



Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, August 9, 2008  
Community Room, Carmel High School  
Carmel, IN  
10:15 a.m.-12: 38 p.m.

Attendance:

Officers: Angelika Becker, Silvana Falconi, Nicci Saari, Julie Canady, Sarah Demaris

Non-officer directors: Christine Moeller-Sahling (AATG), Mindy Zhang (ICLASS), David Banta (ICC), Nancy Doedens (Advocacy), Molly Jeon (AITJ), Molly Murphy (IN-NELL), Barb Seely ( AATF –NW IN), Kathy Darnell ( Exhibits)

Ex-Officio: Adriana Melnyk (IDOE)

Special Guest: Edra Staffieri ( retired)

1. Angelika Becker, IFLTA President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
2. Nicci Saari, IFLTA Secretary, presented the minutes from the May, 3, 2008 meeting to all of those in attendance. The minutes were approved as read.
3. Julie Canady, IFLTA Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance was \$38, 583 with an ending balance of \$13, 060.32. Currently there is \$23,000 invested in a CD at Chase Bank. Julie distributed a copy of the newly created IFLTA Mileage Reimbursement form to those present. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.
4. Silvana Falconi, IFLTA Vice-President, presented the Conference Report. Right now there are approximately 80 sessions that have been proposed. There are some new changes to the schedule that have been proposed. Silvana suggested that the keynote speaker open the conference because having the keynote at lunch would not allow time to network with colleagues due to the length of the keynote speaker's presentation. She proposed that the keynote speaker speak at 8:30 Friday morning, and a suggestion was made by Sarah Demaris, Immediate Past-President, to move the registration up to 7:30 on Friday. In addition, the keynote speaker, Dennie Hoopingarner, will present a workshop on technology on Saturday morning. There was some debate regarding the move of the keynote speaker's time slot to Friday morning. Sarah mentioned that most conference participants register during that early morning time and that many hotel guests will be checking out during that time period. There was some debate as to having the business meetings of the constituent organizations meet at the same time as conference sessions. Silvana clarified by stating that based on some comments from last year's conference evaluations that members had asked for some more choices during this time and that it could possibly be Spanish sessions. Another member added that it might be good for publishers to present during this time slot. Additionally, it was stressed that strong sessions should be scheduled for late Saturday. A concern was raised whether simply stating that the exhibit area would be open through late Saturday afternoon could induce vendors to stay; moving the vendor raffle to late afternoon may mean that fewer vendors

take part in the raffle. Silvana mentioned that the reasoning to move the exhibitors' raffle from lunch time to 3:30 is because after the Saturday's lunch and the raffle at lunch time most of the people leave. We would like to encourage people to stay until the end of the conference and attend the strong sessions and raffles scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Silvana will send an updated schedule once all of the details have been set. Angelika asked for feedback on the constituent organization tables that were set up last year in the atrium and it was decided that the tables would be continued, but that it wasn't necessary to have the tables manned at all times but rather to have information ready for interested World Language professionals. Angelika mentioned that when a confirmation e-mail is sent to session presenters that they will be given the suggestion to submit their handouts/session overview online so that it can be viewed from the IFLTA website. Angelika reminded each member of the handouts that they need to provide to her for the conference folder.

5. Carol Goss, IFLTA Website Manager, presented the Website Manager's Report. She mentioned various updates that needed to be made to forms, and also mentioned that the winners of the 2008 IFLTA Poster Contest can now be displayed on the website, and that Shawn Whistler, IFLTA Poster Contest Chair, has placed a form on the website which will allow teachers to order a copy of the winning posters.

6. Angelika spoke on behalf of Matt Miller, IFLTA Newsletter Editor. The deadline for submissions is Aug. 15, 2008. Angelika stressed the need to have contributions from each of the constituent organizations. The newsletter is online, with a postcard reminder to read the online newsletter and get information on and register for the IFLTA Conference.

7. Adriana Melnyk gave the Indiana Dept. of Education Report.

8. Angelika discussed some old business items. Originally, there were two awardees of the Strasheim Scholarship, but one of them chose not to accept the award. It was decided to set aside the remaining money to award future scholarships. There was a little discussion on the May strategic planning retreat which was a follow up to May 2007's retreat--Focus on the Future. On May 3, 2008 after the IFLTA Board meeting, constituent organizations met to follow up what they had accomplished since the IFLTA May 2007 retreat-Focus on the Future.

9. One item of new business was mentioned by Julie Canady on behalf of Shawn Whistler, Poster Contest Chair. It was suggested that for next year's poster contest that the posters be judged during a meeting with the judges all together. A motion was made for this to take place simultaneously during the May IFLTA board meeting in the future. This was approved by all present.

10. The constituent organizations were then given an opportunity to report any news of interest. Julie Canady spoke on behalf of IAATSP to talk about the upcoming Immersion Day focusing on Peru at the University of Indianapolis on Sept. 20, 2008. Molly Murphy spoke for IN-NELL to inform those in attendance about an event on Oct. 11, 2008 at the Central Library in Indianapolis focusing on how the library can be a resource to World Language teachers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

11. Addendum Virtual meeting Thurs., Oct. 30

Participants: Angelika Becker, Silvana Falconi, Julie Canady, Nicci Saari, and Sarah Demaris

Silvana hired JND services out of Bloomington, IN to assist in proofreading the IFLTA 2008 Conference Program and to help with the format and the cost was \$260. The board voted to approve the use of IFLTA funds for this service.

Upcoming meeting dates: Fall Conference Nov. 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted by Nicci Saari, IFLTA Secretary