



Board of Directors Meeting

March 8, 2009

12:38 p.m.-3:31 p.m.

Community Room, Carmel High School, Carmel

Attendance:

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

Non-Officer directors: Jill Hickey (Exhibits), Ricky Baron (I-AATF NW), Barb Seely (I-AATF-NW), Kelly Sax (I-AATF), Molly Murphy (IN-NELL), Mindy Zhang (ICLASS), David Malcom (I-AATSP)

Special Guest: Adriana Melnyk

1. Angelika called meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.
2. Nicci Saari distributed the minutes for the meeting held Dec. 6, 2008 and they were approved as submitted.
3. Julie Canady submitted the Treasurer's Report. The current balance in checking is \$5180.28. Adriana Melnyk discussed what should happen at the DOE regarding financial information and where we can hold IFLTA's information now that Adriana's position has been eliminated. For the interim, Cathy Blitzer will send out anything that she gets for IFLTA. Angelika asked how much the conference total cost was after all expenses to project our budget for this year (we were \$10,000 short) and Julie said \$39,903.53 including everything, Meeting Connection included. We have \$23,000 in a CD. Sarah mentioned that the expenses were roughly \$5,000 more. Julie mentioned that budget expenses went up such as the hotel. Silvana also mentioned additional hotel expenses. In addition, printing expenses for programs went up. Also, we had lower attendance, plus additional costs for raffle prizes-Julie mentioned that we plan to give Lori a budget to work with for raffle costs. Approximately \$80 per person will be the projected cost.
4. Silvana submitted a report for the IFLTA 2009 Conference, including a budget for the hotel expenses for Crowne Plaza. The price per room will be reduced to \$93.00. The overall theme will focus on Global Connections and Globalization. Silvana proposed 2 possible titles: Global Vision: Preparing World Citizens, and Multicultural Education: Understanding Our Interconnected World. The group considered both options—the Global Vision theme will be the one we use for 2009. Sarah added that we should have the 41st annual conference in the title as well.

The board discussed the addition of pre-conference workshops on Thursday afternoon. Julie mentioned that she had some reservations about the pre-conference workshops—Sarah mentioned that she agreed with Julie. Sarah mentioned that she had tried this in the past and it didn't work because it did not bring many participants. The board discussed the new teacher workshop. Adriana suggested that we divide the workshop into 2 different ones-pre-service and new teachers. It was suggested as a possibility to do the workshop Friday morning along with the constituent organization workshops. Adriana suggested to host a pre-workshop Friday morning. David Malcom mentioned that this

would conflict with IN-NELL. Lots of discussion followed with some different suggestions. Sarah mentioned having two events Thursday night: a longer one for pre-service teachers and a shorter one for the new teachers. Silvana assured that the new teacher strand for the sessions would be continued in the upcoming years. Angelika said it should be non-language specific. Silvana stated that we had in the past some presentations that were not language specific. Silvana suggested the Presidents of the constituent organizations be in charge of new teachers workshop. Molly suggested that the constituent organizations come up with a short presentation for the evening. The following timetable was proposed: In-service teachers 6-9, New teachers 7:-8:30, wine tasting 7:30-9:30. Regarding general workshops, Silvana stated that if we have several proposals for workshops, we may do some on Friday afternoon but most likely they would be on Saturday afternoon. She also stated that we should repeat the same strategy from last year. We had many people until the end of the conference since we scheduled some workshops on Saturday afternoon last year.

One-day registration was presented by Silvana. Silvana mentioned that costs must be added due to inflation. Angelika said that the \$20 membership fee should cover operation costs. The meeting connection costs \$10 per person. It would be \$80 per person total to cover costs of the conference. After discussion the group agreed on the following new rates: Full Registration \$95 for regular registration, \$85 for retirees, and \$60 for students and for Pre-Registration \$75, with \$65 for retirees, and \$45 for students. Mindy Zhang suggested a “Saturday only” registration-\$50, \$30 for retirees, and \$30 for students. The program will be printed on regular paper like last year. Angelika considered outsourcing printing/layout to the Meeting Connection. The Meeting Connection didn’t respond to printing costs, except Silvana said \$400 was mentioned for layout only. Tom Welch was suggested as keynote by Adriana—former TOY for KY and visionary, motivating, and engaging. Angelika mentioned that Laura Terrill is willing to do the keynote for IFLTA for free.

5. Angelika Becker submitted the Website Manager’s Report for Carol Goss. Please update the private page for the conference: www.iflta.org/private.html. The Teacher of the Year archive page and other pages have been updated. Also, the IFLTA Conference 2008 archives are on there. Regarding the 2009 IFLTA Conference—Carol stressed that she needs committee members to make the content changes. Angelika mentioned that Carol has done a phenomenal job and the website has been tremendous since she has been doing this. Ricky mentioned that this is in spite of working extra and added responsibilities.

6. Adriana Melnyk submitted News from the Dept. of Education. Adriana’s new e-mail is amelnyk@iupui.edu, or senoritamelnyk@gmail.com. IFLTA will need to be in contact with Cathy Blitzer as new ex-officio role (International Studies). Standards that didn’t get done before the elimination of Adriana’s position at the DOE include ASL standards—these are currently up for public review until Mar. 24. The heritage language standards will be delayed until early fall. Tanya Harmon in charge now of the standards for heritage language standards with some focus shifted to ESL. Linguafolio will be launched at IFLTA with Ali Moeller and there will be professional development on this throughout the year. Cathy will be invited to the IFLTA May retreat. Adriana will take on the pre-

service teacher workshop still but IFLTA will do the new teacher workshop along with the constituent organizations.

7. Some items for old business were discussed. Sarah discussed Focus on the Future, the IFLTA May Retreat. It will be May 1st and 2nd in Valparaiso. Participants should come by 5:00 to Valparaiso, then at 6:00 there will be dinner, and then the first session of strategic planning will take place. Saturday the retreat will begin again at 8:30 a.m. and we will work until lunch, and then finish at 3pm on Saturday. At the retreat we will reintroduce what is strategic planning, and what goals have the Constituent Organizations have met, if any. People invited include future officers and future leaders. Constituent organizations were asked to pick approximately 5 people per organization including local people who will not have to pay hotel fees. Constituent organizations should let Sarah know by Apr. 1 who will be representing them. Julie submitted information for Shawn Whistler about the IFLTA Poster Contest. There are 7-9 judges. Shawn will get information to judges by Mar. 15. Angelika mentioned that the new deadline took some by surprise.

8. Angelika discussed some New Business items. Diane Williamson was the only Strasheim applicant. Julie said we had \$199 in the Strasheim. Julie will talk with Tom Alsop about donating to the Strasheim and Michael Edelstein at NETC as well.

Angelika mentioned that she got input and NY and WI about their leadership structure. They have a different structure—what they have is a 2nd VP and a VP, a Pres. and an Imm. Past Pres., but only for 1 year each as a 4 yr. total commitment. Angelika proposed that we move to this new structure and change the by-laws. The 2nd VP and the VP would both be in charge of organizing the conference. Angelika mentioned that this keeps continuity and lessens time commitment for officers, plus helps VP with organizing the conference. New officers would start with this coming election in November. In addition it was mentioned that we keep as a goal to alternate university/pre-collegiate people as officers. Sarah volunteered to re-write the wording for the new officers and terms to look at in May during the retreat and propose it to the board in November. Secretary and Treasurer are new in same year-Sarah proposed that the Secretary and Treasurer stagger the terms and proposed to change the wording in the by-laws. Angelika passed around a list of names of future leaders for consideration and asked for suggestions from the board.

Angelika reminded the board about Teacher of the Year nominations—deadline is by the May 1st retreat for the constituent organizations to submit their nominees to IFLTA. Vice-Presidents and Presidents should notify the nominees of their awards to make sure they submit a portfolio to compete for the IFLTA Teacher of the Year and help them so that the portfolio will be here for the Aug. meeting. Ricky Baron said we should revisit the guidelines and rubric for the portfolio. We will revisit this at the May retreat. There was some discussion as to whether or not the rubric should be posted on the IFLTA website. There was discussion-Angelika will check with Randy as to what updates need to be made.

Angelika has been in contact with Matt Miller regarding the Spring 2009 IFLTA Newsletter. It is not quite finalized because of updated conference information. Angelika along with Julie submitted previous information on costs. Postcard reminders cost

\$1042.96—postcards (included all state WL teachers). The IFLTA printed newsletter cost \$1006.43-newsletter (only to IFLTA members). There was much discussion regarding whether or not we will have a newsletter online as opposed to a printed newsletter. It was decided that IFLTA members will get a reminder e-mail and state WL teachers will get postcards, and that we will go all online for Fall and Spring newsletters.

9. The officers of the Constituent Organizations gave their reports. Some news:

AATF-NW IN: Barb Seely & Ricky Baron said that there has been a small group that has monthly meetings with an immersion/potluck dinner. They are hoping to grow participation.

AATG: Angelika presented information for Dine Moeller-Sahling in her place. They are postponing the spring immersion until Apr. 24 & 25 at IU Bloomington. An Indiana Task-force for German has been formed because of the cuts in German programs in the state. There have been letter-writing campaigns through the task force. This saved a job in Yorktown that was not cut yet but was being phased out. Currently there are 4 positions that the task force knows of that might face elimination.

AATSP: Julie presented in David Malcom's absence. They are getting ready for Concorso which will take place Apr. 18 at Craig Middle School.

ICLASS: Mindy Zhang said that there will be a workshop on Sat. Mar. 14 at Westlane Middle School in Washington Township for Chinese teachers. On Apr. 18 Westlane will host a Chinese contest and Cultural Fair.

IN-NELL: Molly Murphy spoke about the conference yesterday. In addition, she discussed bilingual story times each month—these take place at the IMCPL in downtown Indy at the Central Library on the 2nd Sat. of each month. IN-NELL would like to request help in getting people to read at story times.

10. Nicci briefly mentioned the lack of applicants for CSC Awards and Scholarships- Nicci will send to Matt Miller to be included in the IFLTA Newsletter.

11. Next Meeting: “Focus on the Future”, May 1 and 2 at Valparaiso University

Future Meetings:

August 8--Carmel

Dec. 5—TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Submitted respectfully by Nicci Saari, IFLTA Secretary