



Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
May 12, 2012, 10:00 A.M. (EST)
Sheraton at Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis
Woodfield Boardroom

Minutes from IFLTA Meeting: 05/12/2012

In attendance: Nancy Tilka, Angelika Becker, Beth Moller-Tank, Ling-Yu Yang, Allen Kidd, Pam Gemmer, Zach Foughty, Nicci Saari, Ricky Baron, Kathy Darnell, Mercedes Muniz-Peredo, Jody Bergman, Israel Herrera, Randa Duvick, Darlene Lankenau, Dee Webster

- I. Call to Order: Nancy called the meeting to order at 10:10 am (EST)
- II. Secretary's Report: Nancy for Olga Mounayar
Angelika motioned to approve the minutes and Allen seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Julie Canady not present. Official report to be approved at August meeting.
- IV. Conference 2012 Updates: Nancy distributed a conference schedule but reminded all that the schedule could still be tweaked slightly. Cherice Montgomery will present the Friday morning keynote, topic possibly on assessment, and she offered to do two sessions in the afternoon. Workshops for constituent organizations have been moved back to Friday. Constituent Presidents were reminded to work on ideas for their language specific workshops on Friday morning after keynote from 10:00 am – 11:50 am. Proposals can be sent through formal online submission with note that it is Constituent Workshop. All conference information is currently on the IFLTA.org website. The following is available to submit online: session/workshop proposal forms (deadline July 1st), conference registration forms and hotel reservation forms. The Thursday evening social event will change its name to "Meet and Greet". We will do giveaways during the breaks as a way to encourage traffic in the vendor hall. Angelika reminded all that the Saturday afternoon workshops should preferably not be language specific. Zach offered to present sessions and/or workshops supported by the DOE. We will make every effort to fill the exhibit hall to capacity.
- V. Website Manager's Report: Nancy reported that many updates have been done recently. She reminded everyone to continue to check their committee area of the

website to keep it current and leave Carol sufficient time to do the updates. If sending updates to Carol, please copy Nancy also.

- VI. Newsletter Editor's Report: All agreed to a big thank you to Beate for a great job on the Spring Newsletter. We are all appreciative of the time and hard work that this entails. We are also looking forward to the fall newsletter to promote the conference. It was suggested that the deadline be August 15th. Nancy will contact Beate for details.
- VII. News from the Dept. of Education: Zach announced that a revision of WL standards is planned for this summer. An announcement through The Learning Connection and an application process will allow for a committee to be chosen with a start date probably in July. The revision will consider the ACTFL standards and the common core literacy standards. It was mentioned that standards must be created for Modern, Classical, and East Asian languages. The DOE is also considering a requirement that all higher-level WL courses be offered only as either AP or dual-credit in order to allow students to be more college-focused. IB would work the same as AP. A question was asked regarding what would happen if a language teacher was not approved by a university to teach a dual credit course due to credentials or if a student did not pass the placement test offered by the university to qualify at that level for dual credit. It was also brought up that communication between high schools and university language programs is not always clear. In addition, questions were discussed regarding university placement tests in general and how they fit in with dual credit and AP. Placement tests do not necessarily correlate to a high school level of a language course but rather they predict at what level a student could be successful at a particular university. Several teachers wondered if there is any discussion to include WL into the Core 40 curriculum. Zach informed us that currently there is no plan at the DOE to pursue that however many teachers in attendance felt it was important. Many WL teachers believe that WLs are not high on the priority list without being part of the core requirements. Zach explained that the concept of "credit" at the DOE is being redefined and that it may play a role in how students move from one level to the next in a WL classroom. The committee working with Pearson on the Praxis test updates is underway.
- VIII. Old Business
- A. Teachers of the Year: Dee reminded constituent presidents to use the new form to fill out ToY and RS awards. The portfolios will be evaluated by the VPs (or designee) of constituents at the August 11th IFLTA meeting. The meeting location will be announced soon. The ToYs are not required to compete for the IFLTA ToY award.
 - B. Poster Contests: Pam Gemmer distributed a handout with poster contest procedures and evaluation rubric. The new form clarifies the theme for the visual. All agreed that the form was great. Last year's contest had nearly 100 entries so the new streamlined rubric allows for easier judging. It was brought up that the "overall winner" last year was awarded a \$100 prize and that in previous years, the "best in show" was chosen from

among the 1st place winners in the various categories. This detail will need to be clarified on the form. Jody offered the possibility of ICC donating/sponsoring the “best in show” award to allow for an additional prize to be awarded without the need to increase spending by IFLTA. The decision for that financial agreement was not verified. Pam will make the necessary clarifications on the application form.

- C. IFLTA 2013-2014. Nancy reported that the 2013, 2014 contracts with Sheraton Keystone have been signed and that there are some increases in costs from our current contract. Future conference dates are: November 1-3, 2012, October 17-19, 2013, November 7-9, 2014. Allen suggested including dates of future IFLTA conference on all correspondence and flyers.
- D. Leadership Conference: Ricky reported that he has tried to contact various DOE representatives for help regarding his project to correlate the WL standards to the Common Core. It is an ongoing project and the entire IFLTA board is encouraged to be part of the process. Ricky will continue to keep us informed as to the progress of his initiative.

IX. New Business

- A. New Officers’ (for 2013) Election: Nancy announced that Troy will continue as IFLTA voting officer. Elections will be for Second VP and Treasurer. An email will be sent by June 1st for nominees. The candidates who accept their nomination will prepare the required documents and the board will select up to three candidates per position at the August board meeting.
- B. Advocacy Project: Israel asked for IFLTA support through our advocacy committee regarding an initiative to start an elementary WL program in Bloomington. All agreed that we could support such an initiative and that Israel should contact Chris Luke, advocacy chair, for additional support. It was suggested that Israel use data from Indiana and other states to support his initiative. It was also suggested that we set up an “advocacy table” at the conference. Updates to the advocacy link on the website were suggested and all agreed that we support initiatives for increasing language study at all levels. Another idea included sending emails to the superintendent/principal list. Emails could advertise the conference through ‘testimonials’ of language teachers about why the conference made a difference to them. This could increase our overall visibility at the administrative level to help promote attendance at the conference as well as languages in general.

X. Constituent Organization Reports (as needed)

- A. AATF: (Jessica Strum) Randa reported that she and Jessica collaborated for the ToY and RS candidates.
- B. AATF-NW IN: (Randa Duvick) A full slate of summer activities is planned.

- C. AATG: (Beth Moller-Tank) Angelika reported that a spring immersion is planned for next year with the theme of “Green Germany”—looking at Germany as a leader in renewable energy.
- D. AATSP: (Andy Goodwin) The state contest will be changing location next year.
- E. AITJ: (Allen Kidd) Allen reported that six teachers attended the Praxis meeting. Funding has been provided for Indiana students to go to Japan this summer to help with tsunami relief efforts.
- F. ICLASS: (Ling-Yu Yang) Ling-Yu reported that our previous secretary, Grace, will be leaving moving back to Taiwan. Decatur has been looking for a Japanese or Chinese teacher and the information is available on the DOE website.
- G. ICC: (Jody Bergman) Jody and ICC are planning to actively participate at IFLTA this fall.
- H. IN-NELL: (Mercedes Muniz-Peredo) Mercedes has reported that IN-NELL has set its November conference date. Jill Woerner’s recognition as Central States ToY at her school board meeting was well-received

XI. Announcements

Meeting Dates for 2012

Saturday, August 11, 2012– VP’s to Review Portfolios (location TBA)

Thursday, November 1, 2012 (conference board meeting, Sheraton)

Saturday, November 3, 2012 (conference business meeting, Sheraton)

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jody Bergman