



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 6, 2017, 10:00 a.m. (EDT)
West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School**

Elected Officers

President: Steve Ohlhaut (West Lafayette Jr./ Sr. High School)

1st Vice President: John Sundquist (Purdue University)

2nd Vice President: Israel Herrera (Indiana University)

Immediate Past President: Randa Duvick (Valparaiso University)

Secretary: Amanda Beck (William Henry Harrison High School)

Treasurer: Ricky Baron (Consulate General of Canada, Chicago)

In attendance: Steve Ohlhaut, Amanda Beck, Randa Duvick, Ricky Baron, Hiroko Chiba, Marcet Spahr, Israel Herrera, John Sundquist, Ye Sun, Brian Gross, Mercedes Munoz-Peredo, Pam Gemmer, Judy Carlstrand

I. Call to Order

- Steve called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

II. Secretary's Report: Amanda Beck

- Slight corrections made.
- Ricky motioned to approve the minutes. Randa seconded. Minutes approved at 10:30 a.m.

III. Treasurer's Report: Ricky Baron

- Current balance of checking and savings is \$67,194.17. (Checking: \$64,621.10 / Savings: \$2,573.07)
- Income-to-date (\$3,342.18) was from the conference fees, memberships, and donations. Expenses-to-date (\$2,305.97) are from the conference, scholarships, donations, and management.
- Federal and state taxes have been filed. We were able to do a simple federal form but the state required much more documentation. We will have to evaluate our tax filing as our revenues increase.
- Randa motioned to approve the report. Marcet seconded. Report approved at 10:24 a.m.

IV. IFLTA Conference 2017 Updates

A. Conference preparations

- There have been 16 session proposal submissions, which is slightly ahead of 2016. Constituent organizations are encouraged to solicit submissions and remind members about AV responsibilities and dates for early registration at the hotel.

- October 13th is the deadline for conference registration. October 3rd is the deadline for hotel reservations. Prices are \$119 for single or double occupancy, \$129 for triple occupancy, and \$139 for quadruple occupancy. The conference registration link is ready to go live.
- Negotiations are underway with Dr. Bill VanPatten. Indiana State University would like to have Dr. VanPatten to present at their university just before the IFLTA conference, and ISU has indicated that transportation costs could be split with IFLTA. He is also being considered to present at the AATSP workshop, and John is trying to work out when a good time would be for him to present the conference-wide session.

B. University Night

- The board discussed possibilities of alternative activities for this time slot. Constituent organizations can potentially take turns hosting entertainment. Drawbacks: could be a financial burden for the groups, could be problematic attracting members to stay who are from other languages, and entertainers could be complicated to arrange with the hotel. We could also consider just opening the space to the constituent organizations, having a talent show, conversation circles, a book round table, or showing an international movie. That time slot will be blank for the 2017 conference and membership will be surveyed of their opinions for the 2018 conference following the conclusion of the 2017 conference.

V. Constituent Organization Reports

A. AATF--Marcet Spahr

- No Indianapolis Art Museum trip has been set yet, but it is planned for the future.
- Movie night in July at Dahnya Chop's house.
- There will be an AATF workshop on September 9th at 9:30 a.m. at Marian University with Dominique Licops. This event will be sponsored by the Consulate of France in Chicago.
- Marcet is working on the IFLTA workshop. She was wondering what other groups do in terms of costs.
- The state contest will be at West Lafayette HS on February 10th, 2018.

B. AATF-NW IN—Ricky Baron on behalf of Jin Lu.

- The last business meeting was in March. The new president is Dr. Jin Lu from Purdue University Northwest. Blondine Baldwin is now the Vice President.
- There will be immersion events through the summer.
- The national AATF conference is in St. Louis and membership is encouraged to attend.

C. AATG--Michelle Stitger

- No business to report.

D. AATSP—Judy Carlstrand

- Immersion day about Spain and Portugal has been moved to September 23rd.

- AATSP spring conference was on April 29th at IUPUI. Approximately 30 people attended, and there were 11 presenters.
 - The late Edra Staffieri was honored at the spring conference.
 - AATSP is trying to coordinate with universities for more participation at spring AATSP conference.
- E. AITJ--Hiroko Chiba
- Steering committee met to discuss the state contest. Earlham College will host the next Japanese Olympiad.
 - The committee discussed how to draw young teachers. AITJ plans to subsidize young attendees.
 - Hiroko will encourage membership to submit presentations to the conference.
 - AITJ is considering reaching out to companies to form relationships.
- F. CLTA-IN--Ye Sun
- April 15th was the Chinese Language and Culture Fair. This was elementary school through college level. Over 400 people attended.
 - Four students will go to Mid-west Chinese Bridge Speech Contest. The winner could potentially receive a scholarship and overall winner will be sent on nationally to potentially win a trip to China.
 - CLTA is already discussing IFLTA workshop.
- G. ICC—Brian Gross
- Brian Gross is the new president.
 - ICC is soliciting its workshop presenter.
- H. IN-NELL--Abby Diaz
- Sponsoring a Twitter chat as of May 3rd. The topic was “Maximizing Learning with Limited Contact Time.”
 - Twitter Chat will happen on May 17th with the hashtag #earlylang. This is open to all teachers.
 - Tentative fall conference is September 23rd at Park Tudor. Theme: Dual Language, Immersion, and Visiting Teachers.
 - Spring workshop tentative date is February 24th, 2018 at Park Tudor. Theme: Thematic Unit and Integrated Performance Assessments.
 - The next board meeting is August 9th at Park Tudor.

VI. Other reports

- A. Advocacy--Pam Gemmer
- She and Israel worked to advocate at Central States Conference. Reports were well-received.
 - Both attended SCOLT in Orlando to find out what is happening on the national level. A big take-away was the acceptance of coding as a second language and the push at the state levels for it to be accepted as a foreign language. ACTFL and national technology organizations have policy papers online and both are in support of maintaining coding separate from world language.
 - Spoke to education committee to lower the funding cap on immersion programs. This will keep immersion programs separate from other amendments that might impact funding. This money will be diverted

from salaries to materials and professional development. Pam will be pushing for expansion of the program in the next legislative session.

- Pam asks Steve to take a look at a presentation she received that pushes computer-based language learning and asks that we be prepared to address it at the state and national level.
- Pam and Israel were asked to continue advocacy for Indiana at Central States.

B. Department of Education--Jill Woerner

- The ESSA plan will be submitted in September. Public comment time is July 1 – August 1. There is no word on where world language fits in to the law. Federal funding will be drastically cut and grants will likely become competition-based. It is possible that funds could come from the State Department rather than Title IV.
- Reminder about the Learning Connection. Please encourage membership to join.
- Certificate of MLP – 700 students will be awarded this certificate this spring if they pass their test.
- Teacher's tool box is being discontinued. A similar tool will be available in the future.
- Professional development opportunities are available for the summer. Some opportunities are free, others have a cost. Check the DOE website for more information.
- Jill requests any interested people contact her about developing an Indiana languages logo.

C. Website Editor--Carol Goss

- No report. Conference link is current.

D. Social Media Editor--Abby Diaz

- IFLTA Facebook page is now public.
- Twitter account has 54 followers. It is starting to grow and will hopefully attract younger colleagues and more colleagues in general.
- Constituent organization presidents should ask membership to send things to her to tweet.
- Interested in creating podcasts to post on the IFLTA website. She needs help gathering and developing content.
- Abby is considering proposing sessions relating to social media for advocacy at the conference.
- She would like hashtags included in the program to encourage in-conference communication.

E. Teacher of the Year Awards--Mercedes Muniz-Peredo

- Mercedes has nothing new to present.
- She would like the names of candidates to prepare for the August meeting. Please submit names by May 15th. Portfolios are due by July 31st.
- We need to explore moving to an online submission to allow time for judges to peruse them in advance. How are we doing with

aligning with Central States and ACTFL? We need to draft a resolution for the August board meeting to move to an electronic format. The repercussions of this format must be considered.

VII. Old Business

- A. American Sign Language (ASL) relationship with IFLTA
 - Steve reached out to the ASL organization to discuss future endeavors. He has heard nothing in response yet. Outreach has happened, and we wait on them.
 - As more of their membership attends, can we look at different bids from other interpreter companies? Can we talk to Central States about what they do for their ASL attendees? Steve will contact other states and organizations to find out their policies.
- B. 2017 Leadership seminar--Randa Duvick
 - Gary Spurgin and Darlene Lanckenau will take on the seminar. This will not be on Thursday evening but will be during the Saturday workshop time.
 - Randa shared a handout with goals and workshop specifics. She requests that constituent organization presidents nominate an attendee from their memberships by October 1st. She proposes that they provide a perk or incentive to help ensure attendance, and that they request that the nominee stay involved. The workshop will also be open to all IFLTA attendees.
- C. Creative projects voting
 - Steve talked with Kandel about moving to an online voting format. She liked the idea and is working with Steve to develop the system.
 - The hope is that this will increase participation with more projects and attention during the awards ceremony.

VIII. New Business

- A. Grants and Scholarships committee chair--Sibel Crum, Indiana University
 - Thanks to Nancy for her work. Dr. Crum is in contact with Nancy for a transition.
- B. Newsletter Editor--Kailey Preston, Purdue University
 - Thanks to Beate for her work. Kailey is transitioning into the role.
- C. Nomination committee for 2017 Officer-Director elections.
 - The 2nd VP and Secretary are up for election. Amanda has agreed to run for another term, and Steve is looking for individuals for 2nd VP position. Steve reached out to various organizations and people to form a nominating committee. He has confirmations from Michael Tsugawa, Chunmei Guan, Angelika Becker and is waiting for Shannon Swann and Abby Dias. They will then work to recruit people to run for the 2nd VP position. They will need to get names to Steve by July 1. Anyone else who has a good idea for potential leaders need to submit those names to Steve.
- D. Promotion of keynote and 2018 Conference--Israel Herrera
 - 2018 conference is the 50th anniversary of IFLTA and should be a celebration. Israel talked with Dr. Stephen Krashen about potentially

being the keynote speaker and wondered if he can start reaching out and promoting it this year if we can get Dr. Krashen under contract.

- Israel would like to solicit ACTFL to send representatives and have a booth in the exhibitor hall for 2018.
- The idea of an anniversary reception during University Night time was brought to the group's attention.
- We should invite politicians and media.

IX. Announcements

Upcoming Board meeting: August 5, 2017

Steve adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.