

WAFLT Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, March 19, 2011
Paper Valley Hotel
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

I. State World Language Consultant's report – Fischer

Notes from information Gerhard shared:

Gerhard has a long history with WAFLT and is familiar with issues and concerns of world languages.

Current Challenges –

- ALT positions interviewed for the last couple of weeks. Regarding events in Japan, he is in touch with Chiba prefecture; our ALTs are safe and plan to stay; did not stop new applicants.
- Build personal relationships with people around the world is best advocacy. DPI hopes to continue partnerships in the world, build ground work, and school districts can partner to develop their relationship.
- Partnership in the works for Jalisco. DPI is actively engaged in signing with a partner community in China. Administrator exchange will occur in the fall – up to 12 may participate. Tony Evers is supportive of these efforts.
- Bette Brandenburg will attend April 15 International Education Summit meeting hosted by Johnson Controls in Glendale. Panel of business reps including Harley Davidson will attend as well as reps from education.
- ECB project – recording what we think are best educational programs in the state. Showcasing what some districts are doing with their programs - Menasha, Lodi; Golda Meir School which travels to Denmark with elementary students. Focus session on that project at Fall Conference.
- Staffing level at DPI is small – Pam Delfosse's position hasn't been eliminated but no one can be hired for it.
- WL and International Education are not priorities in education at a national level.
- If ACTFL can develop national Professional Development networks which should help DPI provide local or regional opportunities.
- Friends of International Education – group has gone through some transition; ready to partner with others to provide professional development especially to areas other than World Language such as science at the university level. Department of Agriculture has been most active ally.

Comments from the meeting: WAFLT is a non-profit organization. Advocacy of our organization cannot be political. Lynn has investigated the language regarding this. Our status could be in jeopardy should WAFLT become politically involved.

II. NNELL- Madderom

Report submitted by Mandy Madderom:

NNELL March News

- FLESFEST 2011: a huge success! We had 93 people registered this year! Thank you to WAFLT for your financial support of FLESFEST as well as the Board's physical presence at the conference! Great to see so many of you there!
- FLESFEST 2012: already in the planning stages for taking place at Central States in Milwaukee on March 12, 2012. Donna Clementi and Paul Hoff will be our keynote speakers, tentatively speaking on "Leading with Culture."
- NNELL Webinars coming up...
 - An Administrator's Perspective on Early Language Programs, Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 1:00-2:00 P.M. EST
 - World Language Programs in Crisis: What to do When Your Program is in Danger of Elimination, Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. EST (tentative)

III. Standing Committees

- Awards – Lake
Report submitted by Keely Lake:

I. Thank you for sending in nominations or encouraging others to do so.

II. The Award’s committee will meet Friday evening, April 29th, and a motion will be brought to the board at our regular meeting on Saturday, April 30th, based on their recommendations. The discussion will focus on the following submissions:

- Distinguished Educator: 1 application
- Anthony J. Gradisnik (Advocacy for World Languages Award): 2 applications
- Frank Grittner New Teacher Award: 2 applications
- Recognition of Merit: 3 applications
- Future Language Teacher Award: Deadline April 1st; none received so far
- Certificate of Professional Service: Deadline May 15th; none received so far

III. Excellence in Language Study Awards: 24 students grades K-16
7 Spanish, 7 German, 2 Chinese, 3 Japanese, 3 French, 2 Latin = 24

Motion: Keely moved to approve 24 students for the Excellence in Language Study awards; one additional student approval is pending verification of language course level. Motion passed.

IV. Other deadlines and issues:

- ISE (Intercultural Student Experiences) has committed to providing an award (Language Matters); nominations are due April 1st
- Ideas for a Teacher of the Year candidate?
This person is sent as WI candidate to Central States; send names on to Keely.

- Public Relations Committee – Gerlach
Report submitted by Justin Gerlach:

Conferences Updates

W3T3 – Overall the workshop was a success with great conversations revolving around Advocacy, Articulation, and Assessment. The Advocacy breakout session held excellent discussions and provided an informal opportunity to brainstorm/share for one another ideas and observations at everyone’s respective schools. For today I will share one intriguing follow-up proposal that I received a few days after the workshop:

1) Wisconsin does not currently have a high school graduation requirement for World Languages. Languages like French, German, or Chinese are not considered “core subjects” by the Department of Public Instruction, which sets policies regarding the awarding of high school diplomas. If we truly believe in global partnerships, the least we can do is to learn another language well enough that we can feel confident in using it. My suggestion would be a full four years of one language, to match the current number of units required in the “core subject.” If Michigan and Wyoming can do it, Wisconsin not only can, but should do it.

I’d like to open this proposal up for any initial thoughts and feedback.

WSCA – Overall our presence was beneficial at this conference. Marge spoke with the president of the counselors association and extended the invitation to exhibit at the fall conference. They have requested exhibitor information to be sent to them. Do we have any documents or is everything online? A huge thank you to Al Magnuson, Marge Draheim, and Ana Runnion who were able to assist at this conference.

FLESFest – As in the past, this conference went very well with no concerns on any parts. A pleasure to have everything set up.

Post Secondary Night at SPASH College Fair – Al Magnuson Reports: My first reaction to the SPASH College Fair is to say that last night was a total success. The estimates are that more than 700 students and parents attended the

event. The students ranged from 9th-12th grade and the questions involved AP Exams, the UW system FL Placement exams, and the value of continued FL study at the university, i.e. retroactive credits offered by the UW-system. I was not able to answer all questions but hopefully was able to point parents in the right direction to find the answers. Although I was not promoting WAFLT, per se, I was promoting continued study of other languages. The counselors who organized the event were extremely pleased with my (WAFLT's) presence and if I am available I will do it again next year. As an aside it was fun to speak to many of the students who are currently enrolled in Spanish.

May I request that at the next WAFLT board meeting you mention the SPASH college fair event, that it was extremely successful, WAFLT was available to students and parents in central Wisconsin and although I did not directly promote WAFLT, I was able to promote the value of continuing FL study, whether more years at the high school level or at the University level. If there are other College Fairs being held in other parts of the state, I would urge that WAFLT be present. After the event I was able to speak with Laura Blaska, the Student Counselor and organizer of the event. She was very thankful for your modifications to the FAQ sheet that you suggested. It will become available to all the counselors as they advise students.

Discover Languages

A reminder of the Postcard and Video contests that are up and running. I also will work on updating the DL page on the website. Yikes....it is dated from 2007 (Thanks Marge for bringing it to my attention!)

That is all for now!

Comments from the meeting:

Discussion regarding the inclusion of WL as a graduation requirement. Check with Michigan to see how they got it through; discuss at JNCL-NCLIS. Do other states have partnerships with other countries – DPI partnerships for a workshop at Central States.

- o Grants and Scholarships – Boldt
Report submitted by Ellen Boldt:

1. Upcoming Application Deadlines

- a. Tomorrow's Teachers Scholarship Development → September 25
- b. Special Projects Grant (\$500) → **November 15, 2011 (NEW DATE!)**
- c. CSC (\$500 x 2) → December 15

2. Miscellaneous

- a. We noticed the rubrics are missing a "disagree" category. I will make these changes and have Lauren update them in our "off season."

3. Central States Extension Workshop Grant Update

- a. Nicole Marble and Stephanie Krenz of Mukwonego attended.
- b. I saw Stephanie at FLESFEST and she was excited and grateful for the opportunity to attend with Nicole, given there were no other applications.
- c. I also talked with Stephanie about getting more involved with WAFLT and she will be joining my committee!

4. WAFLT Special Project Grant

Grant applications were discussed.

5. Student Travel Scholarship

- a. We received 5 applications this year. Two scholarships were awarded.

X. Language Association reports

- o AATF-W - LaPean – Usher
Report submitted by Michèle LaPean-Usher:

-Regional competitions for the Concours Oral are in full swing, state competition is in Madison on May 7
 -Sheila Turk (AATF member) and all the other faculty & language students did a wonderful job with the Language Day competition. My students had lots of fun and loved using their French skills in a competitive format! Just to brag a bit--Milton High School won the Best overall school in French award again this year!)
 -Andrea Behn (AATF member) increased her level 1 class enrollments for next year by TWO sections!! Way to go! She said her secret was to create activities where her French students were seen out and about doing many "fun" activities. For example--she gave students Berets and Mardi Gras beads to wear while they did a scavenger hunt all over the school building. Other students were very curious about what the French kids were doing.

- o WLTA – Tess

Report submitted by Dan Tess:

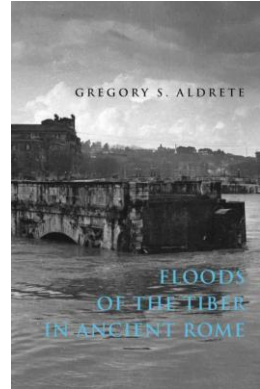
Wisconsin Latin Teachers Association Presents:



Dies Cum Romanis

VENITE, OMNES!

Why: to soak up a little ancient Roman culture, renew WJCL & WLTA friendships, to share a day of Classical significance with other Latin students from Wisconsin, and to visit the UW- Madison campus.



What and Who: Come to hear and see two scintillating presentations. This year’s distinguished speaker is **Dr. Greg Aldrete, Professor of Humanistic Studies at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay.** Dr. Aldrete will deliver two separate talks, the first is entitled, ***Reconstructing and Field Testing Ancient Laminated Linen Body Armor.*** The second lecture is entitled, ***Dangers of Living in Rome: Floods, Fires, Famine, Footpads, Filth, and Fevers.***



About the Presenter: Dr. Aldrete received his Ph.D. in Ancient History at the University of Michigan and his undergraduate degree at Princeton University. In addition to his teaching duties he coordinates the UWGB Linothorax Project, in which he works with students to test and reconstruct linen body armor. In 2009, Dr. Aldrete received the Excellence in Teaching at the College Level Award from the American Philological Association. He is currently residing in Madison while he completes the Solmsen Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Institute for Research in the Humanities. His most recent book is *Daily Life in the Roman City: Rome, Pompeii, and Ostia* (2009). His next major publication is *Unraveling the Linothorax Mystery: Reconstructing and Testing Ancient Linen Armor.* *The WLTA is very excited to bring Dr. Aldrete to Latin Day.*

- o WAATSP - Lentz
Report submitted by Monica Lentz:

AATSP-WI

On Saturday March 5 we held the Concurso Oral at Pius XII High School in Milwaukee. We had over 400 participants. Students from all over the state emerged on Pius to do their best. The day went smoothly and efficiently.

The window for taking the NSE is now open. Results will be sent out late April, Early May.

We are looking for candidates for a new Vice President for the 2011-2013 ballot. So far, NO ONE has come forth. Please, please think of applying.

We are also looking for candidates for our Distinguished Teacher Award for 2011. Also, no submissions. This is a great opportunity to recognize a teacher in AATSP for their contributions to their students in Wisconsin.

Applications can be found at: <http://aatsp-wi.org/Profesor%20Sobresaliente.html>

- o WACLT - Faust
Report submitted by Paul Faust:

WACLT report for WAFLT board meeting, 3/19/2011

Activities continue to abound in WACLT over the past weeks. On February 25-26 our TPRS workshop was a phenomenal success, with over sixty attendees, all of whom felt the workshop was a major benefit to them. Plans are well underway to organize another two-day event in August with a presenter who will address issues specific to the teaching of Chinese. We are also in the preliminary stages of planning yet another workshop for next spring, hoping to get Susan Gross, one of the most highly acclaimed TPRS workshop presenters in the country.

Many of the attendees at the February conference have been working to put together a wiki (<http://tprschineseresources.wikispaces.com/>) of resources for Chinese teachers who wish to experiment with TPRS techniques in their classrooms.

The annual speech contest is well underway; our online registration is up and running through the Confucius Institute at UW-Platteville:

<http://www.peopleware.net/222116/index.cfm?eventDisp=S111CONF&subeventdisp=S111-2164>

The date is April 30 at the UW-Madison Humanities building.

WACLT secretary Yiyi Xu will be presenting at this fall's WAFLT conference on advocacy through cultural events and community outreach; the presentation will be specifically about Chinese events but will be informative and applicable to all languages.

- o AATG-W - Leu-Timmermann
Report submitted by Bobbette Leu-Timmermann

German Language Awards:

Two of the finalists from the National German Language Exam are from Wisconsin and have been named trip winners. They are two of Joan Blaha's students from Muskego High School.

Regional German pronunciation contest in Stevens Point took place on February 19th. This was the first time one was held at UWSP. A dozen students participated. The other regional speaking contest was held on March 12th at Rufus King. The state contest will be on Saturday, April 2nd.

The theme for this year's annual German Immersion Weekend was Lyrik & Musik = Fantasiereicher & erfolgreicher Unterricht was held February 18-20th at Wonderland Camp in Camp Lake, WI (near Lake Geneva) 50 participants from Wisconsin and Illinois worked with Christian Weirich (aka Doppel-U) to learn how classical poetry set to a rap beat can help students relate to texts that are over 200 years old and see the application in today's society.

Doppel-U Concerts were then held in Milwaukee at Nicolet High School with nearly 400 students attending the concert on Monday, February 28th and another 250 on Tuesday, March 1st at the Milwaukee School of Languages. The final concert was held on Thursday, March 3rd in Ashwaubenon where 350 attended.

Language Day held at UW Whitewater, Friday, March 11th
Mottos being finalized for German Day at UW Madison, Thursday April 7th

WAFLT presenters/Immersion session have been solicited and hopefully will be accepted. Got an e-mail on Friday from another teacher asking if it was too late to submit a proposal.

Student Immersion Weekend for October 14th and 15th 2011 *Eine Reise durch Deutschland, Österreich, und die Schweiz*". Northern Illinois, WI-AATG and Concordia Language Villages are working together to organize this event. Cost is \$175 per student.

Professional Development:

AP Workshop stipends being offered for AP Annual Conference in San Francisco. Application deadline is March 31st.

Deadlines Extended until April 1st for:

Austrian Seminar

Wien-Krakau

July 11-23, 2011 - Vienna and Krakow (Poland)

TPRS Seminar in Sweet Briar, Virginia

July 24th – 29th

Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago is offering scholarships to Concordia Language Villages in German (also French and Italian) Applications are available at their web site.

The German Embassy is seeking summer school or summer camp programs for students from 10 to 18 years of age, which offer soccer as a sport, and where German is offered nearby at the middle and/or high school level. The will provide soccer trainers from German and give students soccer training using the German language.

The courses are to be offered only at summer schools with existing soccer programs in the vicinity of schools with German programs in order to attract prospective new students and thereby strengthen the German programs there.

The main aspects of the project are:

- The German soccer training should take place at an existing summer school (preferably with a soccer focus) in the vicinity of a U.S. school with a German program.
- The youth/students (boys and girls between 10 and 18 years old) will spend at least two weeks at the summer camp.
- The soccer training in the German language will be an "add on"; the soccer trainer will not teach a formal German class. The language will be acquired through total immersion.
- The soccer training will be conducted exclusively in the German language by certified youth trainers of the Institute of Sports Science of the Technical University of Darmstadt.
- The soccer trainers will be provided FREE but housing must be provided for them.

German Program Cuts:

We have received information that Kewanee is making cuts to their German programs given their districts' financial constraints. The German teacher in Nekoosa was also given a lay-off notice.

o WiATJ - Kato

In early March, Japanese Language Day was held at UW Whitewater. A Tai Chi demonstration was held during the day as well as a culture room where students could try origami and calligraphy.

March 26 a speech contest will be held in Chicago.

Many fundraising events are happening – Menasha, Red Cross, etc. Go to Red Cross website to make a donation. Social network has helped people stay connected, share information, kind messages, etc.

XI. Announcements

Paul Sandrock will be the new ACTFL professional development director for developing opportunities in the country. His position begins in April; he will work out of his home in Madison. A card for Paul was circulated at the meeting. Paul will be recognized at the Fall Conference.

WAFLT Calendar 2011

2011

March

March 3-5 – CSCTFL Indianapolis
March 12 – FLESFEST UW-Waukesha
March 19 – **WAFLT Board Meeting**

April

April 30 – **WAFLT Board meeting**

May

May 19 – 21 JNCL-NCLIS Washington, D.C.

August

August 2, 3, 4 - WAFLT Summer Institute, Madison

September

September 24 - **WAFLT Board Meeting**

November

November 3 – 5 - **WAFLT Annual Fall Conference**
November 17 -20 – ACTFL Denver

December

December 3 - **WAFLT Board Meeting**