



2019 IFLTA 2nd Vice President Candidate

Name: Chunmei Guan

Language(s) currently teaching: Chinese Language

Total number of years teaching: 26 years since 1993

Level(s) currently teaching (please choose all that apply): 9-12

Number of years as an IFLTA member (does not have to be consecutive years):

12 years since 2007

Number of IFLTA conferences you have attended: 10 years

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Explain in no more than 350 words why you are running for 2nd Vice President, the leadership positions you have had so far and achievements under your leadership, contributions and strengths you bring to IFLTA and the goals, events, professional advancement you plan for IFLTA if you are elected for this position.

Chunmei Guan is the current vice-president of CLTA-IN (Indiana Chinese Language Teachers' Association). Since 2007, she has been the member of ICLASS (later CLTA-IN). She has been on the Committee Board of organizing the annual Indiana Chinese Language and Culture Fair, since 2012 to present, which had attracted about 500 participants statewide. She was the former President of CLTA-IN during 2016.

Under her leadership, she advocated to change the name of ICLASS into CLTA-IN, which became one of the regional chapters of CLTA (Chinese Language Teachers' Association in the US). In addition, she helped CLTA-IN to receive the PD grant from CLTA and organized the teacher workshop gathering more than 60 teachers including three speakers. During the time of being the Immediate President, she continued to guide the board to work on the Indiana Chinese Fair, teachers' workshop, and raised the funds from some agencies and companies.

At the same time, she started several Wechat groups which gathered more than 1000 members including most members of CLTA-IN, where she organized more than 70 webinars about teaching Chinese, which greatly

benefit all the Chinese teachers in the US. She is very active in attending ACTFL, NCLC, CSCTFL, IFLTA, and CI-Midwest. She is willing to share what she has learned from various conferences and webinars.

She will try her best to serve all the foreign language teachers' associations in Indiana and help with the IFLTA conferences, the annual state language Quiz Bowl, Poster Contest, Newsletter so they could continue. In addition, she will organize the webinars and set up more platforms to help foreign language teachers to get to know the latest teaching theories, strategies and methods. The guest teacher program and pen pal program and exchange program could be a try in IFLTA.

At the same time, she will coordinate with the CSCTFL, ACTFL, IDOE and other related institutes and organizations in order to collect more resources which could help and improve our WL programs in Indiana. In addition, she will try to find more opportunities to get more funds and grants for our teachers and schools in improving our WL program.