



**Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 4, 2015  
Cathedral High School, Indianapolis  
Minutes (Amended, August 8, 2015)**

**In Attendance:** Gary Spurgin, Randa Duvick, Steve Ohlhaut, Darlene Lankenau, Kate Reinhardt, Israel Herrera, Yichuan Yan, Keiko Kuriyama, Candis Carey, Kandel Baxter, Karen Berrier, Kathy Darnell, Pamela Gemmer, Chris Bungard

**I. Call to Order:** Gary Spurgin

- Gary called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. Members introduced themselves.

**II. Secretary's Report:** Gary Spurgin (for Olga Mounayar)

- Gary distributed minutes from December 6. There were no corrections. Minutes accepted.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Kate Reinhardt

- Kate gave a checking account update. The checking account balance is currently \$39,239.10. The Sheraton conference bill will be paid next week of \$20,470.97, leaving \$18,768.13 in the checking account. Kate passed out new expense form for anyone needing reimbursement from IFLTA.

**IV. IFLTA Conference Update:** Randa Duvick

**A. 2015 Format**

- The call for proposals went out Feb. 27, 2015. It was sent via email, posted on the web page and will be in the spring newsletter. It was noted several times that IFLTA does not provide projectors.
- There are no plans for big changes in how the program will be organized. Feedback shows last year's format worked well. Workshops are still planned for the end of Saturday.
- The keynote Speaker will be Stacie Berdan. She will deliver the keynote Friday morning and will also participate in a discussion on connecting foreign language instruction with state needs (as she did for Kentucky when she was their speaker). This will most likely be scheduled after lunch on Friday.
- We discussion who should we invite to panel discussion. Names suggested included: Senator Kruse (senate), Rep. Benning (House) (heads of education committee), Peggy Mayfield (active rep from Bloomington), Lanane (minority caucus of the Senate), Rogers.

- October 6, deadline for reserving rooms for conference \$112 plus tax
- We need to decide on prices for registration and banquets.
  - We last raised our price in 2007-2008. Randa distributed last year's registration form. IFLTA paid \$35.68 per person for luncheon in 2014 while members paid \$20. It will go up again 4% next year, and there is a service fee of 23% for the luncheons. Next year it will be \$37.11
  - We discussed separating membership fee and conference fee. Gary noted that many organizations separate membership fees and conference fees. It highlights the professional status of being a member. (See chart below)

Combined		Separate	
PROS	CONS	PROS	CONS
Not confusing	Register and be a member for presenting	Teacher of year candidate pool	Confusing
Ease of registration- One shop stopping			Lots of record keeping
Schools pay all (if they pay)			Complicates payment
2 for 1 deal: marketing			Lose membership

- Motion to increase the prices to those listed below (Steve moved, Karen second), Motion passes
  - Early registration: Full to \$90; Retired to \$80; Student to \$60
  - After deadline registration: Full to \$110; Retired to \$95; Student to \$70
  - Saturday only registration: Full to \$60; Retired to \$40; Student to \$40
  - Pre-Service Fee remains at \$30
- Motion to increase the luncheon to \$25, (Steve moved; Candis second), Motion passes (we will evaluate the increases after this year's conferences)
- We need to emphasize that if you are entering students into poster/creative projects, you must be a member in order to do so.

**B. Introduction of New Committee Members**

- Creative Projects Chair: Kandel Baxter
- Exhibits Coordinator Chair: Kathy Darnell stepping down; Greer Trapkus-Harris will be our new exhibits coordinator. She was unable to attend today's board meeting, but will be meeting soon with Kathy to transition. Exhibitors pay \$125 for the space; there is a price increase for adding additional tables.

- Other: Poster contest chair- Concha Marin; TOY chair- Dee Webster; Scholarship chair- Nancy Rogers; Mentoring Chair- Angelika Becker

#### **VI. Website Report:** Gary Spurgin for Carol Goss

- Kate will email to get the membership form updated with the contact information.
- Motion to increase membership fees to: Regular \$30, Retired \$20, Student \$15 (Steve moved, Randa second). Motion passed.

#### **VII. Newsletter Editor's Report:** Gary Spurgin for Beate Westerhouse

- Newsletter will be coming out soon.

#### **VIII. Old Business**

##### **A. CSCTL / ACTFL follow-up**

- Central States
  - Several Members there: Gary, Kandel, Kate, Israel
  - Next year (2016) will be Columbus, Ohio from March 10-12
  - Following year (2017) will be in Chicago
  - Please encourage members to join the Advisory Council
  - April 15 is the deadline for the call for proposal; please encourage members to submit
- ACTFL
  - November 2014 in San Antonio
  - Gary was our representative. Over 6,000 participants, 800+ sessions. Keynote was amazing, Lead female photographer for National Geographic.
  - November 20-22, 2015 in San Diego

##### **B. Small Grant (follow-up) Discussion**

- Lorraine A. Strasheim Strauss Scholarship: Each year IFLTA sponsors a competition for the Lorraine A. Strasheim Memorial Scholarship which may offer as much as up to \$1,500 to defray the costs of summertime study and/or educational projects abroad. IFLTA accepts submissions from individuals who have been IFLTA members for three years.
- One applicant thus far (deadline is April 15). Charlene Heinzman, a German-French teacher at Northwestern HS in Kokomo applied for funding to participation in a weeklong seminar about life in Berlin, June 21-27. Received a grant to pay for most of it. Is requesting the remaining amount: \$30 per day x 2 days for food and \$1400 for a flight to Germany. Deadline needs to be updated on the website Motion to fully fund request of \$1460 to Charlene Heinzman should no other application be submitted before April 15. If further applications are submitted, online vote will take place to revise. Motion passed.

##### **C. Teachers of the Year Nominations 2015 Discussion**

- There are no changes to the form except the date (2014 to 2015). Should we keep the day the same each year and leave off the date so we don't have to update each year? Should we add a form to the folder given out at conference?

##### **D. Advocacy Update / Proposals:** Israel Herrera

- Bi-literacy Seal: Bill introduced by Senator Kruse. The seal is a national, educational proposal. Gary testified in front of education committee. Accepted in Indiana Senate: Passed 50-0, Passed committee 10-0; making its way to the House. John Barnes in charge of legislation involving education. Rep. Mayfield, pro-language education politician: She is behind the bill. Israel also sits on the Advocacy Committee for Central States. Distinguished Legislator of the Year certificates to our supporters.
- Gary asked the constituent presidents to talk about this their meetings. He also noted inviting the politicians to our annual conference to increase their awareness and support for our initiatives.
- Motion to present an award at fall conference for a politician(s) who has helped support the learning of foreign language for our students. Kandel moved; Israel seconded. Motion passes. Send Gary a committee if you are interested in being on the selection committee for this award.
- Through ACTFL teachers can become board certified. Encourage people to become board certified.
- Gary showed a map of business with international ties
- Should we do regional workshops supported by IFLTA throughout the year?
- We could consider advocating to bring ACTFL to the Midwest.

#### **IX. Constituent Organization Reports (as needed)**

- A. AATF: Steve for Shannon Swan  
Membership up a little bit. Cathedral will host state contest next week.
- B. AATF-NW IN: Karen Berrier  
Annual spring meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Number for French contest holding steady.
- C. AATG: Candis Carey  
Meet two weeks ago. Their immersion is in August about short film to tie in with technology. Working with a German language consultant for STEM.
- D. AATSP: Israel Fernando Herrera  
Spanish state conference had more middle schools this year. Park Tudor is sponsoring contest for next year. Planning a university level competition for minors and majors in Spanish. Israel is contacting different universities.
- E. AITJ: Keiko Kuriyama  
February 21 organized high school quiz completion. Hosted by Purdue. Seven Indiana high schools participated and 66 students participated. Numbers were down due to snowstorm.
- F. ICLASS: Yichuan Yan  
April 11 in annual Chinese Fair at North Central High School in Indianapolis. Chinese workshop will be in August or September this year.
- G. ICC: Christopher Bungard  
Annual spring meeting held at Earlham College this year. They are in a process of re-organizing. They have a new core of dedicated individuals. State Latin completion will be next week at Cathedral High School.
- H. IN-NELL: Gary for Jill Woerner.  
Julie stepped down. Jill submitted report. Park Tudor will host annual conference. It is not just for elementary teachers. Anyone is welcome. The

theme this year is Integrated Performance Assessment. It will be October 3. They are seeking members for IN-NELL Board of Directors. Please contact Jill for details.

**XI. Announcements**

- The Best of Indiana for 2014 was Elise Beutlich. She is moving to Michigan, will this be a problem. Are there any objections?

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

- Next meeting will be in May at the Sheraton; the following meeting will be in August.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Reinhardt (for Olga Mounayar)