



Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

**March 17, 2012, 10:00 A.M. (EST)
McCutcheon High School, Lafayette, IN
Room WL205**

Minutes from IFLTA Meeting: 03/17/12

In attendance: Nancy Tilka, Darlene Lankenau, Beth Moller-Tank, Rhonda von Werder, Ling-Yu Yang, Julie Canady, Allen Kidd, Nicci Saari, Beate Westerhouse, Dee Webster, Angelika Becker, and Olga Mounayar. Zach Foughty from the Dept of Education was also in attendance.

Nancy Tilka called the meeting to order at 10:17 am.

Secretary's Report: Nancy suggested the following correction to the December minutes from "she shared a copy of Central States' report" to "she shared information about the Central States' report".

Darlene Lankenau motioned to approve the December 3, 2011 minutes as corrected and Nicci Saari seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Julie distributed the treasurer's report. The beginning balance is \$33,365.77. There were five checks paid in January. Thus the ending balance: \$32,564.37. There are no changes in the savings account and CDs from the December meeting. Julie announced that compared to our balance from last year at the same time, we have saved some money. Julie said that she will send a detailed financial statement via email to all board members. Nancy explained that the report will help the board decide if it is going to need to raise membership and/or conference prices. The decision will need to be made in December in order to prepare for the 2013 conference. Rhonda Von Werder suggested using the excel program for a detailed spreadsheet.

Rhonda motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Julie added that no payments were made to JNCL. She has emailed them but did not get a reply. It was decided that this will be tabled until we get more information.

Conference 2012 Updates:

- A. Rhonda announced that The Power of Languages is the 2012 theme and that Cherice Montgomery, a professor of Spanish from Brigham Young University, has accepted to be the Keynote Speaker. She will receive a \$500 honorarium, airfare and hotel. Rhonda added that Ms. Montgomery would be willing to do a presentation on numerous subjects from technology to curriculum. Nicci suggested that we move away from technology. Julie suggested the subject of assessment and Nicci pointed out that it would be perfect, as it would line up with the common core standards. Darlene and Angelika agreed that the idea of assessment would line up with national standards and common core as a good topic for the keynote speaker.
- B. Rhonda said that April 1st an email will be sent to all members to announce the "call for proposals" with June 15 as the deadline.
- C. Nancy reminded everyone that all details, from times to number of workshops and sessions, to line up, have to be finalized soon.

D. Rhonda said that the conference registration fees will stay the same as 2011.

E. Rhonda made the following suggestions:

- The name of the wine reception “taste trip around the world” should be changed.
- Thursday night will remain as the night for pre-service workshop and hospitality time reception (same times as last year).
- A tentative schedule was proposed as follows:

Friday, 9:00 am to 9:45 am, keynote speaker

9:45 am to 10:15 am, exhibits

10:30 am to 12:00 noon, constituent workshops

12:00 to 1:00 pm, lunch

Afternoon, sessions

(Friday could alternately have session prior to lunch and constituent workshops in the afternoon followed by session.)

Saturday, 2 workshops with sessions concurrent (1h 45min), constituent business meetings and lunch (1h15min) with 1 or 2 sessions in afternoon.

Nancy pointed out that the schedule should be set before the call for proposals. Angelika suggested leaving the schedule like last year with the exception of the exhibit break after lunch on Saturday. She suggested letting the exhibitors leave at noon. Rhonda shared that constituents should target new teachers and encourage them to attend the workshops. Beth suggested that this could be done at the pre-service workshop.

Website Manager’s Report: Carol Goss was unable to attend the meeting. Nancy asked that people go to the website and make sure all information is current and if it is not, provide Carol Goss with updates.

Newsletter Editor’s Report: Beate Westerhouse expressed concern that we have few pictures for the newsletter and that more pictures should be taken during the IFLTA conference. Julie said that she will send Beate pictures of Jill Woerner that were taken at Central States. It was also suggested that constituent leaders should send a little summary about their organization and recent activities along with pictures. Nancy will send an email reminder to the different leaders.

News from the Department of Education:

Zach Foughty from the Dept of Education shared that during the 2011 legislative session it was decided that the textbook adoption cycle will no longer be required by the state. Next spring, a teacher review team will be put together to review and suggest books and provide an evaluation rubric for text selection, however, from now on, textbook selections will all be controlled locally.

As for the Common Core and WLs, he is trying to get in touch with ACTFL for final draft of alignment of standards. Nicci shared that Ricky Baron and she are going to work together to develop guidelines for WLs and Common Core. Zach said that as of now, WLs do not fit into a specific section of the Common Core however they may fit under the categories of social studies or technical or literacy. Also, since standards are required to be updated every six years, the DOE will be looking into updating WL standards and linking them to literacy as part of the Common Core. Angelika suggested that it may be more beneficial to line up with ACTFL.

As for Rise, Zach explained that it is a teacher evaluation and he suggested that WL teachers should consider student learning objectives. The DOE website provides good ideas of what the expectations are. It was also suggested that WL teachers take part in discussions regarding secondary literacy framework in order to provide a voice for WLs. He also added that teachers should join the Learning Connection to work collaboratively.

Old Business:

- A. Angelika announced that the Mentoring for the Future session during the IFLTA conference was really good but that there were many more mentors than mentees. She suggested contacting universities and the DOE in order to have access to all new teachers. She will get in touch with mentors to see how the mentor program went this year. Nancy suggested that Angelika should contact Carol and promote the program on the website. Angelika said that even though there have only been baby steps, there is a good beginning in place.
- B. Olga shared that the IFLTA Facebook page is up and running. She encouraged members to join and to recommend it to other teachers. Currently, the group is a closed one, not open to the public. The board voted to keep it as such for the moment.
- C. Nicci reported on the Global Indiana Conference sponsored by CIESC, an organization that promotes cultural exchanges. Foreign languages, with the exception of Chinese, were poorly represented however there were about 200 attendees. Nicci said that the board should promote the organization. Phil Boley is the current president of Global Indiana and he can be contacted on the CIESC website. Nancy suggested that the organization should be invited to present a session or be an exhibitor at our conference.

New Business:

- A. Scholarships: No report
- B. Dee Webster provided a comparison of the requirements for IFLTA ToY candidates and Central States candidates. The suggestion had previously been made to align our requirements to those of Central States. Angelika suggested that it would be better to keep ours as it is so that we do not overwhelm people. Julie added that we could present the Central States requirements to applicants so that they can plan accordingly. Nancy reminded constituents that when they get nominations they double check if the nominee is a member.
- C. Dee announced that she had attended Central States with Ricky Baron and said that she enjoyed the meeting and that it was very beneficial.
- D. Regarding the Central States Leadership academy Nicci said that she and Ricky Baron will meet soon and follow up.
- E. Candace Kush was delighted to be chosen for the Extension Workshop and she is willing to present either a session or a workshop at the fall IFLTA conference.
- F. Julie and Nancy attended the OPI workshop and felt that it was excellent. Rhonda wondered whether an OPI workshop could be presented at the IFLTA conference. It was noted that ACTFL will reimburse the cost of the workshop and CSC conference fees for the two IFLTA attendees. Nancy thanked Beth and Angelika for presenting at the Central States Conference as the 2010 Best of Indiana.
- G. Nancy shared a proposal from the Sheraton Keystone for 2013 and 2014. For 2013 the dates would be Oct 31-Nov 2. These dates could be a problem, as it would conflict with Halloween. For the 2014 conference, the dates would be Nov 7-9. Hotel rates would be the same. The lunch would be \$26 instead of \$20. Electrical is \$45 for two days and WIFI is complimentary for all meeting space. Angelika strongly suggested that the date for 2013 be changed to either the next weekend or the previous weekend. If alternative dates are not available, Nancy will email everyone. Everyone needs to keep in mind that the 2013 ACTFL conference is Nov 21-24.

Constituent Organization Reports

AATF: Nothing to report

AATG: Beth shared that there was an immersion at IU Bloomington with 25 members and a student competition at Ball State University.

AATSP: Dee shared that state convention entitled Concorso is on April 21.

AATJ: Allan shared that the annual Japanese Olympia was held last month and it was very successful. Next year it is in Muncie and will be supported by BSU.

ICLASS: Ling announced that the Chinese Fair will be April 28 at Brownsburg. Everyone is welcome to attend. A three-day workshop for new teachers will be held in September at the downtown Sheraton.
IN-NELL: Julie announced that Jill Woerner was selected as CSC ToY. Julie is also helping to recognize Jill in her school district. There will be a reception one hour before the Pendleton Heights school board meeting on April 12. Nancy suggested that we should dedicate a page to her in our conference program. The fall IN-NELL workshop was very well attended. Mercedes Muniz-Peredo is the new INNELL president.

Announcements

Angelika shared that Carmel was one of three public schools that was named as a German Center of Excellence from AATG.

Constituent Vice Presidents are expected to attend the August 11 meeting in order to review ToY portfolios

Next meeting is on May 12 in Indianapolis at the Sheraton.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Olga Mounayar, IFLTA Secretary