

## NEWSBITS

Q1 2020

### It's Been Interesting!

#### *A Note from the Chapter President*

It's been an interesting ride so far this quarter and it even included a pandemic that has changed the way we live and work for the time being.

Here at ATD Pittsburgh we started off the quarter with a change in leadership and the person writing this note to you is Laurel J. Shaw and not Matt Howell! Matt needed to step down for personal reasons, so I am taking over and it's all good! We have an energized board ready to plan activities and events for the rest of the year.

I am very happy to announce that Liz Gryger has taken over as the Programming VP for the chapter and she is already starting to gather ideas. Welcome Liz! We will be asking our membership (you) to give us feedback to help us focus with our planning.

We want to focus on the development of a learning and development professional, and we will keep in mind the ATD's new Capability Model, our vision and mission statement and our budget in order to do that. We are holding a board planning session later in the spring and as President I am really looking forward to this. It's wonderful to have a group of enthusiastic people full of ideas come together to make our group even better.

As you read through the rest of this newsletter, I think you will understand why we are excited for the rest of the year even if it means we need to do things differently due to the virus. I look forward to seeing you either in person or virtually in the coming months. Be well and stay safe!



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chapter affiliation  
requirements

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membership  
super star

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### We Did It!

Our chapter earned the two badges shown above under the direction of last year's president, Vince Kwisnek and all the board members for 2019.

The first badge "ATD CARE" means we accomplished all 18 requirements set by ATD National for our local chapter.

The second badge "Membership Super Star" means 50% or more of our members belong to both the National and local Pittsburgh chapter.

Overall, the ATD Pittsburgh Chapter is compliant and it's a great start for the year 2020!

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"Create a world that works better by empowering professionals to develop talent in the workplace."

# Please give us your Suggestions!

The Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Association for Talent Development is organizing a strategic planning session for May 16th to address key concerns of our chapter.

The three main areas we will discuss are: membership, programming, and leadership.

Board members Kesi, Dana, Liz and Angela are planning the session. More than likely this will be a virtual event.

To gather the ideas of chapter members who are not serving on the board, we have created a virtual suggestion box, where you can anonymously submit your suggestions related to membership, programming, and leadership:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TZ6LTWG>

As a member of the Pittsburgh ATD, your thoughts are important to us! Please help us focus and plan our direction.

# Thank you to our friends!

We appreciate Dale Carnegie and the ICF (International Coach Federation) for inviting our members to their recent webinars.

Dale Carnegie's event was on "How Leaders Lead Through Crisis".

The ICF webinar was with Dr. Rosemary Hanrahan on "What's Happening with me? Caring for Ourselves During COVID-19".

We sent emails to all our members regarding the events and we hope you received yours. If you need to update your email address, please log into your account at [tdpittsburgh.org](http://tdpittsburgh.org)

You can also find us on Facebook and LinkedIn, but right now we are more prevalent on LinkedIn. Please be sure to join our ATD Pittsburgh page.



It will only take a moment!

## *Be a part of it all!*

### **2020 Board of Directors**

Laurel J. Shaw- President

Liz Gryger – VP of Programming

Vince Kwisnek- VP of Finance

Angela Rogers – Director of Orientation

Carlye Henderson- Director of Networking

Dana Whatley-Smith – National Liaison

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***If you have an interest in helping the chapter on a project or as a board member please contact Laurel at [president.atdpgh@gmail.com](mailto:president.atdpgh@gmail.com)***

"If not you, who? If not now, when?"

-Dale Carnegie

## What's Been Going on and What's Next?

Our first networking event of the year has been postponed to June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hard Rock Café. We will keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to hold the event in June! Thank you to board member Carlye Henderson for working on this.

We have contacted ATD National and they are going to hold a webinar on May 6th from Noon to 1:00 p.m. for our group in Pittsburgh on the new Capability Model, Certification, and Professional Development. We will have more on that soon. Thank you, VP of Programming, Liz Gryger.

We have a virtual board meeting coming up on April 16<sup>th</sup> and during this meeting Duquesne University students of Accounting Professor Valerie Williams will attend and give us the results of our audit from last year's books. We greatly appreciate Professor Williams and the audit work her students perform for us. It is valuable to us and is a wonderful opportunity for the students to practice their skills.

We are looking into the possibility of forming an E-Learning SIG (Special Interest Group). The work on this is on hold for now as we are dealing with the COVID-19 Virus. If you want to assist with this effort or have an interest in the group, please contact us at:

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