



**Board of Directors Meeting  
August 8, 2009  
10:08 am -12:40 p.m.  
Community Room, Carmel High School, Carmel**

**Attendance:**

**Officers:** Angelika Becker, Silvana Falconi, Sarah DeMaris, Nicci Saari, Julie Canady  
**Non-officer Directors:** Dee Webster (IAATSP), Barbara De Gortari (IAATSP), Mindy Zhang (ICLASS), Dine Moeller-Sahling (AATG), Carol Goss (Webmaster), Cathy Blitzer (IDOE), Tungfen Lee (ICLASS), Matt Miller (Newsletter), Steve Olhaut (AATF), Gary Spurgin (AATF), Randy Studt (TOY Committee Chair), Beth Moller-Tank (AATG), Molly Murphy, Barb Seely (AATF-NW), Mike Tsgawa (AITJ), Molly Jeon (AITJ), David Banta (ICC)  
**Ex-Officio:** Caterina Blitzer (IDOE)  
**Special Guests:** Jill Woerner (IAATSP-CSC Assistant Local Arr.Chair), Beate Westerhouse (Arsenal Tech HS)

1. Angelika called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
2. The constituent organization representatives introduced themselves and then reports from each of them were given.

**AATF:** Steve Ohlhaut reported that they are busy planning their workshop for the upcoming IFLTA conference.

**AATF-NW IN:** Barb Seely reported that they just had their monthly immersion dinner. They have a business meeting coming up at the end of August and are also planning for IFLTA.

**AATG:** Dine Moeller-Sahling reported that as a follow-up to the IFLTA May retreat there is a regional task force and there will be a meeting of AATG following this IFLTA meeting. In addition, they have also been preparing for IFLTA. Other notable news included an airlift exhibit at the Indiana War Memorial and a University of Notre Dame exhibit/workshop through the Goethe Institute.

**AATSP:** Dee Webster reported that IAATSP is trying to involve teachers at all regional levels in Indiana. They hosted a tertulia at La Margarita on 96<sup>th</sup> St. and gained more IAATSP members, and they are planning the fall IAATSP workshop at IFLTA.

**AITJ:** Molly Jeon reported about their annual April workshop with East Asian Studies at IU on CBI (Content-based instruction). Also they are working to improve the Japanese Olympiad and will have a workshop at Earlham College.

**ICLASS:** Mindy Zhang reported that the Confucius Institute would be hosting a Chinese Institute. In Sept. there will be a 3 day workshop targeting visiting teachers and new teachers. This would be training on class management and teacher methodology.

**ICC:** David Banta reported that there was a spring conference at Purdue University. In addition, he mentioned that ICC's focus was on improving the network for identifying teachers of Latin to keep Latin programs from being shut down.

IN-NELL: Molly Murphy reported that there will be a NELL East Regional Workshop featuring Dr. Helena Curtain on Oct. 3 at Park Tudor (registration deadline Sep. 15). In addition she mentioned that IN-NELL hosts bilingual story times the second Saturday of every month, and that they are looking for someone who can do Swahili.

CSC Notes: Jill Woerner reported that Constituent Organizations need to decide if they would like to host a workshop for when CSC will be in Indy for 2011. This would be a full day workshop from 9-4 with lunch in between (30 participants per workshop sometimes 60 for Spanish teachers). Constituent Organizations would need to decide what they would like to for the evening reception (business meeting, social hour, etc.). Submission deadline is early April 2010 for Const. Organizations' workshop submission. Each organization gets \$175 stipend to use for workshop.

3. Nicci Saari submitted the meeting minutes from May 2, 2009. These were approved as corrected.

4. Julie Canady submitted the Treasurer's Report. We have a beginning balance of \$4175.28, with an ending balance of \$4958.33, with \$21,215.79 in Savings, and \$23,000 (approx.) in a CD. The report was approved as submitted.

5. Carol Goss gave the Website report

The winners of the 2009 poster contest and winning entries are on the site. Carol needs updated forms for 2010 for TOY and membership, Conference overview and highlights. Angelika mentioned that the handouts should be sent to Carol by the end of September to be posted on the website, and that she will be in contact with Sylvia Hyde about the IFLTA Creative Project Contest. The IFLTA Mission Statement and Strategic Goals will be posted on the website in addition to the new officer leadership structure that was amended in the by-laws in May. Carol will be leaving the country for family reasons and an interim website manager will need to be appointed. Beate Westerhouse will possibly serve as interim webmaster. Angelika acknowledged all the hard work that Carol has done in making the website what it is now.

6. Matt Miller submitted the Newsletter Editor report. The deadline for the Fall IFLTA Newsletter is August 15. We will still plan to continue to do an all online newsletter in Fall and Spring, and we will have a printable version on the website. The IFLTA Fall Newsletter will be published by Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>. Angelika asked that all constituent organizations submit something for the newsletter. Nicci suggested having a "Newsworthy Notes" section to display member news and accomplishments and Sarah suggested having a solicitation for the Spring newsletter for this. Nicci agreed to send Matt a blurb for this for the Fall 2009 newsletter. Again there will be postcard notification of the newsletter in Spring and Fall for members and non-member WL teachers in time for the IFLTA Conference pre-registration deadline of Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Angelika recognized Matt for all of the work he has done.

7. Caterina Blitzer submitted the report from the Indiana Dept. of education. It has been a difficult transition at IDOE. Caterina is still in contact with Adriana. Her official title is Director of International Education, as she works with everyone in the educational community to ensure that that Indiana schools must include experiences that engage with

the world. She mentioned the importance of content-based instruction in favor of languages as it relates to the business world. She shared with us Sup. Tony Bennett's vision for Indiana in education. He has a sense of urgency of where we stand in Indiana as compared to the world.

Academic achievement: priorities for 2009 (Taken from Sup. Tony Bennett as reported by Caterina):

1. Cultivate world –class reading and math programs
2. Hold schools accountable and take bold and aggressive actions to reform and improve failing schools
3. Support innovative initiatives to improve instructional quality and leadership
4. Rapidly increase AP class availability and participation,
5. Institute a transparent model for student growth
6. Develop effective CTE and adult ed systems

There will be a reading summit on Oct. 1--many states have adopted a literacy framework, and Indiana is on that path as well. She shared that the Heritage-language Learner Standards are up for review and will be up until September 4, 2009.

Caterina mentioned that what can drive students to our WL classrooms is to give an experience where that language is spoken—exchange of teachers, school-to-school partnerships, scholarships that can pay for this and harness technology. There will be a team of 5 teachers from the Alsace region in late October coming to visit. In addition there will be visiting teachers from Spain, Taiwan, and China. Nov. 5-7 is the date of the NMSA Conference as well as IFLTA. At NMSA there will be a 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom constructed. This will feature technology based-school-to-school instruction: why language matters and how it can be used constructively.

8. Angelika reported on Scholarships and Grants for Nancy Loriaux. In the spring we awarded Diane Williamson \$1,000 for the Strasheim but the trip was canceled; money will be held for her until next year when the trip is re-scheduled. There was an application from a member to use a mini-grant to go to the AATSP National Conference; the mini-grants are to be given to individuals or constituent organizations with workshops or projects but not as travel stipend. The wording will be changed on website to reflect that it is not to be used for travel stipends. Angelika will change the document and send it to Carol to be posted on the website.

9. Silvana Falconi provided the IFLTA Conference Report regarding workshops, sessions, the keynote speaker, the program, and University Night. There are 53 sessions and 6 workshop proposals. Silvana mentioned that we need at least 7 more sessions-1 per language (60 total) by Wednesday Aug. 12, 2009 to be able to offer 10 sessions/presentations in Sessions A, B, C, D, and E and 5 sessions/presentations in Sessions F and G plus 6 workshops to run concurrently with Sessions F and G. Silvana made some changes to the conference overview based on last year's evaluation comments. Sarah had 2 suggestions...on Saturday Session E take out the wording Visit Exhibits, and to change it from 12:45 to 1:00 for the start time of the second exhibit break. The keynote speaker Peggy Boyles will be do a speech titled "Giving Assessment a Global Punch" and will be featured in a workshop titled "Performance Based Assessment: Encouraging Our Students to *Get Real* with Language". The keynote speech will be \$500 and there will be a \$ 300 charge for the 2-hour workshop. The workshop will take place during Sessions A and B. The deadline for the Constituent

Organization workshop proposals was Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Most have been submitted except for French at this time. There will be an announcement calling for presidors coming soon and Silvana asked all in attendance for help with presiding. Silvana will send out an announcement to each session proposal to let them know of their status in the beginning of September, along with a reminder to submit their session handouts to be posted on the IFLTA website. The announcement for University Night will be coming soon.

Angelika reported on folder materials, constituent organization tables, and lunch/es for the IFLTA Conference. Based on what was in the conference folders last year, we need a raffle sheet from Jill Hickey, from Shawn Whistler poster contest order forms and information, half sheet for handouts from Carol, treasurer's report, Conf. Evaluation Form from Silvana, update from IDOE. Angelika will do Bus. Mtg. agenda, Nicci does Bus. Meeting Minutes from last year, and the Strasheim (Angelika) will be placed in the folders as well. These materials should be sent to Angelika by Oct. 1. Angelika mentioned the officers should get new duties outlines to her by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> as well. There was some discussion as to whether we should do bumper stickers/goodies/both/or neither. Discussion about the budget and why we have a surplus, what expenses we have, etc. The consensus was to keep bumper stickers and to explore cheaper options for the freebie or to do away with the giveaway altogether. Regarding the constituent organization tables, we will still have them, but no one needs to man them. Angelika mentioned that IFLTA will offer only free lunches for the presenters for the Fri. morning workshops: 1 per constituent organization, 2 for Spanish because of 2 workshops. Presidents of each constituent organization should eat lunch with their presenters. Constituent organizations should pay for the lunch on Saturday for their TOY winners. IFLTA will pay for the lunch for the IFLTA winners as a reimbursement.

Julie Canady gave the IFLTA Exhibits Report for Jill Canady-Hickey. Currently there are 12 exhibitors signed up to use 27 tables. We need to get 16 or 17 more exhibitors. Jill has been working via e-mail and will phone call exhibitors to get more for the conference. Jill will follow Silvana's advice, extending the registration deadline since exhibitors were offered a short time for signing up. Jill mentioned the concern that we will lose some to the NMSA conference and also mentioned the concern that conference attendance will be lower this year due to decreased budgets statewide for professional development. The total amount of revenue for the 12 exhibitors so far is \$3,175.

Lastly, Angelika discussed the New Teacher Workshop and Pre-Service Teacher workshops. These will be run exclusively from IFLTA now and no longer through the IDOE. We are going to make this more of an introduction to the constituent organizations as we restructure it. Angelika said that input was needed as to how to run these meetings. Angelika will contact Adriana, Chris Luke, and David Rosenbaum to see what has been done before.

10. Angelika discussed some items of old business. Constituent organizations are working on the goals they set at May retreat. The IFLTA Board voted to change the constitution regarding leadership during the May 2 meeting following the retreat. The new structure will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (in charge of Conference Program), 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Conference

Arrangements), President, and Past-President...each for a 1-year term. This will be a four-year total term commitment. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will move up into the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position, then President and Past-president. The Secretary and Treasurer will remain 2 year terms and be elected in alternate years.

11. Next, Angelika moved to new business items. With the new leadership structure there will be elections in November for new officers of IFLTA. IFLTA can send up to 2 delegates to the ACTFL conference in San Diego in November 2009. Nicci Saari has agreed to be a delegate and IFLTA needs one more to serve.

Jill Woerner, CSC Assistant Local Arrangements Chair was asked to speak about the various roles we will need to play and what help is needed when CSC is hosted in Indianapolis for 2011. There is a need for 5 chairs to gather teams to help:

- Chair the Volunteer staff at the hotel-put up signs and direct traffic--Hospitality
- Chair for Registration
- Chair for Exhibitors and Raffle
- Chair for Photographers
- Chair to be a liaison for Constituent Organizations-language workshops and language receptions—could involve making signage for keynotes, etc. –basically figuring out what’s needed and posting signs up

In addition, we need to be present at CSC 2010 in Minneapolis to publicize the conference for CSC 2011.

Sarah suggested having a solicitation in the IFLTA Newsletter for committee chairs and Jill agreed to send Matt Miller this for the IFLTA News. The dates for CSC 2011 will be March 3-5, 2011.

12. Silvana mentioned the need to revise the duties of the responsibilities of the officers due to the new structure. Silvana said it is imperative to show a revised list of responsibilities to the people who wish to run for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer so that they will know their duties in advance.

Upcoming meeting dates: Fall Conference, November 5-7, 2009 (Crowne Plaza, Indianapolis)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted respectfully by Nicci Saari, IFLTA Secretary