

1. State World Language Consultant's report – Fischer

Gerhard discussed several handouts of updated data; will be posted at the DPI website:

- World Language Enrollment Data
- Foreign Language Requirements in Wisconsin Colleges and Universities
- World Language Content Testing Exams
- International Education Council
- Going Global project

Bette Brandenburg discussed the Statewide International Education Council meeting held on April 15, 2011.

These businesses hire up to 60% of employees from foreign countries due to lack of language and cultural awareness skills among domestic candidates. Looking at how business and education can cooperate to get the message of these needs out to the public.

Will be sending 8 – 10 Wisconsin administrators to China; many Chinese administrators come to Wisconsin and other countries; looking at Professional Development opportunities for their English Language teachers at UW-Madison.

ALT program is strong and an outstanding opportunity for young students graduating from college.

2. NNELL- Madderom

Report submitted by Mandy Madderom:

FLESFEST 2012 at Central States in Milwaukee: "If you lead with culture, language will follow"

Keynote Speakers Donna Clementi and Paul Hoff

Breakout Sessions

- "Using Culturally Rich and Linguistically Loaded Literature for Thematic Units," Presenters: Lynn Sessler & Mandy Madderom
- "From Land to Language Across the "C's," Presenter: Jody Schneider
- "Linking Language and Learning: Art Works!" Presenters: Anita Alkhas and the FLESFEST Committee...if anyone has an elementary/beginning level fine arts (or visual arts) lesson/project they do with their students, let me know!
- Make-and-Take Session—looking for "artsy" ideas if anyone has one, e-mail me: amadderom@waunakee.k12.wi.us

Next planning meeting will be on Friday July 8, 2011 at 10:30 AM at UW-Waukesha—join us!

3. Standing Committees

- Grants and Scholarships – Boldt

Report submitted by Ellen Boldt:

1. Upcoming Application Deadlines

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

HS Guests

Will be all day; hope to have students sign up online

- Public Relations Committee – Gerlach

Gerhard and Bette shared on International Summit.

Remember our Discover Languages video and postcard contests.

- Professional Development – Brandenburg
No report.
Summer Institute information will be coming out soon. Coordinator has not been in contact with Lynn despite her repeated attempts to contact her. Technology infused in study – Jessica Swemke and Lucinda Broder main presenters.

- Member Information Committee – Ojeda
Report submitted by Diego Ojeda:

Voice

Contacted Voice’s editor to be added to the list of proofreaders.

Website

Will start sending out the reminders for the membership renewal.

A couple of members contacted me asking about renewal procedures. Got help from Lauren Rosen.

Advertising

Paulino Brener, webmaster for MCTLC and Social Media Manager for CSCTFL, contacted me via Twitter expressing his interest to get in touch with WAFLT’s webmaster. I will be passing this information to Lauren Rosen.

- Voice
Carrie asks that VOICE articles be submitted to her by May 15th.
- Website
Report submitted by Lauren Rosen:
 - Look at and post the content that Emily sent on the HS workshop registration
 - Work with my newly formed 21st century communications group to get our facebook and twitter presence moving forward. We now have a facebook page but it hasn't been publicized as we are still studying the difference between that and keeping our facebook group. We also have been hoping for the release of the inactive twitter name WAFLT but since that hasn't yet happened we are choosing between a couple other options. Once we get these bigger pieces up and running we will work on marketing as well as some other social tools for professional development for outreach to language teachers.

Could VOICE be an online version instead of paper copies? That has been discussed and will be for the future. Lauren and Josh have also looked at something similar to ACTFL newsbrief.

4. Language Association reports

- AATG-W - Leu-Timmermann

Report submitted by Bobbette Leu-Timmermann:

The state contest German speaking contest was held on Saturday, April 2nd at Marquette Universtiy. 56 students attended.

German Day was held at UW-Madison on Thursday, April 7th. Over 800 students from 42 high school and middle schools from around the state participated in this event.

This month an “unexpected gift” was made available from the German government to AATG members for 3 week Young Learners Seminars in Germany. Teachers were allowed to nominate one or two students from either high school or middle school students for an intensive language course in Germany this summer. The Goethe Institut was overwhelmed with scholarship applications.

Andrew Richardson of Brookfield Academy was selected as this year’s recipient of the Duden Award for excellence in German teaching. John Pustejovsky will present him with his award at tomorrow’s DSSV Awards Ceremony.

Tomorrow, May 1st awards will be presented by the DSSV for achievers in the AATG exam and the essay contest. I will report attendees and major prize winners in next report

Great efforts were made to find sponsor for the German immersion session at Central States next March. Sabine Beirold submitted a proposal. Likewise, John Stark submitted a proposal. There is some uncertainty, definitely on my part, as to what Central States considers "immersion session", since both parties submitted for 3 hours. I noticed that in Indianapolis the ones designated as immersion were all day ones. Additionally, I am looking for clarification on session designations, Central States versus language association.

The Goethe Institut will once again assist with the language reception. We are looking into locations within walking distance of the conference center which can offer a meeting room, beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and a meal.

The Student Immersion Weekend originally scheduled for its debut October 14th and 15th 2011 *Eine Reise durch Deutschland, Österreich, und die Schweiz* is being postponed until 2012. This will allow the Northern Illinois, WI chapters of AATG as well as Concordia Language Villages more time to collaborate, solicit sponsors and grant monies and promote the event in our designated market areas.

UW-Madison Department of German is hosting German Theater. Performances of Fassbinder's *Frau Geesche Gottfried* – The story of a poisonous murderess will be held at May 2, 3, 4th

The German Interest Group will meet at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2921 Mt. Zion Ave., Janesville on Monday May 2 at 7 pm. Guest speaker will be Dr. Rosemarie K. Lester, whose slide illustrated lecture will be, "Beer, Hides and Kulturpolitik: The Rise and Fall of German Immigrants in Old Milwaukee." She will discuss the German Immigrants' imprinting on the city of Milwaukee in the second half of the nineteenth century.

Friends of the Max Kade Institute will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 7th in St. Nazianz. In addition to the meeting they will tour the historic village of St. Nazianz, the site of the Oschwald communal society, St. Gregory's Catholic Church and cemetery, a local museum and the Salvatorian property.

The women's soccer exhibit will take place May 16th -27th at the Northwest Masonic Center in Milwaukee. Saggi Piwek raised almost \$3000 in order to organize and hold this exhibit. He has invited teachers from the greater Milwaukee area to come to this interactive soccer exhibit.

The Goethe Institut is hosting a Goethe Trainer Seminar on Youth Culture May 13- 15th at the Goethe Institut in Chicago.

German Embassy has International Parliamentary scholarships available to recent college graduates or college graduate students. The scholarship includes a five month internship (March 1 2012 – July 31. 2012) in the German Bundestag in Berlin and academic programs arranged by Berlin's three universities, a monthly stipend of 450 Euro, insurance and travel expenses. The application deadline is June 30

German Summer School in Sewanee, Tennessee will be held June 19, 2011 to July 2,

The cultural topic for 2011, "Deutsch in Bildern", explores the many ways German can be taught by using images, picture books and movies. The seminar workshops will discuss recent materials made available through the Swiss, Austrian and German governments. Participants will have the opportunity to develop classroom materials and practice their language skills in a full immersion environment. 4 graduate credits are available.

A seminar for teachers of German, French and Economics will be held July 20-22 at the Goethe Institute in Chicago. Entitled "Common Economic Challenges - Conference on Cultural and Economic Changes since the Introduction of the Euro" this conference will introduce Europe as a new cultural and political structure and will discuss the cultural and economic consequences that the introduction of the Euro had on France, Germany, and the United States. Conference promises to be more practical than its title.

The Executive Board is working on setting a date for our summer meeting in August in Wisconsin Rapids. We are looking for candidates for treasurer and secretary and are also looking for a membership chair and a media specialist to help us communicate better with our membership via new and emerging media.

I am pleased to report that proposed cuts to German programs in both Nekoosa and Kewanee were averted, at least for this school year.

Discussion: Swiss film as part of WI film festival, did a screening at UW – Whitewater, weather prophets in mountains of Switzerland, and workshop with upper level classes. Producer and director of documentary – outstanding opportunity.

- WiATJ - Kato
WIATJ providing registration fee for expenses for presenting Japan related sessions.
Japanese presentation by Mr. Mori – gave a list of things to provide K-12 teachers and college level teachers, origami, nation, religions, geography.
- WAATSP - Lentz
Report submitted by Monica Lentz

As of today, all teachers have received their results from the National Spanish Exam, but the state awards will be completed within a few weeks. We will then know how many students and schools participated.

On March 5 Pius XI hosted our annual Oral Competition. Here are the results:

17 schools participated

422 events registered

515 students registered (counting teatro participants individually)

357 events judged- 193 First place, 142 Second place, 22 Third place

440 students judged (counting teatro participants individually)

Students that placed in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place received a ribbon. We awarded 10 \$100 prizes to first place seniors done by a raffle. 51 First place Senior were placed in the raffle and there were 10 winners.

We are still looking for applicants for our AATSP-WI Distinguished Teacher award. Applications are due May 15th to Jeanne Kasza (jeanne.kasza@sbcglobal.net). Please nominate yourself or your colleague for this wonderful award.

We are also looking for a VICE PRESIDENT for election in November. If you are interested or know someone that is interested in representing AATSP-WI at all WAFLT meetings and possibly at national conference please contact me (lentzm@elmbrookschoools.org).

We would like to thank Gisela Nina Holmquist that will represent us at our annual AATSP conference in Washington DC this year.

- AATF-W - LaPean – Usher
Michèle La Pean-Usher reports that AATF-WI has nothing to report at this time.

Old Europe Cheese donation to Appleton North Spanish student cheese tasting event.

- WLTA – Tess
Report submitted by Dan Tess:

I am pursuing WePay as an online payment system for members to renew their WLTA dues. Fee structure is similar to PayPal but the company has fewer customer complaints with payment mistakes or losing money.

The Wisconsin Junior Classical League will be sending a bus full of students and chaperones to Kentucky in August for the JCL National Convention, where students meet other Latin students from across the country for competition and fun.

I am applying to Reginald Foster's summer Latin immersion in Milwaukee (8 weeks through June and July) and hopefully will be able to glean some good experiences from that to bring into a future WAFLT workshop.

○ WACLT - Faust

Report submitted by Paul Faust:

Our major focus in WACLT over the past month or so has been the eighth annual Chinese speech contest, which I am overseeing in Madison as you meet in Appleton this month. So far everything looks to be going smoothly; we have a better location on the UW-Madison campus, and both the Confucius Institute and the UW Center for East Asian Studies have helped us out enormously.

The full board of WACLT will meet after the speech contest to discuss upcoming events and plans for the second half of the year.

We have been able to submit a proposal to the Central States Conference for a Chinese immersion session at next spring's conference in Milwaukee. We were unable to find anyone to present such a session at this fall's WAFLT convention, though.

Our second TPRS workshop is well under way for August; we are currently waiting on a grant application to see how much funding we will have. Invitations to the workshop are being sent out in May.

Dr. Yea-fen Chen will be running a workshop on K-16 articulation at UW-M on May 14th; we expect it to be a great success.

5. Other Business

International Student handbook – Cambridge Institute is bringing several Chinese students to Bobbette's school. Contact her with any information you may have.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Kyle Gorden moved and Bette Brandenburg seconded a motion to adjourn at 1:12. Motion passed.

WAFLT Calendar 2011

2011

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