



**Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
March 9, 2013, 10:00 A.M. (EST)
Cathedral High School, Indianapolis**

Minutes from IFLTA Meeting: 3/09/2013

In attendance: Darlene Lankenau, Gary Spurgin, Nancy Tilka, Randa Duvick, Kathy Darnell, Pauline Yang, Allen Kidd, Beate Westerhouse, Olga Mounayar, and Bruce Blomberg

I. Call to Order (Introductions)

Darlene Lankenau called the meeting to order at 10:20am

II. Secretary's Report: Olga Mounayar

Olga Mounayar distributed the minutes from December 08, 2012. Randa Duvick moved to accept the December 08, 2012 minutes as written and Allen Kidd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report: Julie Canady

Darlene Lankenau distributed copies of the treasurer's report on behalf of Julie Canady. Nancy Tilka moved to accept the report as submitted. Randa Duvick seconded the motion. Motion passed. A suggestion was made to remind Julie to reimburse vendor, Judith Lynch, for not being able to attend IFLTA 2012 due to unavoidable weather related circumstances associated with travel from the east coast. In addition to the printed financial report, Darlene informed the board of the CD balance of \$23,799.67. Nancy suggested that the CD information be included on the printed May financial report. A discussion took place regarding the possibility that a comparison of finances from one year to the next be provided at each board meeting.

IV. IFLTA Conference 2013 Updates: Darlene Lankenau

- A. Theme/Keynote Speaker: Fuel their Future with Languages. Speaker: John Demado

- B. Call for Proposals: Call for Proposals has officially been sent. Google docs is now being used, as per Carol Goss's suggestion, for the online submissions. It is very easy to use and it is free. Darlene suggested that it might be possible to also use it for the conference evaluations, instead of Survey Monkey.
- C. Deadlines: Sessions / Workshops: June 1st is the deadline for all proposals.
- D. Registration/Fees: Registration fees have not increased. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Thursday evening Pre-Service/Beginning Teachers' Workshop fee would be reduced to \$10 in order to encourage more students to attend at an affordable price. After the conference we will reevaluate the cost effectiveness of the decision for 2014.
- E. Conference Program Updates: Kathy Darnell reported that "save the date" cards have been sent out to vendors and vendor application form updates will be posted on the conference page of our website. Gary brought up the matter of sponsorship for the conference and Darlene said that we would not pursue sponsorship at this point. Nancy suggested contacting all textbook companies/representatives and inviting them to participate, especially since some districts may make textbook adoptions even though the policy has changed at the state level. Beate Westerhouse recommended having information about book vendors in the Fall newsletter.

An additional reminder was made to constituent presidents regarding the language specific constituent workshops. Constituents presidents are responsible for providing the presenters, theme, presiders and submitting all details for the workshop via the online submission form.

V. Website Manager's Report: Carol Goss

Darlene Lankenau reported on behalf of Carol Goss. The domain name for IFLTA had to be renewed unexpectedly for a fee of \$210 for five years. Since the payment had to be made online, Nancy Tilka paid the fee using her personal credit card and she will be reimbursed for the expense. Several website updates have been made recently, including conference forms.

VI. Newsletter Editor's Report: Beate Westerhouse

Beate Westerhouse asked all constituents presidents to submit articles.

VII. News from the Dept of Education: Bruce Blomberg, World Languages Specialist, Indiana Department of Education.

Bruce Blomberg provided a brief overview on changes at the Indiana Department of Education since the fall election. He distributed draft copies of the new Indiana WL Standards. He explained the process of updating WL standards that had been started under the previous WL specialist and then continued in October 2012. Gary Spurgin brought up the subject of differences between Classical languages and Modern languages. Bruce expressed interest in contacting ICC (Indiana Classical Conference) to work on adjusting those standards. Due to the long process for approval of new standards, it is probable that they will not be implemented until the 2014-2015 school year. Several questions came up regarding dual credit, AP, and

honors diplomas. Bruce suggested that additional questions be sent to him at: blomberg@doe.in.gov

VIII. Old Business.

- A. Mentoring for the Future: Angelika Becker: No report given
- B. CSCTL follow-up: Darlene Lankenau
 - 1. CSC Delegate Assembly 2013: Darlene Lankenau
 - 2. CSC Leadership Academy 2013: Israel Herrera
 - 3. CSC Extension Workshop 2013: Olga Mounayar
- C. Small Grant: The \$100 awarded at the December meeting to Angelika Becker for her mentoring initiative will provide for food at a future gathering of mentors and mentees.

IX. New Business

- A. Scholarships, Grants, Strasheim 2013: Nancy Rodgers
Darlene Lankenau, on behalf of AATSP, made a request for a \$300 mini grant to hold a TPRS workshop in northeastern Indiana for all languages. Randa Duvick made a motion to approve the request for the mini grant. Allen Kidd seconded the motion. Motion passed. Darlene, on behalf of Nancy Rogers, asked for volunteers to be on a committee to evaluate several applications for the Strasheim Scholarship. Kathy Darnell and Randa Duvick agreed to serve on this committee. A recommendation will be made at the May meeting.
- B. Teachers of the Year Nominations 2013: Dee Webster
Darlene Lankenau, on behalf of Dee Webster, announced the March 24th deadline for ToY nominations. Darlene distributed the appropriate nominating documents that explained the procedure. Those documents are also available on the IFLTA website. Nancy recommended sending a copy of these as an attachment to an email to the constituent presidents. There was a question about electronic portfolios and Darlene will follow up with Dee.

Darlene Lankenau distributed a handout on behalf of Israel Herrera, chair of the Advocacy Committee, with information on several initiatives. In addition, Israel would like to suggest a series of awards for outstanding high school students and pre-service teachers. A short discussion took place regarding criteria for such awards, funding, and time constraints for such an undertaking. It was agreed to table further discussion until Israel could be present to provide more input.

X. Constituent Organization Reports (as needed)

- A. AATF: It was announced that there would be an initiative to increase membership.
- B. AATF-NW IN: Randa Duvick announced the continued success of the monthly immersion meetings. Valparaiso University sponsored a workshop of French teachers in February with 15 teachers in attendance. A new initiative in April will include more pedagogy topics at the monthly immersion meeting.

- C. AATG: Beate Westerhouse reported that 21 schools attended a German contest at BSU with a theme on German and youth literature. The event is cultural and academic. Also, about twenty teachers recently participated in a German immersion teachers' workshop at Valparaiso University.
- D. AATSP: No report
- E. AITJ: Allen Kidd reported that fourteen schools attended an all day event at Ball State last Saturday. A writing conference will take place in April.
- F. ICLASS: Pauline Yang reported that the Chinese competition recently took place. The Chinese culture and language fair is coming up in April. The Chinese teachers will be working together on reviewing standards.
- G. ICC: No report
- H. IN-NELL: Conference was held last Saturday

XI. Announcements

Darlene Lankenau announced that Rhonda von Werder has resigned as IFLTA President, effective immediately, due to personal reasons. As per Article VI, Officers, Section 3, Vacancies, of the IFLTA code of by laws (as amended March 2010) Darlene Lankenau will serve the remainder of the year as president and one additional year as president.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23pm.

Minutes submitted by: Olga Mounayar, secretary