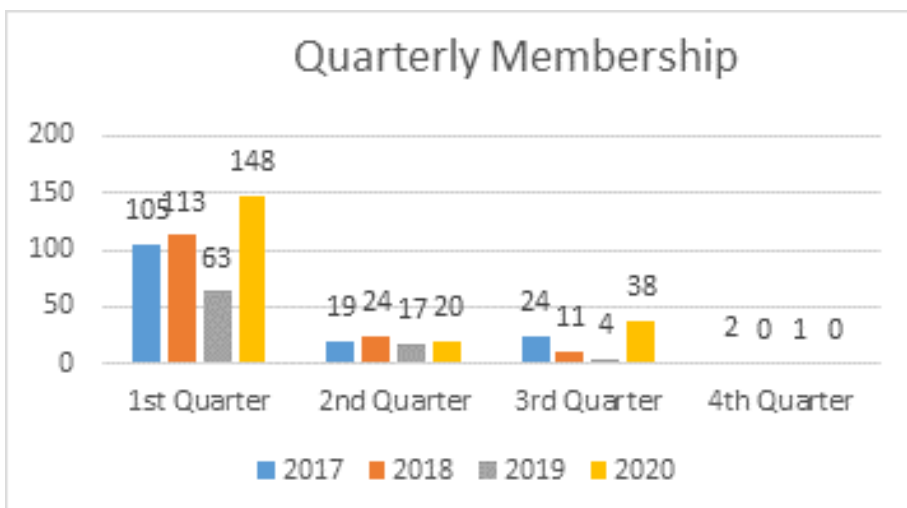
Raffle tickets sold: 129

Raffle ticket winners: 6 (so far!)

New Members Gained: 22

Sponsors: 3

Membership!



ATI saw impressive membership growth throughout the 2020 year. We had 30 organizational memberships and 206 individual Members this year. Remember, Memberships will be due again Jan 1. You can find out all about your ATI Membership on Dec 2nd at 2pm EST during our teleconference on "Understanding your ATI Member Benefits." ●

Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations to Our New Board Members

ATI is happy to announce three new board members elected this past month at the conclusion of the 2020 virtual Conference.

- ◆ **Felish Barbee** – RTA (Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago)
- ◆ **Melody Bundy** – NJTIP (New Jersey Travel Independence Program)
- ◆ **Mike Culver** – MMP (Mobility Management Partners)

Congratulations to the new board members as well as the reelected members. ATI looks forward to the new ideas and talents each will bring. Also announced, ATI's newest President-Elect is Sean Powers. Sean is excited to fill the upcoming role. ●

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, Doralen 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

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



Miss the Conference? Don't worry you can still connect with other ATI members post conference.

ATI has a Facebook page that allows Members to interact, give feedback and discuss various topics related to Travel Training.



Do you have Social Media? Connect with ATI here:

Twitter: @AssociationAti

Facebook: Association of Travel Instruction

Success Street

In honor of ADA's 30th Anniversary this past July 2020, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority hosted an ADA refresher course for the bus operators. There were five stations set up for operators to experience:

- ◆ Lifts/Ramps
- ◆ ADA Q&A
- ◆ Service Animals
- ◆ Mobility Device Securements
- ◆ Blind/Low Vision Awareness



The brilliant connection that developed from this event between Helping Paws and MVTA has been ideal. Moving forward, MVTA offered to assist Helping Paws with the training of their service dogs. Helping Paws trainers and dogs can use MVTA's out-of-service vehicles to train and familiarize the dogs on lifts, ramps and rides. The dogs will be able to practice boarding and deboarding during their training period. Truly a win-win situation. ●

Photo Art by Kristi Sellwood

Business Boulevard

Annual Conference Certificates are Available!

If you attended one session or all of this year's virtual conference and would like to have a certificate reflecting those hours, please contact the Professional Development Committee at info@travelinstruction.org or 928-212-5161. Please note: The certificate is emailed as an 8.5 x 11" PDF.

Professional Development Committee Update

The PDC Committee (Raven A., Siena L., Steve G., Peggy G., Shawn C., and Anthony J.) was still working behind the scenes of the Annual Conference to prepare for a busy fall season! Besides processing and emailing out certificates of completion, the group is creating the 2020-2021 schedule of upcoming webinars and teleconferences. Another new project: a resource board is being added

Important Dates

- ♦ **Nov 10 2:00pm EST Wayfinding: The Smart Way to Travel (webinar)**
Presenter: Kelly Krispinsky, COMS
- ♦ **Dec 2 2:00pm EST Understanding Your ATI Member Benefits (teleconference)**
Presenter: TBA
- ♦ **Jan 6 2:00pm EST Travel Training Considerations with the Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Community (webinar)**
Presenter: Brett Christensen

shortly to the ATI website that will list job openings in the TT field, relevant training and non-ATI webinars, and links to articles and aides from the agency's rich archives! And did I mention an ATI podcast is being considered? All this work takes many hands as you can imagine, so please consider volunteering an hour or two monthly with the group. Simply contact Anthony at info@travelinstruction.org or 928-212-5161 for more details. ●

