

**KWLA Full Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 11th 9:00-12:00 p.m.**  
**University of Kentucky 1745 Patterson Office Tower**

**1. Call to Order** B. McMaine called to order at 9:11 a.m. A moment of respect for Nobuko Patton who passed away recently and who was instrumental in building the strong Japanese program at the University of Kentucky, among many other accomplishments. S. Merideth led meeting upon arrival.

**2. Roll Call and Secretary's Report** B. McMaine, Interim Vice President; A. Manion, Secretary; M. Griffitt, NNELL; T. Coffey, Treasurer; L. Roche-Youngworth, FCPS; J. Rouhier-Willoughby, University Representative; E. Kamenetzky, KAJLT; B. Larki, KCA; J. Susini, Regional Representative; L. Kohler, AATF; S. Merideth, Past President; A. DeTorres Núñez, KDE. B. McMaine moved to accept the minutes from March 24, 2018. J. Rouhier-Willoughby seconded the motion.

**3. Treasurer's Report** We currently have \$5,812.22 in our checking account. And \$4,156.86 in the PayPal account. I have been waiting on an invoice from JNCL (hopefully in the mail today) for the second have of our annual dues that is owed. Some registrations for conference have been paid. And quite a few tables have been reserved and paid for for conference (12 tables). We will be transferring some funds from PayPal to our checking account as approved by S. Merideth. T. Coffey added that we have already 8 registrations for the Fall Conference that have paid through PayPal. T. Coffey made an additional announcement that she will be resigning as our KWLA Treasurer at this September's Fall Conference. S. Merideth added that Tonya has been acting in this role for 6 years and she has been excellent in her role. A. DeTorres Núñez mentioned from his own experience as a treasurer for NCSSFL that PayPal is a difficult organization to use when changing leadership. We may consider an alternative company such as Wild Apricot. Wild Apricot would allow many advantages such as avoiding the costly use of PayPal and perhaps doing away with AMember and JotForm as well. B. McMaine proposed that the finance committee consider this issue in greater detail at a later time. September 22nd could be an appropriate time for the finance committee to present their suggestion and vote.

**4. Past President Report.** S. Merideth updated us that our 501c3 situation is still in progress. Our CPA, Tammy, has been very helpful and had proposed back in February that we locate the past five years of tax stubs before moving on. Elections at Fall Conference will be busy. We will be doing a one-time election for a President and for a President-Elect. This is unusual but due to our circumstance, it is what will be happening this time. S. Merideth will be officially leaving in an official capacity but she will remain as a support for the board. Secretary and Treasurer are also up for elections. Treasurer is now, under new bylaws, able to stay on for longer than the two years. There are also two regional representative positions open due to L. Cobb-Owens' move to an Ohio school. Fayette/Central KY regional rep position is also open due to B.

McMaine's new responsibilities with the Executive Board. North Eastern Kentucky regional representative is also open and needs to be filled. A fourth regional representative position is open as Lisa Garner is no longer able to continue in her capacity. S. Merideth shared that someone has put in for President, President-Elect, Secretary, Northern KY regional representative position. These all came very soon after the email was sent to the membership about available positions. A. Manion reminded the board of her willingness to step up in the role of technology coordinator if that is still going to be appointed by the President. S. Merideth has been informed as well that we are one of the only local conferences with registration for exhibitors open but that we are also the only upcoming conference that was not listed in the Teachers' Discovery report.

**5. Regional Representatives** Here is news from St. Francis School in Goshen. Thanks for sharing with the Board! I wanted to let everybody know I confirmed with Terrill Martin from the Confucius Institute at WKU that we will have a new Chinese teacher this year. Her name is Qiuhua "Betty" Qin and she is well versed with Kentucky! Coming out of the WKU program, Betty has spent the past three years in Muhlenberg County, Cloverport Independent, and Bowling Green school systems teaching at both the elementary and middle school levels. She also has international teaching experience as well in the Philippines. She comes highly recommended from Terrill including winning the Outstanding Chinese Teacher at the Confucius Institute the year before last. Shelly and I interviewed her and were very impressed by her in every way. Please welcome us in joining her at our faculty in-service meetings in a few weeks!

10 traditional world language teachers and 9 Spanish Immersion teachers just completed 4 day ACTFL OPI training. This will provide 19 "Proficiency Leads" to serve as facilitators in the dissemination of the theoretical framework of proficiency levels and the promotion of pedagogical practices to support students' language proficiency growth. FCPS saw growth in the number of recipients of the FCPS Seal of Biliteracy. The FCPS Startalk Chinese program successfully completed its 9th year over the summer, serving 100 elementary students of Chinese. A team of teachers also completed a FCPS Novice High World Language curriculum which will be rolled out later this month.

JCPS has added two language programs at Norton Commons Elementary (French) and Butler high school (French/Spanish).

The JCPS Backpack of success skills initiative will begin this school year where cultural and global competence is emphasized as a part of student defenses. Our hope is to use this new initiative will provide a nice strong hold for work language as a part of the backpack.

April 15-16 Louisville Collegiate School hosted two days workshop with Tina Hargaden and Ben Slavic. 25 WL teachers from private and public schools attended.

May 15th Diego Ojeda, Louisville Collegiate School wins EF Teacher Appreciation Award. He was invited to NY to celebrate the achievement.

June 14 Tina Hargaden and Ben Slavic return to Louisville to give a workshop at Louisville Collegiate School.

Thought a bit and reflected on the KWLA student showcase. A number of our KWLA colleagues and I had some concerns about the way the competition is set up. We wanted to recommend that a new category be adopted in the competition to include "Immersion School Students." As there is a heritage speaker category, we felt that the immersion students participating were as proficient (or more) as those representing the heritage speakers in the competition. Passing on feedback as a good deal of us noted this and felt it was something to be considered.

L. Roche added that there is a second annual Immersion Conference coming January 31st. for public and private schools for any educators in counties that touch Fayette County. It was very successful last year with over 100 teachers in attendance.

**6. University Representative** With the summer break, there has been little news from language programs at colleges and universities across the state. UK is planning its annual World Language Day on October 26. High school students will be invited to campus to attend classes and meet faculty and students from 9-1 that day. Those interested in bringing students should contact Jeff Rogers (nelsjrogers@uky.edu) for all languages except Spanish, or Ruth Brown (ruth.brown@uky.edu) for Spanish. Government soon may pass a ruling prohibiting Confucius Institute teachers from teaching at universities. This will not affect UK, but may affect other universities. Mark Lyons who has taken over as CEO for AllTech has reached out to UK to provide language training for him and his employees because they need it to function in the global marketplace.

## **7. Affiliate Organizations**

- a. **AATF** AATF is still in the process of choosing our TOY. We are still planning an immersion weekend for teachers at Transylvania University this fall.
- b. **AATG**. No report received.
- c. **AATSP** Liz Owens resigned as AATSP-KY secretary on June 20, due to taking a position in Ohio. Her position was not filled, but will be filled at the AATSP-KY meeting at the KWLA Conference in September. Chris Anama-Green resigned as president of AATSP-KY on July 6, effectively handing the mantle of president to Ben McMaine, who was president-elect. Chris expressed in his resignation letter that his original intention was to step down in September at the AATSP-KY

meeting, but due to budget cuts, he had concerns about the likelihood of his attendance at the conference. This leaves a gap in leadership that hopefully will be filled in September as well.

**d. KCA** KCA March 2018-August 2018

In June members of KCA sponsors a delegations of students from across the state at the National convention of the Junior Classical League.

In April KCA and KWLA mourned the loss of our dear Cathy Scaife who taught Latin for decades, served for years on the board for KWLA and KCA, and was award the Lifetime Achievement Award from KWLA. A celebration of Cathy's life was held at St. Peter Claver Church on June 31 of this year. Many KWLA and KCA members were in attendance.

Cathy's former student, Sydney Consalvi will fill a Latin teaching position this fall, and Cathy's son Adrian, will begin his teaching career in the Spanish language classroom. They will both be first time members of KWLA in a continuance of Cathy's remarkable legacy.

**e. KAJLT-** 1. Dr. Michael Dixon (Centre College) has been selected for the 2017-2018 KAJLT Outstanding Japanese Language Teacher Award and nominated for the KWLA TOY award on behalf of KAJLT. He was selected on the basis of his tremendous leadership in the planning and execution of the Bluegrass Region Speech Contest in March, as well as his excellence in instructional and outreach services for his school and the region. He is excited to run for the KWLA TOY award in September. 2. There is a 7-9th grade full-time position available for Japanese in Frankfort School. They are looking for people who are already certified. [frankfortkysistercities@gmail.com](mailto:frankfortkysistercities@gmail.com) is the contact for the Japanese position.

**f. KACLT.** No report received.

**g. NNELL** A short report, but a couple exciting things! Selected outstanding NNELL TOY for KY (Kimberly Fry, Boone County). Still compiling, but at least one early language program has been definitely been added in JCPS

## **8. KDE Update**

### Curriculum and Instruction

1. Standards Review and Revision (per SB 1 2017) Expected to start in Spring 2019.
2. Minimum High School Graduation Requirements 704 KAR 3:305 World Languages is not there at the moment. This does not affect to 13 KAR 2:020 (Guidelines for admission to the state-supported postsecondary education institutions in Kentucky) Assessment

1. Kentucky Accountability System The United States Department of Education received approval for the revised Consolidated State Plan. World Languages finally remained as required measure for HS in the Opportunity and Access indicator (although with the language "cultural studies and/or world languages")

2. School Profiles (per SB 1 2017) World Languages still remains as a required measure for MS and HS in the Opportunity and Access indicator (although with the language “cultural studies and/or world languages”).

3. Seal of Biliteracy and Global Citizenship Certificate Proposal submitted to KDE leadership for both the Seal and the Global.

#### Professional Learning

1. No professional learning for WLs in 2018-19 due to budget cuts.

2. Understanding and Using the NCSSFL-ACTFL Novice Level Can-Do Statements (through Georgia Department of Education)

3. KY Teacher Global Competency and World Languages Newsletter

4. 2018 VPA & WLs Integration Academy was a success

#### Administrative Support

1. KDE Visiting International Teachers program 4 from Spain, 15 projected from China. Conversations with the Consulate of Japan in Nashville on-going. KDE continues exploring partnerships with other countries to address WLs teacher shortage (Mexico, Uruguay and Argentina; Canada, France and Belgium; Germany).

#### Other items

1. New WLs coordinator in Boone County: Geniene Delahunty

2. First ASL official program in Kentucky Department of Education

3. Soon: New Spanish Language Immersion program (not Fayette nor Jefferson).

4. Q&A with KDE World Languages consultant.

5. Final remarks

#### **Break** 10:45-11:00

**9. Showcase** Showcase will be somewhat different this year. We plan to use the AAPPL exam for the reading and listening test, and focus all of our manpower on the interview/project. B. McMaine suggested the consideration of using AAPPL for immediate results for reading/listening and affordable pricing. This also reduces burden from AATs to create the tests each year. B. McMaine also suggested the return of the competitive aspect by giving more credence to the quality of student projects. We don't want to discourage students with lower-level language skills but passion for the culture. Language skills can determine the finalists for each sub-section of the proficiency scale but then the quality of the project can be the deciding factor between finalists. A. Manion brought up the fact that some of our low SES students may not be able to create impressive looking projects but shouldn't be discouraged from attending. L. Roche-Youngworth suggested then that the interculturality of the project's perspectives of the culture are what show the stronger projects. The overall consensus from group discussion is using AAPPL to gauge student proficiency levels and using afternoon time to perform the project selection with interpersonal/intercultural proficiency. More details will be fleshed out at a later meeting.

## **10. Conference Committee**

- \* Current number registered: 16
- \* Current exhibitor registration: 12
- \* Tasks:
  - o Tool to vote for "Best of KWLA" – Atsushi Hasegawa, Alfonso de Torres Núñez
  - o Passports – Lisa Garner, Jennifer Kennedy
  - o Silent auction – Pilar Gómez
  - o Online space for presentations – Jennifer Hoban
  - o Trivia Night – Laura Roché Youngworth, Sara-Elizabeth Cottrell
- \* If you have any donations, please send them to Pilar.
- \* Ben is 50% finished with program.
- \* Recently had a session cancellation and hope to replace it with the second part of the Spring PD Session.
- \* Contingent coming from Egypt.
- \* Still considering a mini "Language Talk" in the opening session.
- \* \$1000 from Avant. Looking for more sponsors.

S. Merideth reminded board members that they are asked to contribute 3 hours of work at the conference in exchange for a reduced conference attendance rate of \$80. Encouraging everyone to stay at the conference hotel. KWLA will cover 50% of the room cost as incentive. A. Manion suggested offering some kind of incentive for non-board members to encourage them to reserve hotel rooms at the Griffin Gate. We will brainstorm later. L. Roche-Youngworth asked if A. DeTorres Núñez would be the appropriate person to lead around the Egyptian guests. S. Merideth shared that at this current point, we have registered the same number of participants as we usually do at this point in the calendar year.

## **11. Committee Reports**

**Awards-** This is the current list of all nominees at the time of this reporting:

Lifetime Achievement - Maureen Motsinger

Amici Linguarum - Lynn Fors

Outstanding Administrator - Rebecca Brown

Outstanding New Teacher - Dr. Luke McClees, Brianna Peerce, Amy Chalmers, Maria Mato-Fresan

Outstanding Teacher:

AATSP-KY TOY - Catherine Del Valle Cordero

KAJLT TOY - Michael Dixon

KY-NNELL TOY - Kimberly Fry

AATF-KY - ????

AATG-KY - ????

KCA - ????

KACLT - ????

For our three TOY candidates, I have all required documents and they are ready to go! I've heard back from AATF-KY and AATG-KY and both have said they are close to selecting a candidate.

For the other awards above, I have everything for Maureen and the candidate for Amici Linguarum. I have sent out notification emails confirming that these candidates' nominations have been received and that we are awaiting documentation to complete their nomination. I will be sharing a Google Drive folder with the members of my committee next week so that we can begin the work of considering these candidates. As soon as I receive the required documents that we are waiting on, I will drop them in the Google Drive folder. The committee and I will deliberate and vote at the end of the month.

**Membership-** S. Merideth shared that our 2018-19 membership spots have been added on A Member and that anyone who registers for conference has their membership included as well. No need to double-register.

**Professional Development-** no report

**12. Old Business-** S. Merideth shared about the possibility of the Conference Coordinator position being created to free up the executive board members from having to be the only point-person before and during the conference itself.

**13. New Business** L. Roche-Youngworth inquired about the possibility of eliminating the FCPS and JCPS liaison positions. The current bylaws require an ex-officio representative from both of those regions but it could certainly be rewritten. A. DeTorres Núñez suggested that an ASL teacher could possibly fill this position. L. Roche-Youngworth also added that KWLA is not necessarily the most appropriate organization for our immersion teachers. B. McMaine proposed a re-convening the By-Laws committee chaired by S. Merideth. Also, a tabling of the CSCTFL membership for next meeting. L. Roche-Youngworth added that through talks with Jacque VanHouten, we may consider restructuring our organization to include a heavy focus on advocacy.

#### **14. Upcoming events**

Board Meetings for the Year:

\* 9/20/18: Pre-Conference

\* 9/22/18: Post-Conference

**15. Adjournment** - A. de Torres Nuñez proposed to adjourn. L. Kohler seconded.  
Adjourned at 12:07.