



**Board of Directors Meeting
TENTATIVE AGENDA
March 3, 2018, 10:00 A.M. (EST)
West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School,
West Lafayette, IN**

Elected Officers

President: John Sundquist (Purdue University)

1st Vice President: Israel Herrera (Indiana University)

2nd Vice President: Amy Bomke (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis)

Immediate Past President: Steve Ohlhaut (West Lafayette Jr./ Sr. High School)

Secretary: Amanda Beck (William Henry Harrison High School)

Treasurer: Ricky Baron (Consulate General of Canada, Chicago)

In attendance: John Sundquist, Ricky Baron, Judy Carlstrand, Israel Herrera, Joanna Witulski, Micah Souder, Steve Ohlhaut, Michelle Stichter, Concha Marin, Hiroko Chiba, Amanda Ramirez, Abby Diaz, Amanda Beck, Amy Bomke, Brian Gross, Pam Gemmer

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.
- Introductions of all in attendance.
- Brief review of the meeting format: reports and then break-out sessions to follow.

II. Secretary's Report

- Slight changes made to verbiage. Steve motioned to approve. Ricky seconded. Minutes approved at 10:16 a.m.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Ricky shared the treasurer's report. There is currently \$60,003.96 in checking and \$2,573.66 in savings with a total of \$62,576.96 in our accounts total. All checks have been received from the Meeting Connection. The reimbursement checks for ASL interpreters have not yet been added, and that should increase our revenue to put us in the black for 2017. We must work on keeping our expenses in line with our income.

- Steve moved to approve the report. Judy seconded. Report approved at 10:21a.m.

IV. IFLTA Conference 2018 update--Israel Herrera

- Israel has talked with the Sheraton about the 2018 conference. The rates for the room block will \$139 for double rate and \$169 for triple rate. The link is ready and should be posted on the website. The date for the group rate will be active until October 3rd. Exhibitors need to be in touch with the Sheraton in advance to secure technology.
- Israel has been in touch with Carol Goss about some changes to the registration link, particularly with relation to scholarships and grants. We need to research what the process would be to have a scholarship pop-up and how that would work with regard to our status as a non-profit entity.
- Israel wants to explore having a person in charge of presiders or changing the process somehow.
- This is the 25th anniversary of the death of Lorraine Strasheim. How should recognize this?
- Israel has one request for the university night space to recognize Oscar Ozete. Funding would be provided by University of Southern Indiana. However, what else could we do with that night to recognize IFLTA's 50 years and to prevent this conference time from becoming exclusionary in the coming years?
- Recognition of past presidents would be at the luncheon. More details can be discussed at the April meeting.
- Israel wants to know if we would like to expand the keynote time to 1.5 hours and lose 15 minutes in the constituent workshops. Israel motions to reduce the time of the organization workshops. Ricky seconds. Discussion followed about advantages and disadvantages of this. Motion passed at 11:04 a.m.
- The theme needs to be put on the website. Israel proposes the theme of: Keeping Indiana on the Road to Multilingualism and Proficiency, Building New Avenues for Multilingualism and Proficiency, Drawing a New Map for Multilingualism and Proficiency, Equipping the New Multilingual Hoosier Generation. Shortened to Expanding Avenues to Multilingual Proficiency. Ricky motions. Judy seconds. Motion passed at 11:23 a.m.
- The Meeting Connection wants to collect one more dollar per registrant. Steve would like to see a negotiation about this fee being raised.

V. Other Reports

A. Advocacy--Pam Gemmer

- Pam handed out her report and thanked IFLTA for paying the JNCL dues. She requests another person to attend with her so that there are more people to talk with legislators and officials. She shared what work our Indiana legislators are doing to support world language education (SB 2255 and HB 1239). She continues to encourage membership to contact legislators, particularly via handwritten letter and phone calls.

- She discussed how legislators are being lobbied to pay interpreters better and for their professional expertise.
- She discussed the STRIVE Act with legislators to help with student loans for teachers.
- There is concern at the state level about how the new work requirements for students at the HS level will be implemented, how they will be managed and funded.
- Coding seems as though it be grouped in computer sciences or math rather than world language, but continued advocacy is necessary.

B. Website Manager--Carol Goss

- No report.

C. Social Media Editor--Abby Diaz

- Abby has put a plan in place to start the podcast. She will be contacting the presidents to have Skype interviews to promote the conference.
- Abby would like to have a booth to interview conference attendees about their experience in learning and teaching language.

D. Newsletter Editor--Kailey Preston

- No report. She will be soliciting information for the spring newsletter to go out in April.

E. Exhibits Report--Greer Trapkus-Harris

- No report.

F. Teacher of the Year report--Mercedes Muniz-Peredo

- Mercedes and Amanda worked on redoing the time line for candidates and ask constituent organization presidents to please pay close attention to the deadlines. All information is current on the IFLTA website.

G. Poster Contest report--Concha Marin

- Concha will adjust the title/theme of the 2018 conference for lower grades.
- Concha will be contacting rural schools to reach out to teachers who have not been involved with IFLTA or constituent organizations.

H. Attendance Grants report--Sibel Crum

- No report.

I. Creative Contest report -- Kathy Darnell

- Steve and John will work with Kathy about re-invigorating the contest.

J. Department of Education -- Nicole Leach

- No report.

VI. Constituent Organization Reports (as needed)

A. AATF--Marcet Spahr

- Immersion dinner was in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 17th. 8 people attended.

B. AATF-NW IN--Jin Lu

- No report

C. AATG--Michelle Stigter

- Staatskongress was February 24th. 503 students attended and 56 faculty members. Approximately 30 college students helped.

- AATG-IN is redoing its distribution of regions, and they have volunteers already in place to reach out to teachers.
- Immersion day will be at Butler University on September 8th on different proficiency exams and road-mapping for the certificate of multilingual proficiency.

D. AATSP--Judith Carlstrand

- There will be a spring professional development session on April 14th at IUPUI.
- State student conference will be on April 28th in Zionsville.
- Immersion day will be on Spain and Brazil at Park Tutor on September 22nd.

E. AITJ--Hiroko Chiba

- Japanese Olympiad of Indiana had about 100 students, teachers, and parents in attendance at their conference on February 24th.
- Pedagogy workshop in conjunction with IU will take place on April 24th. The 2012 ACTFL award winning teacher will showcase how he uses technology.

F. CLTA-IN--Ye Sun

- The Indianapolis Chinese language culture festival will be at IUPUI on April 14th.
- On April 15th, the 10th annual great lakes Chinese speech contest will take place at Valparaiso University

G. ICC--Brian Gross

- April 6th and 7th conference will be at Hannover College.

F. IN-NELL--Abby Diaz

- Completed winter workshop on comprehensible input. 60 people attended.
- Fall conference will have JJ Epperson presenting about comprehensible input and theater in the classroom. Date to be decided.

VII. Roadmap Meeting on February 10th

- Israel represented IFLTA at the meeting. There were about 130 people who attended. The roadmap is a federal grant to advocate fostering languages and also linking them to different fields and companies.
- On March 5th, there is a follow up meeting at IUPUI to solicit input.

VIII. Break-out sessions: Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats

IX. Debriefing

- Strengths: board gets things done, active in the state in advocacy, we have managed to stay in existence
- Weaknesses: financial transparency and vulnerability, lack of human resources to follow up on initiatives, outreach and communication
- Opportunities: teacher of the year recognition and a workshop or session with them with the potential offer of free admission, repeat successful workshops/sessions at central states, recognition in districts of people who are supporting language, offering special workshops, panel discussions, or sessions, graduate credit for attending conference,

offering IFLTA regional PD time and potentially developing this as a committee to grow this idea

- Threats: lack of voice at the DOE, lack of teachers and education training, developing relationship with the ASL
- A task force will look at the location of the conference post-2020.
- Will we as IFLTA take a position with regard to having a language specialist at the Department of Education?

X. Future meetings / Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: Saturday, April 28, 2018
Saturday, August 11, 2018