

Dear ATIA membership,

Are you passionate about translation and interpretation? Do you want to help make a meaningful impact within ATIA? Have you considered joining an ATIA Committee?

To improve and enhance ATIA as an organization and to provide better, new, and unique opportunities for our membership and communities – ATIA is reaching out to you, our membership, to join in one or more of our 2024-2025 committees.

Please note that not all Committees are open to Associate Members. A Committee term is 2 years in duration.

ATIA Committee Descriptions – 2024/2025

Associate Member Committee Description:

This committee is dedicated to representing and advocating for ATIA's Associate members. Our mission is to ensure that the voices of our Associate Members are heard, and their concerns, ideas, and proposals are taken into consideration. Through collaborative efforts, we strive to find common ground and develop practical solutions to benefit our Associate members and the organization as a whole. As a committee, we are committed to fostering a strong and inclusive community that supports the growth and success of our Associate members.

Bursary & Community Services Committee:

Grants and Bursaries:

We would like to help our members succeed by aiding them financially and helping to alleviate some stress during these challenging times. Our grants and bursaries are aimed to help ATIA members to work on a translation or interpretation project and/or achieve a personal goal or attend a professional development seminar or training program or course related to translation or interpretation. A grant is available to Certified ATIA member, whereas a bursary is available to BOTH Certified and Associate ATIA members if certain criteria is met.

Community Services:

ATIA would like to give back to the community and help those in need by providing translation and interpretation services to Alberta-based not-for-profit organizations that have limited funding available for these services. This also allows our ATIA members to engage in meaningful causes and to educate the public about the importance of using the services of ATIA members; professionals who care (Win-Win).

Discipline Committee (Certified Members Only):

This committee is an ad-hoc committee that convenes when a complaint concerning a breach of ATIA's Code of Ethics is brought against an ATIA member. The members of the discipline committee investigate the complaint, collect evidence, hold a hearing if necessary, and propose an action (sanction or dismissal).

Events and Professional Development Committee:

The focus of the Events and Professional Development Committee is to plan, find, and arrange professional development opportunities, events, webinar, training sessions, and everything/anything that could be relevant to or pertinent to ATIA, while also engaging ATIA membership and the community at large. The Events and Professional Development Committee is encouraged to work with other ATIA Committees to host/co-host events, both in-person and online.

Exam Committee (Certified Members Only):

This committee works closely with ATIA's Administrative Assistant, President, and other Board Members to assist ATIA on exam related matters. Its objectives include reviewing and improving exam marking guidelines and criteria, helping in exam text selection, providing feedback on marking and assessment of exams.

Indigenous Languages Committee:

This committee is the first of its kind among the provincial associations and will be working closely with various Indigenous language professionals in order to design, develop, and pilot the pre-entry level, Associate-level and the Certified-level assessments and exam procedures. We are proud to be working with translators, interpreters, and language experts from various Indigenous communities across the province to begin developing the framework and procedures to enable translators and interpreters in Indigenous languages to become members of ATIA.

Interpreters Committee:

This committee will be working on approaches and solutions to help elevate the status of interpreters across Alberta by helping to create learning and professional development, mentorship, and collaboration opportunities, as well as shaping and promoting standards and advocating for good working conditions within the interpreting industry.

Title Protection Committee:

This committee will be conducting research, reaching out to the proper entities and authorities, and following procedures and processes to achieve Title Protection for ATIA. Working in close collaboration with ATIA's Development Coordinator and President, committee members will also reach out to the relevant authorities, entities, and stakeholders throughout Alberta and Canada to provide information regarding the importance of ATIA, certification processes, high standards, and code of ethics.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 2024

If you are interested in joining a committee or committees, please E-mail this completed form to Kea, at development@atia.ab.ca

I _____ would like to join the Committee/s indicated below:

Committee/s:

Signature:
