

Minutes
IFLTA Board of Directors
Park Tudor School Indianapolis
Saturday, May 6, 2006
10:20 – 12:40

Attendance:

Officers: Sarah DeMaris, Angelika Becker, Claudia Nole, Traci Rodgers, Lisa Calvin
Non-Officer Directors: Hannelore Weber, Guohe Zheng, Reena Evans, Pamela Valdes,
Kathy Darnell, Nancy Newton
Committee Members: Nancy Doedens, Barbara DeGortari
Ex-officio: Kristin Hoyt
Guests: Edra Stafferi

1. The meeting was called to order by IFLTA president, Sarah DeMaris, at 10:20 am.
2. Minutes from the March 18, 2006 meeting were corrected and approved as read online.
3. The treasurer, Lisa Calvin, will have a formal report for our next meeting.
4. The conference report was given by Angelika Becker. A reminder of the July 15th deadline for conference proposals was given. It is also suggested that all AAT presidents should solicit group members to submit proposals.
5. The website manager's report was given via a handout of information from Sarah DeMaris. Recent additions to the website include: Creative Project Contest Information, Exhibitor Documents, Conference On-Line Session Proposal Forms, By-Laws.
6. Old Business

-The work done by board and committee members to streamline the "Teacher of the Year" nomination and selection process was a topic of discussion. We reviewed a document that indicated portfolio guidelines and a rubric to score the portfolio. It has been decided that the two documents will be merged to include the four required portfolio sections. For any portfolio to be considered, it must follow these guidelines. Upon completion, these guidelines will be available on the IFLTA website. Eligible winners were also discussed, as an officer/board member has been selected by a constituent organization. To clarify how teachers are selected, a paragraph will be added to the conference program that identifies the selection process.

-Kristin Hoyt was recognized with a gift as this was her last board meeting. Kristin suggests that IFLTA monitors world language advocacy in respect to longer/broader articulation of language instruction.

- Pamela Valdes presented the revised Creative Project Contest applications.

-Sarah reported that it is confirmed, Indiana will host the 2011 CSC.

-Sarah provided a copy of the draft from the Foreign Language Task Force. Of most interest is the recommendations given for Indiana communities. The task force recommends the following: “Large school districts that already offer a range of foreign languages beginning in the 7th grade may choose to focus on ... extending language offerings downward to the first year of middle school or even lower. Other school districts that only offer one foreign language may focus on providing choice for their students by adding a second foreign language”.

-Christopher Luke, Ball State, will begin working on Indiana’s web presence in our ongoing efforts in advocacy.

-IFLTA by-laws have been revised by Sarah. Officers and board members have been asked to consider her suggestions and come prepared to the next board meeting to discuss these issues.

7. New Business

-Lorraine A. Strasheim Scholarship applications were due March 1, 2006. At the March meeting there were no applicants. Since then, Karen Dowling has received an application and suggests the scholarship be granted. The possibility of extending the scholarship deadline to May 1 for future applicants will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40

Recorded by: Traci Rodgers