

WAFLT Executive Board Meeting  
Saturday, September 24, 2011  
Paper Valley Hotel  
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Voting Language-German

Yes-ja  
No-nein

1. Additions to agenda

- According to [http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/GIC/2011/08/05\\_Appleton\\_PR.htm](http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/_pr/GIC/2011/08/05_Appleton_PR.htm), "the metropolitan area with the strongest German flavor is...Appleton, WI." 45.7% of the city's residents claim German as their primary ancestry.

2. State World Language Consultant's report – Fischer

Report submitted by Gerhard Fischer:

Please note this is the topic of the Focus Session at the Fall Conference:

The new [Global Wisconsin](#) online video series and website provide school district administrators, school board members, teachers and students with Wisconsin-based international education resources. Produced by the Educational Communications Board (ECB) and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Global Wisconsin showcases the very best examples of international education from across the state of Wisconsin. Designed to encourage school districts to develop programs focused on the importance of understanding cultural differences and issues, and the impact it will have on students' future success—Global Wisconsin makes the case that international education is both essential to students and easily integrated into current teaching practices. In addition to nine short documentaries, Global Wisconsin's Valuing International Education provides testimonials from education, business, and community leaders highlighting the growing need to engage the international community.

Available now at: [www.ecb.org/global](http://www.ecb.org/global); related links: <http://globalwisconsin.blogspot.com/>;  
<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/cal/intertled.html>; <http://dpi.wi.gov/cal/languages.html>

3. NNELL- Bradley

Report submitted by Jessica Bradley:

I, Jessica Bradley, am just beginning to get started in getting to know the NNELL rep position. I updated the wi-nnell website a bit but will continue to do so, especially with the big events like WAFLT and CSC coming up. I met with the FLESFEST planning committee and we discussed the scholarships as well as our make and take for FLESFEST: glyphs. I'm excited to work with everyone in WAFLT and please don't hesitate to throw things at me to do!

FLESFEST is part of CSC – it is a strand within CSC, all day on Saturday in the Frontier Airlines Center. Exciting to have colleagues from the other states. Paul Hoff and Donna Clementi will be keynote sharing about Concordia Language Villages.

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

**1. Upcoming Application Deadlines**

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

**2. Other Committee News**

- a. Virginia Wightman: Student Travel Scholarship Report and pictures to share.
- b. Kathy Mattern has stepped down from her long-time sub-committee chair positions.

c. I am soliciting new sub-committee chairs for various scholarships/grants from current members.

- HS Guests  
Tracy and Emily are working on their program this morning. Encourage colleagues to invite high school students interested in world languages and teaching.

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

#### **Postcard & Video Contest**

Entries: I have only received entries from one school. I realize that this reflects a lack of advertising, so should we send it out and extend the deadline to Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>? Perhaps we may receive more to actually hold the contest? If not, then how should we proceed with the one entry set? Also, if we do not receive more entries, then during the Friday luncheon my section to announce/unveil will not be taking place! (For planning purposes, this time would be open.)

#### **Conferences**

No WEAC Conference.

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

WSCA – Will be held in February 22-24, 2012 in Stevens Point at the Ramada Hotel.

Other conferences?

AWSA – Association of Wisconsin School Administrators 2011 Annual Convention will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> in LaCrosse, WI. Is this a conference that we have an interest in attending? Exhibit session is from 10am – 3pm...set up is on Wed. night or early Thursday morning. Three booths remain available at the standard vendor price of \$500.

#### **Common Core Standards**

I think that we should begin the conversation of the role WAFLT can play to support world language teachers in the implementation of the Common Core Standards at local levels. While ELA and mathematics are the first to become implemented, languages are grouped with ELA Literacy Standards for History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects. Any feedback?

- Professional Development – Brandenburg
  - W3-T3 – will not be held this year due to Central States.
  - Summer Institute - Debby will be at the December meeting to report and will be coordinating once again next year. July 31 – Aug 2 or the next week, 2012.
- Member Information Committee -- Ojeda
  - Diego has some new ideas for reaching members in a different way, using technology to make that happen. Related topic may be having the Voice available online. Some of these items require programming, so having an organized list of ideas for the programmer is the best use of resources. Membership information is private. Perhaps a WAFLT "Smartbrief" could be developed.
  - Website  
Report submitted by Lauren Rosen:
    1. I want to get some photos on our website but I don't seem to have access to any conference, workshop, SI photos. If anyone has any that they are willing to offer for our website, please contact me and I have an electronic area for that. I want to make sure that I get some from this conference as well.
    2. 21st Century communications committee is at work. I have 2 people currently working with me. We aren't sure yet if we need to expand.
      1. We have a new Facebook presence and Twitter presence. I hope to see those become more active with time. Currently WAFLT Words is sent out on Wednesdays on both.
      2. Our committee would like to hold a post banquet social.

1. WAFLT Webizens: A Real Social Network (a.k.a. Booze & Bytes or Beverages & Bytes) Collaborate, Connect & Converse!

Wish you were doing more with technology in teaching and learning? Already integrating technology? Need some new approaches? Have a tech problem to solve? Meet with colleagues in real time to share, solve problems and grow your ideas.

Join WAFLT's 21st Century Communications Committee for an informal social in Intermezzo, Friday 9pm.

2. Since this is last minute, can we send out an email announcement about it? Maybe it would bring people in on Friday night?
3. This is sort of last minute and I don't know how many will show but if it is a bigish crowd we might think of making it a more official reception or offer maybe a single drink ticket for those who show, or put out some salty snacks or something...

- o Awards – Lake

Report submitted by Keely Lake:

### **Awards Committee Report-Sept. 2011**

The following **Professional Service Award** Recipients were nominated and met the award criteria:

Sharon Bradish	Spanish	Columbus High School
Jacquelyn Dove	French	Pilgrim Park Middle School
Karen Fowdy	German	Monroe High School
Lisa Hendrickson	Spanish	Monroe High School
Marie Mattson	Spanish	Ashland High School
Richard Muirhead	Spanish	Mount Mary College
Karen Pfefferle	German	Appleton North High School
JoAnn Pollito	Latin	Beloit Memorial High School
Pam Seccombe	French	Nathan Hale High School
Toni Wulff	French	Mount Mary College

Here, as a reminder, are the other recipients being honored Friday night of the Fall Conference:

#### **2011 Distinguished Language Educator**

Sylvester Kreilein, Marquette University High School

#### **2011 Anthony J. Gradisnik Award**

Kate Hamoonga and Angie Hubbard, Cross-Cultural Classroom Connections program

#### **2011 Frank M. Grittner New Teacher Award**

Keli Reinke, Hortonville High School

#### **2011 Recognition of Merit Award**

Angie Bruner	Spanish	Appleton West High School
Trisha Koch	Spanish	Middleton High School
Natasha Pierce	Chinese	Madison Memorial High School

#### **2011 Future Language Teacher Award**

Erin Beyer	Spanish	UW Oshkosh
Jodi Glaze	Spanish	UW La Crosse
Allison Shantz	German	UW Eau Claire
Carissa Turk	German	Ripon College

#### **ISE 2011 Language Matters Teacher Award**

Karen Pfefferle, Appleton North High School

## Excellence in Language Study Awards: 25 students grades K-16

### 4. Language Association reports

#### ○ AATG-W - Leu-Timmermann

Report submitted by Bobbette Leu-Timmermann:

The AATG officers met on August 9<sup>th</sup> in Wisconsin Rapids. We discussed additional changes needed to our by-laws to include a dissolution clause for tax purposes. The membership will be informed about the exact wording changes at the annual meeting.

We also discussed how to proceed with the proposed changes to our constitution since we did not get a majority of all members to vote on-line.

The chapter Past-President will be soliciting names for our upcoming ballot. Elections will be held for Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Two candidates have already volunteered to serve in two of the positions. A new committee chair for the Awards committee will be solicited at the annual meeting. Karen Fowdy has agreed to serve as Membership Committee chair in order to retain and promote membership in AATG. We also agreed to discuss the overall issue of decline membership in all the AAT's with the WAFLT Advocacy Committee.

The board reviewed our projects from the past year. The Doppel-U concert was successfully attended and contributed positively to our budget. The Frauenfussball Exhibit was held from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>. It was attended by 107 German language elementary and middle school students. The exhibit was also displayed at German Fest July 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.

Another discussion item was our annual support of the joint Immersion Weekend held in February with Northern Illinois AATG. A theme and presenters have been chosen. Charles James will help coordinate with Anne Schreiber of the Northern Illinois Chapter. Cost again will be \$125 for the weekend. Registrations will be taken starting this fall.

The WI-AATG is also helping the Northern Illinois chapter promote the 1<sup>st</sup> annual "off-site" Concordia Language Villages student immersion weekend in Lake Geneva. This event will take place October 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$175 per student.

21<sup>st</sup> Century communication was another focus of the meeting. We are seeking a new web master to update our web page as needed. We will be testing a Facebook page to better reach younger members with information about chapter events, student opportunities, professional development sessions and scholarships. The goal would be to phase out the wiaatg listserv on yahoo. We are looking for someone outside of the officers to assist with Facebook communication.

A preliminary agenda for the annual meeting was put together. Gerhard Fischer will be honored at that meeting as our Distinguished German Educator.

Finally, Thomas Keith Cothrun has been selected to replace Helene Zimmer-Loew as executive director of AATG.

#### ○ WiATJ - Kato

2011 Japanese Language Proficiency Test Registration is now open. This year, the Japan Foundation will be accepting only mail in applications from September 1st to September 30th, 2011. The exam will take place in Chicago on December 4th Sunday.

Fundraiser for Japan: 2nd Japan Earthquake and Tsunami victims fundraiser event took place in Elm Grove Woman's Club from noon to 4pm on September 18 Sunday. The event was organized by Milwaukee Japan Association and sponsored by Consulate General of Japan Chicago; the program included martial arts stage performances, sales, tea ceremony among other programs for kids.

#### ○ WAATSP - Lentz

Report submitted by Monica Lentz:

Anne Chartier is the AATSP-WI Distinguished Educator

We have NO nominations for Vice President. We are urgently looking for someone to fill this position. If you know of anyone that would be great at this job, please let me know.

○ AATF-W - LaPean – Usher

Report submitted by Michele LaPean-Usher

1. We have secured a guest speaker for our business meeting—Autumn Giddings, Public Relations Specialist and former French student of mine.
2. We are working on specifics regarding food, beverages and presenters for the French social at the Central States Conference this coming March.

○ WLTA – Tess

Report submitted by Dan Tess:

I have worked with our treasurer to obtain our acct. information and the online payment method (WePay) should be set up before our Nov. business meeting to allow WLTA members to pay dues online.

WLTA decided to move Latin Day from Spring to Fall, in order to allow more schools and students to come. Spring often collides with too many schools' breaks, so we will meet at UW-Madison October 18<sup>th</sup> this year. Presenters: **Dr. Laura McClure and Dr. William Aylward**, both of the **University of Wisconsin**. Professor Laura McClure will speak on the representation of women in ancient Greek literature and the role in religion, the family and the city-state in her talk entitled, "**The Distaff Side: Women in Ancient Greece.**" Dr. Aylward will give a presentation entitled, "**Writing on Walls: Monumental Building Inscriptions in the Ancient World.**"

Pilgrim Park Middle School (Elmbrook District) added a part time position, so I am working closely with our new teacher to continue to expand our program. I will also be contacting St. Anthony's in Milwaukee, which has 2 teachers on staff this year who will receive invitations to WLTA and WAFLT.

○ WACL T - Faust

Report submitted by Paul Faust:

- In late spring last year we recruited Yiyi Xu to be our new secretary and Chen Dong to be the new treasurer. This year at the fall conference we will hold a vote to confirm them as continuing for another year. Our bank account has been modified to allow Chen Dong to write checks on our behalf.
- WACL T is looking around the state to make a comprehensive list of Chinese language programs; if anyone knows where we might look for assistance in doing so, we'd greatly appreciate it. Not even the DPI seems to have such a list!
- Last spring's speech contest went very well, with over a hundred participants. We are in the preliminary stages of planning this year's event; UW Center for East Asian Studies and the Confucius Institute have both said they are willing to continue to help support and organize.
- Our conference at UWM in May was well-attended and very well appreciated by the teachers who were there.
- Unfortunately, we had to cancel the August TPRS conference due to lack of funding. The US State Department ISLI grant we had been counting on was not approved due to "funds being exhausted for the current year". We are still planning another workshop in February with assistance from several sources, and will try for another ISLI grant next year. If we can get funding, we will hold a three-day workshop in August of 2012. An unusually high number of our members attended the National TPRS conference in St. Louis this summer.
- New programs continue to open up and expand. Past-president Aaron Bray has moved to the K-12 immersion program in Madison, secretary Yiyi Xu has moved from Janesville to Oconomowoc, and La Sripanawongsa has moved from Oconomowoc to Middleton.

Victor Sampon passed away on Sept 21; former president of WAFLT 1963-1964.

5. Adjournment: Marge moved and Michele La Pean-Usher seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:00.

WAFLT Calendar 2011

**2011**

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**

**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**