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Benefits of Joining the **new AATJ** in 2012

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- AATJ (American Association of Teachers of Japanese) combines the resources and services of two national professional organizations. The Association of Teachers of Japanese (ATJ) has been serving members since 1963 and the National Council of Japanese Language Teachers (NCJLT) since 1991.
- Two Yearly Conferences at which members can potentially present and which they can attend at a discounted member's registration fee: a Fall conference in conjunction with ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) and a Spring conference in conjunction with AAS (Association for Asian Studies)
- Discounted yearly subscription to the journal *Japanese Language and Literature* (only \$5 extra)
- AATJ Newsletter, four issues a year
- The chance to get involved as a Director on the Board or elected as an Executive Officer; at the local level, becoming involved with one of two dozen regional Affiliates
- Access to AATJ Membership Directory and member-only materials on the AATJ website
- Advocacy: Learning how to advocate for your program and having a voice in the JNCL (Joint National Committee on Languages) and other advocacy organizations
- Understanding important articulation issues that affect all teachers, K-12 and post-secondary. College faculty, language instructors, classroom teachers, and graduate students who participate in their field organizations will better understand the teaching field and the current state of Japanese-language education nationwide.
- Opportunities for Professional Development and Outreach, including online training and chances to meet other professionals and share materials and ideas

Further information: <http://www.aatj.org/2012reorganization/>