

# **KENTUCKY WORLD LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION**

## **Full Board Meeting and Regional Representatives**

### **October 24, 2015 Meeting Notes**

#### **Full Board Meeting**

**I. Call to order** President S. Merideth called to order the meeting of the Kentucky World Language Association at 9:28 AM.

**II. Roll Call and Secretary's report**

The members of the Executive Board who were present: S. Merideth, L. Gravitt, T. Coffey, and L. Kohler.

The Full Board members who were present: A. deTorres Núñez, J. Gao for K. Peng, E. Kamenetzky, J. Kennedy, , L. Roché, C. Shiroma, Z. Smith and E. Munsie.

Skyping in for their report: C. Connelly and E. Anama-Green.

A motion was made by J. Kennedy to accept of the September minutes, and seconded by E. Kamenetzky.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

T. Coffey reported that the checking account has a current balance of \$19,618.87. The savings account has a current balance of \$1,522.89. The PayPal account has a balance of \$924.66.

We have outstanding checks of \$558.40 for an overall balance of \$25,343.36. Take off 1522.89 because accounts have been merged. Our final balance is 24,745.13

\$17,000 is still outstanding from Conference.

**IV. President's Report**

S. Merideth reported that she has now been added to the KWLA Bank Account. T. Coffey will be given a KWLA debit card to use for Accounting Purposes. Our savings account has been added to the regular Checking Account because we were losing money due to a low balance, as noted at the end of the Treasurer's

Report.

The Board is looking at the possibility of re-incorporating because it will make the paperwork easier for attaining 501(c)3 status.

KWLA is officially sponsoring, along with AATF, the Kentucky Reception for Jacque VanHouten at ACTFL. Anyone who pre-registers from Kentucky will be invited. L. Gravitt and S. Merideth are our official delegates.

For SCOLT in February, L. Gravitt will be our delegate, S. Merideth will be on maternity leave. L. Roché will represent us as Kentucky Teacher of the Year. L. Roché and J. Lykens are presenting sessions. S. Moran and D. Tatum-Johns will present as the Best of Kentucky session from Kentucky Country Day School.

## **V. Committee Reports**

**Advocacy** - J. VanHouten has sent a message to Gerald Neal from Louisville looking for a sponsor for the Seal of Bi-literacy. She has drafted a petition to get that bill into the legislative agenda. A. deTorres-Nuñez says KDE can help more if we wait a year. The level of proficiency needed for a Seal is Intermediate Mid.

**Awards** - B. Hawkins reported that the press releases were crafted and published by L. Gravitt. He updated the commitment forms for teachers for Outstanding and New Teacher of the Year.

B. Hawkins proposed this for the makeup of his committee: 7 members: the Chair, the Host of Awards Banquet; the previous year's Outstanding and New Teacher, the JCPS and KDE reps and one more volunteer from the Board. The volunteer cannot be a AAT President to avoid bias. Perhaps the Past-President. J. Kennedy commented that the JCPS rep would also be biased.

L. Gravitt made a motion to modify the suggested committee, making the KWLA President and Past-President members in lieu of the JCPS rep and a volunteer. It was seconded by Z. Smith. Passed vote. It will be sent back to committee chair for approval.

Next year, B. Hawkins reminded the Board about including the post-secondary teacher in the running for Teacher of the Year. The interview process the Board hopes to add for next year will look like SCOLT's? This discussion was tabled to be discussed at Winter Retreat.

The SCOLT Interview is 5-6 questions with 2-3 minute responses on variety of topics. The candidates also do a 2 minute mock speech or press conference.

When updated, we'll update website and sent out emails for nominations to membership.

**Leadership** - B. Hawkins would like to add an area to the website called leadership to help people know how to volunteer for open positions. There will be a new Secretary in 2016, along with new Regional Representatives.

**Membership** - No Report

**Finance** - L. Gravitt reported that the budget has been calendar-year, created by Executive Board at Winter Retreat. Oct. 24, we have a balanced budget for 2015. We can move to a fiscal year starting at the 2016 Conference. We are going to vote on the proposed budget, that was created with the help of an accountant. In January, we will need a 6-month budget, then an annual budget in June 2016, following a July 1-June 30 fiscal year.

#### 2015 KWLA Budget Overview - For Approval

##### **Revenue**

Carry-Over from 2014 Checking - \$11,356.93

Carry-Over from 2014 Savings - \$1,558.89

Membership Dues - \$3,000.00

Conference Registration - \$47,000.00

Conference Sponsorship - \$1,500.00

Exhibitor Fees - \$1,500.00

Showcase - \$3,000.00

PD Webinars and Workshops - \$2,500.00

Total Revenue: \$71,415.82

##### **Expenses**

Conference - \$40,500.00

Showcase - \$5,000.00

Board - \$5,900.00

Assembly of Delegates (ACTFL, SCOLT) - \$3,000.00

Website/Technology - \$5,200.00

Professional Fees - \$535.00

Contributions (JNCL) - \$1,600.00

PD/Workshop/Webinar - \$2,000.00

Bank Fees - \$1,150.00

Dues and Subscriptions (ACTFL) - \$150.00

Supplies and Expenses - \$150.00

Printing, Copying and Posting (not Conference) - \$350.00

Total Expenses: \$65,535.00

## **Total Net: \$5,880.82**

S. Merideth stated that one free table will be made available for all AAT's this year at Conference for free for Immersion Dinner Sign-Ups, etc. If each group wants their own table, they will have to pay the Exhibitor's Rate of \$125. L. Roché wants emails from M. Motsinger ahead of time S. Merideth assured her that would happen.

### **Professional Development**

L. Roché reported that she is working with Dr. Jing Gao, J.Kennedy and Z. Smith to do a PD Webinar on Proficiency Assessments.

In the Spring, there will be Regional Professional developments with the regional representatives.

Podcasts are going well. UK's editor of the podcasts left and a student is now doing it with difficulty. The last one was with Thomas Sauer and is really good, except for the rough editing. L. Gravitt reminded L. Roché that the Webmaster will need it before mid-November. UK Researchers will be featured in November's podcast. KDE will be in December, concerning the Global Competency and World Language Program Review. L. Roché would like to have questions from the membership beforehand.

L. Roché has two requests. 1) If someone drives from far away, can we give mileage? L. Gravitt responded that it will be built into the 2016 budget. 2) We need to have podcasts published on iTunes. We want webinars on TpT. Send out to teachers from KDE. We need to become a Brand. L. Gravitt responded that branding should probably be handled by the Communications Director.

For the Webinar, L. Gravitt commented that there will be Member and non-Member rates that are automated. There is a form that's ready. We hope to have it ready by mid-November.

### **VI. Regional Representatives**

E. Anama-Green reported for each regional representative.

S. Loveless reported that the Amici Liguorum this year was from her area. There was a Murray State Teacher PD 10/24. Calloway Co. Students are going to Nashville to celebrate Dia de los Muertos. She would like to see rubrics on the website.

L. Garner reported that Karen Malonee was named Middle School TOY for Kentucky and Jennifer Larsen was the Spanish TOY. She suggested that we need a Career Pathway for languages and suggested adding it to the Seal of Bi-

Literacy.

C. Wilson reported that schools are working on the Program Review.

C. Fischer -reported that Startalk has increased the number of students learning Chinese. In 2015-2016 JCPS has 3 PD strands for WL teachers.

G. Newsome is meeting with WL Cadre. She would like to have a better understanding of global competence, so she can share with her staff.

D. Ojeda - WL PDs are being held for Louisville area teachers. He would like more support in advertising and supporting these endeavors from KWLA.

S. Merideth commented that PDs like that can be advertised on KWLA Facebook page by the person organizing, but not endorsed by KWLA.

J. Susini updated her teacher listing and is having a PD soon with Lexington area teachers at Trinity.

FCPS - Carlos Peña and Tracy Lambert were Ashland Teacher Award finalists. The FLES teachers are having swap shops. Oct. 22 PD planned by Chinese teachers. Yan Wang and Ben McMaine attended the Startalk Conference in October. WL teachers met with Michael Daily, who is in charge of FCPS Gifted and Talented and now WL.

E. Anama-Green reported his own school has been organizing to celebrate Dia de los Muertos. He has a Social Media website for teachers. Jenkins now has k-12 Spanish. In general, his area needs proficiency-based teacher training.

L. Roché commented that the Spring and Fall 2016 podcasts will address that.

E. Anama-Green said schools want to earn Proficient in the Program Review, but funding makes it difficult. Is there something KDE can do to help?

## **VII. University Representative**

C. Connelly reported that at NKU language enrollments are up from last year. Classes are better filled also. They have online Spanish now, in addition to Japanese. The faculty is not really for online classes. There are expanded dual-credit courses at area high schools. The department has created an internship course to be approved for next year. Business is making an International Business major. Most students are interested in German and Japanese. Interest in French is up this year, but down in general.

## **VIII. Communications Director - No report**

## **IX. Affiliate Organization Reports**

**AATF** - L. Roché reported that AATF had multiple members present at KWLA with all receiving stipends to off-set their costs and time. At the annual meeting, AATF recognized overall winning French Programs with plaques; the AATF of KY Program recognition will continue this year with each participating program receiving a rating from 1-3 étoiles, a certificate, and a letter of specific recognition sent to the principal. On November 7, AATF will be offering a free PD for members (\$10 charge for non-members) at Lexington Catholic focusing on *Learnerator*, a tool for practicing cultural and reading knowledge at the upper levels. The lending library of authentic French films and scholarship program for a high school senior intending to study French at the college level are new initiatives this year.

**AATG** - AATG had a very successful annual meeting at the conference this year with great attendance. We are gearing up for our fourth annual Immersion Weekend which will be held this year on November 6th and 7th at Camp Crescendo in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky. This year's theme is "German Culture" and are looking forward to having our students immersed in German for almost 24 hours. We are also planning a Professional Development opportunity for our teachers on December 4th and 5th in Lexington. With support of a grant from AATG and also Anka Fehling, a German Language Consultant from the Central Agency for Schools Abroad in Germany, we will be meeting to learn more about using technology and authentic resources in the classroom, as well as connecting with one another on a personal and professional level. In addition, registration is open for the AATG National German Exam and we are hoping for record enrollment in this exam to bring more recognition to the state of Kentucky.

**AATSP** - Z. Smith reported that the AATSP newsletter is coming out next week. The link to all the members as well as KWLA to place in the website if possible, with the objective to promote visibility to KWLA members who may not be AATSP members. The group is starting to organize the Spanish Honor Society 2016 convention at Ryle High School and the Holiday Inn. The SHH website can be found at [www.symbaloo.com/mix/srapascualsclassmix](http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/srapascualsclassmix) We will continue with the 500.00 scholarship for the SHH. The group is able to pay memberships for the winners. An Advocacy idea would be to add benchmarks for College and Career Readiness for World languages.

**KCA** - C. Shiroma reported that the KJCL Fall Forum is Oct 31. She is trying to recruit new members for KCA, or even get the previous members to pay their dues. She has sent out a letter explaining what KCA is and why it (and KWLA) are important to Latin teachers in KY. She is currently working on a website for KCA.

**KAJLT** - E. Kamenetzky reported that KAJLT had a great turnout at the Immersion Dinner at the Fall Conference! The group even got some new members this year, which is really exciting. Unfortunately many had a little bit too much fun at the Immersion Dinner, which resulted in poor attendance at our annual meeting the next morning. Unfortunately, there are as of yet no volunteers to take on the position of Treasurer, which was left vacant when Ms. Carole Terkula had to move out of state last year, so the current President continues to be doing double-duty as Treasurer.

At the annual meeting we discussed the possibility of creating and/or piggybacking on an existing database of information about Japanese language teachers in Kentucky, including at what schools each teacher works and what grade levels they teach. KAJLT's parent organization, AATJ, maintains a national database of schools that offer Japanese classes, from kindergarten all the way through graduate programs - although this database does not include information about teachers at these schools, just that the programs exist. And of course KAJLT's own member roster does not account for the many Japanese teachers in Kentucky who are not KAJLT members. The VP in particular, Mr. Atsushi Hasegawa, wondered if other ALTs maintain their own databases and if so, how they go about doing it? So here's the shameless part: If you're an ALT president and your organization maintains a database of teachers of your language, would you mind emailing [elena.kamenetzky@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:elena.kamenetzky@jefferson.kyschools.us) so that we can get in touch?

At the annual meeting we also discussed the unfortunate fact that many Japanese teachers in Kentucky - including more than a few who attended the Immersion Dinner - are not actually members of KAJLT. The group is brainstorming ways to get the word out about benefits of being a member.

Finally, the date for the annual Kentucky Japanese Speech Contest has been set for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This way it won't be too close to the Japan Bowl and the KWLA Showcase the way that it was last year. The date for the state Japan Bowl, however, has yet to be determined.

**KACLT** - A great deal of actions and events occurred after KWLA in September 2015. In celebration of the fifth anniversary of the University of Kentucky Confucius Institute (UKCI), the Shanghai University Folk Music Troupe was invited to perform on October 3, 2015 at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall. More than 300 audience members attended and applauded the evening's performance with a standing ovation. On October 9 - 11th, more than 120 Chinese Hanban Teachers representing more 20 U.S. states participated in the "2015 Chinese Hanban Teacher In-Service Training," at Western Kentucky University Center for Research and Development. Three KACLT members (Yan Wang, Cheng Fisher and Ke Peng) attended and presented the annual Startalk conference in Orlando, Florida during October 15-17<sup>th</sup>. On October 16, Dr.

Robin R. Wang, serving as the first speaker in the 2015 Distinguished Scholars Series, gave a lecture on Yinyang: The Way of Ways at UKCI. KACLT will host its first online PD training in 2015 on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The KACLT 2015 Outstanding Teaching Award Winner, Cheng Fisher, will present and share her curriculum design for middle schools.

**NNELL** - J. Kennedy reported that conference led to connecting more teachers. Nadine Jacobsen-McLean presented and had a good turn out. Three teachers were featured in the NNELL National Newsletter. There will be a Nov. 4 Swap Shop at Garden Springs Elementary in Lexington that is open to K-8 teacher of any language.

**KDE (Ex Officio)** - A. deTorres Núñez reported that there is a growing number of WL teachers in the State across grade levels.

There are World Languages regional cadres in North Eastern Kentucky (KEDC) and South Eastern-South Central (SESC) are already operative. The next to come are Appalachia (KVEC), North Eastern Kentucky (KEDC) and Ohio Valley (OVEC). Green River (GRREC) and Central Kentucky (CKEC) are still working on developing the structure. Western Kentucky (WKES) have initiated conversations on this topic.

The KET WLs Toolkit is complete for Spanish and will be created for French and German.

The Guidelines for the use of Technology in the World Languages field has been delayed. Projected release: December 2015. The conversation about the KAR Discrepancies regarding minimum requirements by high school graduation has been postponed.

Other than what was reported from J. VanHouten, there is no new development of the Seal of Biliteracy.

Global Symposiums are coming up November 9, 2015, in Shelbyville, KY and January 22, 2016, in Kentucky Dam, KY.

The proposal about American Sign Language has been delayed until summer 2016 probably.

The Career Pathway for A&H has been rejected. No WL pathway has been created. We can pursue a pathway, but it will take time and research. We know the criteria we have to meet. Career ready pathway completion/certification must hold to the following criteria:

1. Recognized, endorsed, or required by industry
2. Written and verified by national or state industry;

3. Curriculum and certification aligned with state and/or national standards;
4. Certification must be an end-of-program assessment related to the student's identified career pathway achieved through a sequence of courses.

Teachers from China and Spain are to meet the new commissioner in December.

Concerning the Kentucky Center Academies for Arts Integration, there is a proposal to create academies for Spanish/Chinese and Arts, and German/French and Social Studies.

There was an Official communication on the "Global Competency and World Languages Program Review" sent out to everyone containing the following important information:

The GC/WL Program Review will remain on schedule for 2015-2016

- High school baselines will be calculated using 2014-15 data in fall 2015 for accountability reporting in 2015-16;
- Elementary & Middle school baselines will be calculated using 2015-16 data in fall 2016 for accountability reporting in 2016-17;
- ALL schools are required to enter data into ASSIST in 2015-16;
- ALL schools are to be expected to use the REVISED 2015 Global Competency/World Language Program Rubric.

The Kentucky Board of Education named Stephen L. Pruitt as the new commissioner of education for Kentucky. Maybe we should schedule a KWLA meeting with him or invite him for a podcast. He would need 3 months of advance notice.

**Jefferson County (Ex Officio) - No report**

**Teacher of the Year (Ex Officio) - No report**

## **X. Showcase**

L. Kohler reported that the Showcase Guidelines - virtually unchanged from 2015 to give the event continuity - have been updated on the website to reflect the correct dates, and the addition of Novice High Best Projects on top of the Best of Kentucky per language.

The Showcase will be April 23, 2016, at Centre College. All hands on deck from the Board and Regional Reps will be needed to help. The goal will be to have score reports to give to each teacher at the end of the day, along with awards.

The Showcase Committee will meet soon (probably virtually) to discuss and propose revisions to the rubrics used to judge the Projects and Oral Proficiency. The goal will be to streamline the documents to make them more user-friendly

for the judges.

## **XI. Conference Committee**

L. Gravitt reported that the 2015 Conference Surveys revealed that this year's conference was about the same as last year's. There were issues with hotel and we are not returning. The Internet was an issue at Pavilion. There are new members of Conference Committee coming on such as Alfonso and Laura.

The 2016 Conference will be located at the Crown Plaza at the Louisville Airport for next year, Sept. 14-18, 2016. It is a great venue where 3-hour workshops can be held upstairs out of session traffic. The hotel is always booked and we are a small conference for them. The 2016 and 2017 contracts are made up. The Crown Plaza is already holding everything so we don't have to switch venues again in 2017. L. Roché asked about having the conference in Lexington. L. Gravitt said that it may work out in the future. The hotel and the Louisville Visitor's Bureau can give door prizes like night at hotel or Bourbon-themed basket. Louisville wants to keep us there because they are trying to have an international flavor.

L. Gravitt will send the contracts back to conference committee for final approval before signing.

## **XII. Old Business**

S. Merideth moves to make College Chapter vote at Winter Retreat, Second by L. Gravitt. Motion passed.

S. Merideth moves to accept Avant as the STAMP administrator proposal. No Second.

S. Merideth moves to vote at Winter Retreat to re-align Regions to the Kentucky Coops. E. Anama seconded. Motion passed.

## **XIII. New Business**

L. Gravitt made a motion to accept 2015 Budget E. Anama seconded. Motion passed.

T. Coffey made a motion to change to a Fiscal Year Budget July 1- June 30. L. Gravitt seconded. Motion passed.

## **XIV. Upcoming Events**

11/20-22 - ACTFL Annual Conference, San Diego, CA

1/8-10/16 Full Board and all Regional Reps, Location TBD

3/5/16 Full Board, TLS, 9 AM

4/23/16 Full Board and all Regional Reps @ Centre College for Showcase

5/21/16 Full Board, TLS, 9 AM

### **VIII. Adjournment**

L. Kohler made a motion to adjourn. J. Kennedy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.