

WFLTA Executive Council Meeting, 11 October, 2018, Casper, Wyoming

In Attendance: Amy Velasquez, Aline Cassidy, Jessica Purdum, Mary Brummond, Joy Landeira, Ian Caldon, Pilar Johnston, Cortnie Link, Katherine Boehnke, Tracie Kirven, Nancy Fullmer

Guests: Aleidine Moeller

Minutes submitted by Ian Caldon

1. Nancy: Called meeting to order at 5:30 pm
2. Nominations for Executive Council...
 - a. Current list:

Aline Cassidy 2017-2020	Ian Caldon 2017-2023	Mary Brummond 2015 - 2020
Amy Velasquez 2018 off	Jaime Basham 2022 off	Nancy Fullmer 2024 off
	James Gustafson	Pilar Johnston 2017-2020
Charles Ewing 2017-2020	Jessica Purdum 2017-2020	Tracie Kirven 2017-2020
Courtne Link 2020 off	Joy Landeira	
	Kaoru Slotsve 2016-2018	
Eric Atkins?	Katherine Boehnke 2026 off	
Erica Hermosillo 2017-2020	Katy Brammer 2017-2020	

3. New Website and hosting- Shannon Ruiz, Tracie Kirven
 - https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/shannon_ruiz%40natronaschools.org+/LXphbRLrghxkrJnTwzHvKPRCWPHJQPhVMWCjgzWgqcl?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1
 - a. <https://www.montanalanguageteachers.org/>
 - b. <https://www.wflta.com/> - Tracy Kirven: utilizing Weebly
 1. Tracy K.: using her current website domain
 1. Free domain for as long as Tracy handling website
 2. Cortnie: recompense for Tracy as host for website
 1. Cover membership & conference for Tracy
 2. All agree on the Executive Council
 3. Domain url
 1. Dot.com important?
 2. Dot.org important?
 3. Overall input Dot.com is fine (wflta.com)
 2. Nancy: set up website with year-long resources, news, etc.
 1. Password protected
 1. Members only
 2. Not copied to other sites
 2. Could encourage membership with available perks for current members
 3. Joy: ensure Seal of Biliteracy on new website
 4. Nancy: motion to cover conference and membership
 1. Cortnie: 1st

2. Joy second
3. Approved
5. Nancy: motion to have Tracy K. be website designer
 1. Mary B. 1st
 2. Joy 2nd
 3. Approved

a. item

b. Resignations? New Board members?

1. Katherine, do we need more member. Currently we have 18
2. Nancy: executive council need to come to WFLTA / We can have 2 more people come to council meeting
3. Joy RMMLA meeting same weekend every year (2nd weekend) / some will be absent due to this conflict in scheduling
 1. Joy: Oct 10-12, 2019 is the definite date for RMMLA
 1. Could the end of September work? Money not available
 2. 2nd week of October is PNCFL
 2. Katherine: PD money can take very long, so earlier weekend is not prudent
 1. Inquiry to those members who did not attend
 2. Inquiry to those to the effect, would they come if it were in Casper every year
 3. Nancy: perhaps open registration by April for any leftover funds to be available
 4. Cortnie: hotels have a major event on other weekends
 1. Next week WFLTA is in Southwest Wyoming
 2. Summer WFLTA?
 1. Early August
 2. No new teachers could attend
 3. Overall input is to continue to hold it in October
 5. Mary Brummond: UW Homecoming could conflict
4. President / ACTFL (Aleidine Moeller):
 1. 2000 Koreans took assessment?
 2. ACTFL will be international this year (i.e. Australia & other countries)
 1. Expected to have approximately 8500 in attendance
 2. What is the language faculty make up
 1. Katherine: Depends on what teacher a district can get
 2. Cortnie: Spanish major language taught
 1. Joy: At UW Spanish & Chinese
 3. Do we have seal of biliteracy?
 1. Katherine: working on it via task force
 2. Katherine: Casper awards partial biliteracy
 4. What are the requirements?
 1. Katherine: Intermediate Mid
 5. Steering committee: there will be a summit in December regarding rigor of "AP exam"
 1. Authentic topics
 2. Major problem that kids take 4 years of language and end up in Spanish 1 at higher-education level
5. Nancy: Shoshoni is using STAMP test

1. Students have scored Advanced High
 2. Writing / Oral conflicts when reporting levels
 1. No feedback as to why IL on written and IH on Oral
 2. Describes what they performed but not much feedback as to why each received different scores
 1. ACTFL Pres. Write to David Baum
 2. Communicate this feedback to them
 3. ACTFL Pres. uses ACTLF indicators and assessments
 1. Created a rubric based on "Can do" with language
 2. Prefers ACTFL to STAMP
 1. Compared abilities and groups with regard to the assessments utilized and their level/scores
 2. Looked into the best practices that were happening in each class as correlated to the determined level
 3. If cannot achieve AL, students spend a semester abroad
 6. Katherine: will follow up with Megan for an objective description of ACTFL assessment as compared to STAMP
 7. Nancy: A board member is spearheading elimination of language requirement for Hathaway (Superintendent & Principal of Shoshoni)
 1. Smaller districts like Shoshoni will cut languages
 2. Help with saving districts money
 8. ACTFL Pres. make more authentic
 1. Gaming theory
 2. Intrinsic motivation vs. extrinsic motivation
4. 2019 WFLTA - Southwest Quadrant vs more central location - Oct. 10-12, 2019
 9. RMMLA cannot move their conference date
 10. Rock Spring potential location for next year's WFLTA
 11. Lander potential location for next year's WFLTA
5. 2020 WFLTA - Casper - Oct weekend TBD
6. Join the JNCL-NCLS
 - c. Cortnie: Wyoming rep. / representation in Washington
 - d. Advocacy for our state
 - e. Nancy: have Jaime B. follow up with PNCFL
 - f. ACTFL Pres. Sheridan Group for lobbying
 1. Productive meeting happened with DeVoss
 2. Most effective advocacy in Nebraska has come from Nebraska
 1. Parents advocating to Superintendent
 2. Parents even better having clout
7. Tax exempt status
 - a. Katherine: Process would be more expensive than being non-exempt
 - b. Tracy: Unless an organization is large and bringing in much more, then it makes sense
 - c. Ian: current balance is 19,425.96 without 2018 Ezregister.com deposit
8. Vicki Robinson Scholarship – First-time attendees / new teachers during first year
 - i. Wasn't awarded this year.
 - ii. Do we need to set up a nominations page?

1. Google Docs potentially
 2. Other possible methods of nomination
- iii. Cortnie: Dr. Larsen Memorial Scholarship
- iv. Joy: Dr. Larsen Memorial Scholarship intended for Grad. Students
 1. Grad Students going for pedagogy
 2. Possibly same as Vicki Robinson Scholarship or similar
9. Timing for Secretaries/etc.? All three new this year
 - i. Nancy: Include Vice President on Bank acct. since they're commitment is for 4 years
 - ii. Nancy: Should we change to Wells Fargo?
 1. More locations everywhere
 2. Meridian Trust is limited with regard to locations
 3. Executive Council agrees with Bank change to Wells Fargo
10. World Language Day (WLD) - WHSAA event?? Maybe open registration for students who don't have schools that go
 - i. Joy: Molly is part of a new UW department and won't be overseeing
 - ii. Joy: Rebecca Steele will be overseeing World Languages Day
 - iii. Joy: Better support from UW Dean of school and generated more money at World Languages Day 2018
 - iv. Katherine: If WLD is High School Activities event, languages can compete with sports with regard to reserving and covering cost of buses and trips to UW for WLD
 - v. Joy: UW believes the registration can remain low at approximately \$15
 - vi. Jessica P.: Can the UW include State Competition wording with WLD
 - vii. Nancy: Perhaps trophies rather than certificates
11. Nancy: meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm