

WAFLT Executive Board Meeting Notes
Saturday, December 3, 2011
Paper Valley Hotel
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

1. NNELL- Bradley

Report submitted by Jessica Bradley:

Over the past few months, I have still been transitioning into the NNELL position, but it's been great so far! At the WAFLT conference, the Saturday morning NNELL networking session was a success. I felt like it was a valuable connecting session, but perhaps a tad short! I've also been updating the website with the scholarship information as well as our upcoming FLESFEST at CSC. I'm looking forward to FLESFEST coming soon! Wi-nell.org

2. Language Association reports

o AATG-W - Leu-Timmermann

Report submitted by Bobbette Leu-Timmermann:

This is my final report to you as WI-AATG President. I appreciate all the insight I have gained from being on the WAFLT board these past two years and will miss being a part of it.

The WI-AATG held its business meeting here last month during WAFLT. About 45 people were present, which was lower than last year's attendance of 60. This reflects with the overall lower attendance at WAFLT. At this meeting our new officers were introduced. They are Mark Wagner, President, from Nicolet High School, Tobias Barske, Vice-President, from UWSP, Charles James, Treasurer, from UW Madison, and Sue Marshall, Secretary, from Philipps High School.. Karen Fowdy, retired German teacher from Monroe introduced as our membership chair, while Siggie Piwek volunteered to chair the Awards Committee position vacated by Tobias Barske. Michael Koch (Carroll University) will continue as our state testing chair for the national German exam.

The membership was asked again to ratify the proposed changes to the constitution, which did not receive enough votes last year to pass. An additional change to the by-laws was also shared with the membership, which was a dissolution clause prompted by IRS rules for non-profits. Balloting to ratify the constitutional changes is still on-going. The membership has been notified both via e-mail and the listserv and Facebook about voting

Siggie Piwek shared a brief report on his Frauenfussball exhibit, which the WI-AATG supported and Charles James updated the membership on the success of our Doppel-U concerts.

The membership also approved funding for our annual joint Immersion weekend with the Northern Illinois chapter. From our Northern Illinois colleagues in attendance, the membership received a brief update on their first student immersion weekend and plans for a slightly longer one next fall. WI-AATG will be asked to help support this with advertising, manpower and funds.

Attendees were also given dates for the regional pronunciation and speaking and the DSSV essay contests, as well as dates for World Language and German Day events at various universities, dates for WAFLT grants, the Teacher Immersion Weekend, AATG and NEH summer professional development opportunities as well as session information for Central States and encouragement for their participation.

Gerhard Fisher was introduced and honored as our Distinguished German Educator for 2011.

Since the meeting we have informed our membership about several German events happening in our state including a lecture about Germans, Beer and Prohibition at the UW-Madison, German Advent and Christmas events and church services in Monroe and Dodgeville, the need for long term substitute in Hortonville and information about a school in Germany who is looking for an exchange partner.

Finally, I received a call and was interviewed by a reporter from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel regarding the phase out of German in the Mequon-Thiensville school district. Up until last year Linda Havas taught there. The district is citing declining enrollment in both German and French as their justification to seek out "the most relevant language for students in the Mequon-Thiensville district to learn so they can be competitive in the world when they

leave[that]campus." They will be implementing Mandarin Chinese starting next year. The reporter wanted to know the WI-AATG's position and if such moves were a trend. Our testing chair, Michael Koch, met with the district administrators this past week and presented information about the relevance of German in a global economy. However, neither his presentation nor the 300 parent signatures collected and presented to the board seemed to have any effect on their position to phase out German.

○ WiATJ - Kato

Report submitted by Kasumi Kato:

(1) WiATJ is looking for Activity Coordinator, Web Page Director and President elect (2012-2014). Membership is about 20 currently, and hoping to gain more members.

(2) Japanese Language and Culture Major is available at UW-Milwaukee. For more information, please contact Ms. Atsuko Suga Borgmann, Mr. Jason Jones, and Ms. Masako Lackey at UW-Milwaukee

(3) Japanese Studies Major is available at UW-Oshkosh & UW-Whitewater. For more information, please contact Mr. Yoshiro Hanai at UW-Oshkosh, and Ms. Kasumi Kato at UW-Whitewater.

(4) WiATJ is organizing a spring Workshop to bring Japanese teachers from Wisconsin and near states. It will be held on April 14. The presenter Prof. Jason Jones from UW-Milwaukee will conduct a workshop on the theme on how to teach Japanese pop culture and movies. More information will be sent later.

○ WAATSP - Lentz

Report submitted by Monica Lentz:

As of today, Fred Cruz is our new President and I am now the Past President. Our WAFLT business meeting was a success. Diego Ojeda gave us an outstanding presentation of using 21st Century tools to improve one's professional development using things such as Twitter and other media sources. We all walked away with so much information and inspiration.

Anne Chartier was the Distinguished Professional Award winner for 2011. She is a very deserving recipient and gave a heartfelt speech.

We are still looking for a VP and anyone that is interested in representing the teachers in AATSP-WI.

It has been a wonderful 2 years representing AATSP as president. I have learned a lot and am thankful to have had this opportunity. However, I am happy to move into the new position of Past President since I have been active in AATSP for 17 or my 18 years of teaching.

○ AATF-W – Frieman

Report submitted by Justin Frieman, incoming AATF-President:

1. At our General Membership Meeting in November, we awarded AATF-WI Certificates of Recognition to Marguerite McClellan, for her years of service with the AATF Fles National French Contest, and Wanda Rimestad, for her service to our chapter as Secretary-Treasurer. We also awarded the Excellence of French Award to Colin from Marshfield HS and Megan from West HS in Green Bay.
2. We reworded parts of our Chapter Constitution and added a Dissolution Clause to make it better align with the National Constitution.
3. We have elected a new President-Elect, SuAnn Schroeder, and re-elected our Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Wopat, for a second term.
4. We are in the planning stages for a Lesson Exchange Retreat for teachers of AP French Language and Culture to share their resources to teach for the new exam.
5. Justin Frieman has applied for the Future Leaders Fellowship at this summer's AATF National Conference.
6. We are continuing our work on the CSC French reception.

○ WLTA – Tess

Our annual business meeting was a excellent. Everyone enjoyed having our guest presenters from Kentucky and we brainstormed about whom we can invite for next year's conference.

We awarded Jeff Beneker from Madison with our Distinguished Educator award for his efforts in connecting UW Madison to the high school teachers and students and for his activity in WLTA and WAFLT.

--We will be discussing just being Wisconsin Classics Association since we have many teaching Greek as well.

--Online payment of WLTA dues is nearly set up, working out the kinks currently.

o WACLT - Faust

Report submitted by Paul Faust:

Our upcoming TPRS workshop with Laurie Clark will be held on January 13-14. So far we have 27 attendees, quite a good turnout, and are looking forward to more people signing up. We have started discussing the possibility of yet another workshop next summer.

The DPI has helped us to put together a comprehensive list of Chinese programs around the state; currently there are over thirty public school districts offering Chinese at some level K-12. Adding private programs to this puts the number around forty.

At this fall's ACTFL conference in Denver, WACLT was represented at the Chinese Language Teachers of America by Eric Pelzl of Wisconsin Lutheran College, as well as WACLT's own Yea-Fen Chen, executive director of CLTA. We are now one of eight regional organizations affiliated with CLTA. They are discussing ways to make the somewhat expensive membership fee more appealing; although we have received hundreds of dollars in support for our conferences from them already—a pretty good return on our investment.

This spring's annual speech and pronunciation contest has been set for September 21. It will be held again at UW-Madison with continuing assistance from the Confucius Institute at UW-Platteville

We are in preliminary planning stages for another conference at UWM this spring.

o Grants and Scholarships – Boldt

Report submitted by Ellen Boldt:

1. Upcoming Application Deadlines

- a. CSC Extension Workshop Grant (\$500 x 2) → December 15
- b. Professional Development Scholarship (\$500) → February 1
- c. February 15 deadlines for:
 - i. Special Project Grant (\$500 in two installments)
 - ii. Student Travel Scholarship (\$250 x 2)

2. Other Committee News/Questions

- a. No Special Project Grants were submitted by the Nov. 15 deadline.
- b. Should we consider changing the deadlines for this again? The switch to Nov./Feb. has not been effective in increasing the applicant pool.
- c. How do we solicit more applications in general?
 - i. Suggestions?
 - ii. Facebook/Twitter advertising?
 - iii. continue VOICE articles
 - iv. send email reminders
 - v. word of mouth; encourage colleagues

o Public Relations Committee – Gerlach

Report submitted by Justin Gerlach:

Postcard & Video Contest:

I believe that this was a success again this year. I know that there are a few people who requested extra packs of the postcards. Is there an interest to print more copies of these packs? Do we have some available for CSC? 50 more packs? 100? What do we think?

Communication Poster:

This also was a success. Is there a specific number that we would like to re-order? Should we make one also that says Wisconsin Students learn....so that higher ed can use it too?

Conferences:

WASB – Will be held January 18-20, 2012 in Milwaukee at the Frontier Airlines Center.

WSCA – Will be held in February 22-24, 2012.

CSC – Will we want the booth at this conference?

Anything else?

Thanks!

- Awards – Lake
Report submitted by Keely Lake:

First and foremost, thank you to Lynn Sessler, the Awards Committee members, those who helped to proof the program booklet, Kathy Keshemberg, and everyone else who helped and cheered me on as I learned the ropes this year. I am more grateful than you can imagine.

Deadline Reminders:

- Distinguished Language Educator February 15
- Recognition of Merit February 15
- Anthony J. Gradisnik Award March 15
- Excellence in Language Study March 15
- Frank M. Grittner New Teacher Award March 15
- Future Language Teacher April 1
- Certificate of Professional Service May 1

- Professional Development –
 - Summer Institute –
 - August 6 – 8, 2012
 - Credit option being pursued through UW-LaCrosse at \$110 per credit, Dr. Jean Hindson is helping with this.

- Member Information Committee -- Ojeda

- Voice
Report submitted by Carrie Bergum:

- I. Articles due on January 1, 2012
- II. Get membership to contribute best practice articles and classroom happenings for publication in VOICE
- III. Please include captions with proper spelling of names and awards for any photographs forwarded.
- IV. Include photos as a .jpeg file. Do not embed them into the article.
- V. Thoughts on WAFLT making moves forward to being involved with Common Core Standards
- VI. Discussion about putting the VOICE online

Discussion: goals for Fall 2012 VOICE and pre-conference booklet online. Beginning Jan 1, 2013, if member wants hard copies of these have to pay \$10 extra. AATG does something similar.

- Website
- Proposal submissions are now available.

I want to work with the programs committee on ways to make sure that presenters consider submitting their handouts and websites for posting. It would be nice to even receive some of that prior to the conference that could be posted starting the day of the conference. That will help for sessions that run out of handouts.

Lynn I need an updated list of who to remove and who to add to the contacts for the board.

Our new WAFLT webzines gathering was small but fine. We did have some ideas for how to promote it a little better such as webzines sticker and possibly consider a little funding for salty snacks or something. We may have been hard to find so we need to do a better idea of advertising the location itself in addition to advertising the event.

Our web presence is growing but there isn't as much regular action on it as I'd like to see so I'm going to work with my committee on trying to pump that up a bit. Please submit deadline information as you would like it posted to facebook or twitter.

3. Announcements

Ellen Boldt announced that UW-Whitewater is changing the format for their World Language Day to World Languages and Cultures Day. It will be held Friday, Feb. 10, for High School students. Ellen will send the information to the Language Association presidents for dissemination. Arabic, German, French, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish.

4. Adjournment

Motion: Kyle Gorden moved and Ellen Boldt seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:41.

WAFLT Calendar 2012

2012

February

February 4 WAFLT Board Meeting

March

March 8-10 Central States Conference

March 10 FLESFEST (part of CSC this year)

March 17 WAFLT Board Meeting

April

April 28 WAFLT Board Meeting

August

Summer Institute August 6-8 (tentative)

September

September 29 WAFLT Board Meeting

November

November 1-3 WAFLT Conference

November 15-18 ACTFL Philadelphia

December

December 1 WAFLT Board Meeting