

**Kentucky World Language Association**  
**Board Meeting March 4, 2017**  
**Lexington Public Library**

- I. **Call to Order:** At 9:15 by Lucas Gravitt
- II. **Roll Call and Secretary's Report:** Present: Lucas Gravitt, President; Agatha Manion, Secretary; Ben McMaine, Regional Rep; Jeanmarie Rouhier Willoughby, University Liaison; Chris Anama-Green, AATSP Vice-President; Jennifer Kennedy, NNELL; Alfonso De Torres Núñez KDE; Xiaoyan Xie, KACLT; Laura Roche, FCPS representative; Lydia Kohler, AATF President; Emmanuel Anama-Green, President-Elect. Review of January 7 minutes. J. Kennedy motions to accept minutes with changes and B. McMaine seconds. No abstentions. Minutes pass.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** KWLA currently has \$15,006.57 in their checking account. There is still about \$4,000 outstanding from Fall Conference. -L. Gravitt
- IV. **President's Report:** *Budget review (Finance Report)* L. Roche pointed out that there was not a Fall webinar and that therefore the \$2,500 expected revenue might not be accurate. L. Kohler shared that there are about 150 Showcase registrants and that KWLA then must lower their expected \$3,000 expected revenue from Showcase to \$2,000. B. Green asked if on-site registration would be permitted, and L. Kohler stated that no. After tonight, no registrations will be accepted. X.Xie asked about Ken Hughes and KWLA's webmaster cost. L. Gravitt shared that KWLA is now working with Stacy but they do not have a contract. The conversion to WordPress is in process. Next year KWLA will not have a webmaster cost. L. Roche asked who will be taking on the responsibility, and L. Gravitt said he expects it will be him. However, the upside is that KWLA will have full control over updating the website for showcase, awards, etc. Instead of one person acting as webmaster, KWLA board members can make changes as necessary. B. Green pointed out that some kind of training session will be beneficial for board members. B. McMaine asked if the training will be for this fiscal year or next. L. Gravitt said that it will be on this fiscal year report. L. Roche pointed out that the cost for KWLA president to attend conference is dependent upon their school being generous and assisting with travel and per diem costs. Therefore, the \$3,800 budget may not be realistic for future KWLA presidents. A. De Torres Núñez and L. Roche both stated that they can represent both their organizations and KWLA. However, it is best for KWLA presidents to be in attendance. A. Manion suggested looking into using Southwest credit cards or a similar travel credit card so that KWLA could possibly earn airline tickets. Tabled for another time. L. Gravitt also brought up that KWLA should be considering a representative to JNCL. A. Manion motioned to accept budget with changes to Showcase expected revenue and B. McMaine seconded the budget. No abstentions. *President's Report:* wp.kwla.org is KWLA's current WordPress site. As members have time, they need to look through the site to give feedback about the structure (not content) of the site. L. Roche found an issue with regional reps being listed under About Us versus Resources. Some issues were found with misspellings and incorrect listings of regional reps in their regions. Some pictures fuzzy and KWLA logo a bit small. L. Gravitt said to email him as structure issues are found. *Advocacy:* the seal of biliteracy is KWLA's greatest advocacy issue. There are people on the ground helping KWLA and keeping KWLA informed. The state is more interested in seeing it in local control within districts and not at the state level. G. Green shared that he met with several representatives and

senators and left messages with several secretaries saying that seal of biliteracy is important. He was told that the first step is that legislators need to file a bill before a testimony can be given. A 3-minute talk at KBE might be more impactful than approaching members of government. World Language Advancement and Readiness Act was brought up by A. De Torres Núñez He will share out more later in the meeting. L. Roche attended a meeting where it was reinforced that the seal of biliteracy is truly an ELL issue and that world languages are kind of piggy-backing off of the ELL prerogative. Fayette has passed and Jefferson County is piloting the seal of biliteracy. Perhaps it is time to share out with ELL groups what we have accomplished thus far and see how we can partner to continue the push for seal of biliteracy. L. Gravitt called a 5 minute break at 10:00 a.m. Meeting will resume at 10:05. Meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m.

**V. Regional Representatives:**

Jill Susini	RR Fayette Private	For the Fayette County Private Schools, we learned the sad news a few months ago that Bluegrass Baptist is closing their doors along with their Spanish program.
Ben McMaine	FCPS	District has provided a 4 part Literacy PD, has moved forward to establish a Seal of Biliteracy, is creating a district-wide curriculum for K-5 (to be expanded to 6-12 in the upcoming school year), was awarded the Startalk grant for 2017. Various new initiatives in individual schools: creation of bilingual student/parent created books in collaboration with Community Action, creation of content driven math/science children’s mysteries in Spanish. Schools are celebrating National Foreign Language Week with fairs (Maxwell Immersion), poster contests (district), and other initiatives.
Sarah Loveless	RR 1	Many schools are gearing up to participate in the Murray State World Language Showcase on March 16th. This will be a great warm-up for UK on the 25th.  Terry Pazmiño, a professional guitarist from Ecuador, will be coming to Murray State and some surrounding schools to play for the students and share stories of this culture in Ecuador.
Lisa Garner	RR 2	Site Base Councils at Apollo and Daviess County High Schools are on record as supporting a Seal of Biliteracy for the Daviess County School District (Currently awaiting word from Central Office for next steps).

		<p>Congratulations to Hancock County High School for offering a Seal of Biliteracy for the coming school year. Shout out to Mary Lasley!</p>
Christine Wilson	RR 3	<p>Shout out to Meade County High School principal, Marc Adams. He was selected among thousands of applicants to participate in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with Lifetouch Studios. While he was there, Mr. Adams helped build a new school in a poor rural area of the country. During his visit, he was able to Skype Spanish students back at MCHS. Students were able to talk to him and a few Dominican students about school life in their country. When Mr. Adams returned, he gave a presentation to Spanish students and talked about his experiences on the trip.</p>
Liz Owens	RR 4	<p>Regional PD is set for Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at Indiana Wesleyan University. Planning a good turnout for the KWLA state showcase. This summer, Beechwood is hosting a student exchange to China with the Confucius Institute this summer. The Boone county WL elementary teachers are still meeting monthly as well.</p>
Chris Anama-	RR 5	<p>KVEC hosted a regional World Languages Cadre meeting</p>
Green		<p>planned and led entirely by teachers. Several WL teachers (including Chris, Bo, Gloria, and Tamara) presented strategies and the whole group took part in a QFT and an IDM exercise.</p> <p>Holler livestreams have continued -- again with Bo, Gloria, and Tamara (the Holler Fellows) livestreaming student-led lessons from their classrooms. KVEC reports that the "Grita Fuerte" holler (for world languages and global competency folks) has the most web traffic of any holler thanks in part to</p>

		the Holler Fellows.
Tamara Kunkel	RR 6	Region 6 will have their PD Series on Advocacy on March 23.
Marie Stevens	RR 7	

**VI. University Representative:** The 2nd Annual World Language Day at the University of Kentucky in February was a great success. Over 100 high school students from Central Kentucky came to campus and attended classes in 10 languages and cultures. They also participated in an open house with faculty and representatives of the language clubs and education abroad on campus. Next year's event will probably be in the Fall on the UK campus. UK is looking forward to hosting the KWLA Language Showcase in March as well. Of general concern among world language faculty (and to those in many other fields) across the state are current attitudes toward immigrants and speakers of other languages. UK is planning a series of events this spring and next academic year dedicated to civil life in the United States. Among the topics discussed will be immigration, uses and abuses of language, and Antisemitism/Islamophobia.

**VII. Affiliate Organizations**

- A. AATF:** AATF will be awarding its Program Recognitions soon. Several French teachers have registered for Showcase at UK. They are trying to set up a Spring PD with Jacque vanHouten.
- B. AATG:** The German Immersion Weekend at Camp Crescendo will take place on March 24th to 25th in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky.
- C. AATSP:** annual convention for Honor Society was held.
- D. KCA:** KCA is at Latin Convention
- E. KAJLT:** here will be two KAJLT events happening in March and April. (a) The Japanese speech contest is held on March 4 (Sat) on the UK campus. This year, for the first time, KAJLT is hosting this statewide event. The contest is open to middle/high school and college students in the state. (b) Japanese language teacher workshop, titled "Japanese Language Education and Global Business" will be held on April 15 on the UK campus, with the support of AATJ and Japan Foundation. At this workshop, Dr. Motoko Tabuse (Eastern Michigan) will address current and future issues surrounding Japanese language education in the United States and her initiatives of connecting business sectors and language education. In addition to Dr. Tabue, we will invite speakers from business sectors, consulate general of Japan, and Japan-America Society. The workshop will be open to anyone interested in language education.
- F. KACLT:** 5 Chinese teachers from Kentucky attended the annual Asia Society Chinese Language Teachers Institute in New York, including the full board of KACLT. KACLT also has two board members attended the annual meeting of Chinese Language Teacher Association (CLTA). Fayette County Public Schools successfully applied the application of STARTALK 2017 Grant. This year Fayette County Public Schools will again offer the STARTALK Chinese Language Program this summer for students in grades K-5 to practice the language and learn more about the culture. The free summer classes will last for 2 weeks and provide authentic Chinese cultural experiences and

hands-on activities in an immersion environment as students engage in conversational communication, interpretive listening, and presentational speaking. The University of Kentucky Confucius Institute (UKCI) will offer a Chinese Language and Culture Spring Break Camp from Apr. 3- 7. The program, designed for children ages 6-12, will provide opportunities for students to learn about Chinese culture, games and language.

- G. NNELL:** NNELL has been quiet. We are still waiting on the NNELL Cafe series to come from the national board. The NNELL Summer Institute will be July 7-9 in New Jersey. This year the theme is STEAMing Ahead.
- H. JCPS (Ex-Officio):** no report. However, A. De Torres Núñez shared out that JCPS will be going under a whole-county audit. It will affect everything. Per budget, there will be cuts, and regarding bilingual teachers, JCPS will engage in a recruiting campaign to recruit teachers from Puerto Rico.
- I. FCPS (Ex-Officio):** Teachers went to the open house at UK and were very pleased. KET season french series has begun filming and there is a potential host. 4 of 6 episodes written and projected and hopeful release date for French and German pilots is 2017-18 school year. Budget has been approved for next year and L Roche has requested an extension on her position that would be a specific immersion teacher support. If you are supporting ELL learners with World Language instruction, you can use Title 3 funds. PD comes out of Title 2 funds. L. Roche was offered some funds to put on a week-long professional development and district re-booting. \$26,000 to support Chinese teachers, and STARtalk was renewed and they are adding a sixth classroom. World Language curriculum committee decided to use JCPS curriculum as inspiration and they are working to create a bigger-picture curriculum to go along and work alongside the JCPS documents. It currently contains 5 units. PD focused on differentiated instruction will be coming up as well as k-5 curriculum support. Rebranding world languages as Languages for Literacy. Proficiency-level calibration will help teachers to understand proficiency-based classrooms better. Through KDE, they are receiving support to help SIP teachers including OPI training. Funding was received to test immersion students starting Monday. 2 SIP teachers offering series online such as a TPRS series and how to include social/functional language into the classroom. Those series will be revealed in March. E. Green asked if the curriculum will be shared with others outside FCPS. The curriculum will be accessible but perhaps not the assessments.

**J. KDE (Ex-Officio):**

*Curriculum and Instruction*

1. World Languages enrollment Increase and positive trend
2. GC-WLs Program Review 2016-17 Audits: Very positive feedback
3. WLs Career Pathways Positive conversation

*Assessment*

1. Proposed new accountability system Role of World Languages education and Global Competency skills Diploma +
2. Seal of Biliteracy and Global Citizenship Certificate

*Professional Learning*

1. Global Competency and World Languages regional cadres 2016-17 Third round of meetings for 2016-17 to be completed in webinar format
2. Office of Teaching and Learning webcasts – World Languages opportunities
3. Global Competence Professional Learning Modules
4. ASL Survival Toolkit
5. 2017 Kentucky Center Academies: Arts, World *Language and Cultural Studies* – Eastern KY Ashland (July 24-25) & Hazard (July 27-28)
6. KY Teacher Global Competency and World Languages Newsletter
7. Professional Learning funded by KDE for DLI programs and WLS teachers Delaware Summer Institute and Instructional materials for DLI programs ACTFL MOPI Trainings for World Languages teachers (and also DLI teachers)
8. Several other professional learning opportunities: ACTFL trips, grants, summer institutes abroad...

*Administrative Support*

1. KET WLS Toolkit KDE funding: German and French expansion will be completed and ASL initiated.
2. KDE Visiting International Teachers program Recruitment season starts: Spain in April, China in May

*Other topics*

1. Commissioner of Education's State of Education: KDE's News Release, KY Teacher article, and video
2. KY Legislature: SB1 and World Languages:  
<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/SB1.htm> To keep track of bills:  
<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/record.htm>
3. ESSA and proposed accountability
4. Congress: The World Language Advancement and Readiness Act 5. ACTFL campaign: Lead with Languages The aim is to highlight the growing importance of developing language proficiency and the increasingly strong link to career opportunities.

**VIII. Showcase:** Showcase is coming along. We have just over 150 participants for 2017. Orders will be placed today for trophies, goody bags and “swag.” There are Spanish, Japanese and French Interpretive tests either finished, or in the works. Students are signed up in Spanish, Japanese, French and Chinese. (as of 3/2) The Writing Prompt is receiving finishing touches to be sent out on Monday. If no new Chinese test is created, Showcase will have to use the same one from last year. If anyone is available to come to George Rogers Clark on Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 9 AM until done, they will be working on individual student folders – everything that needs to be done until it's done. All are welcome to come and help. Current booths who will be present are: Sustainment Solutions (Russian), AmeriCorps VISTA South Eastern Medical Interpreters Ass'n, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Global Lex, Lexington Sister Cities, Confucius Institute, The Salsa Center of Lex, UK Study Abroad Office

**IX. Conference Committee:** A theme needs to be decided upon. Advocacy seems to be the theme for us as world language professionals this year. Perhaps that will be a good theme. L. Roche asked what the importance of having a theme is. L. Gravitt reminded the group that the theme focuses the keynote,

feature workshops, and session topics. Some favorite themes at the moment are “Languages On the Rise” and “Languages Rising”. Will go on to Conference Committee. A. De Torres Núñez brought up whether or not we should invite the Commissioner of Education to our Fall Conference. Also brought up was the possibility of having more Board members involved in presenting and speaking in front of the whole group instead of just the President. KWLA will align conference sessions with ACTFL 6 core practices but will perhaps remove the alignment with TPGES domains.

#### **X. Committee Reports**

- A. Advocacy:** Previously addressed in the President’s Report. No additional report from Jacque VanHouten.
- B. Awards:** B. Hawkins phoned in. He shared out that affiliate organization presidents need to collaborate to choose Outstanding Teacher award. The process is pretty well ironed out and the deadlines published on the current site are still good. Names of candidates need to be submitted to heads of each affiliate organization by April 1 and then those people who nominate candidates need to help candidates get paperwork submitted by May 1. After that, organizations need to select their representative by June 1. L. Gravitt brought up the issue that perhaps including post-secondary and k-12 teachers in the same category is unfair because of the nature of what post-secondary teachers do in terms of research and publishing. B. Hawkins responded that if we change the categories, we will also need to modify the rubric and scoring guidelines for judging the post-secondary teachers compared to k-12 teachers. B. McMaine asked about the treatment of post-secondary teachers at SCOLT and ACTFL to help us make that decision. J. Willoughby added that she agrees that post-secondary educators are a different group and should be considered separately. L. Roche did add that ACTFL is now pushing for k-16, not just k-12. L. Roche asked if immersion teachers would be qualified, and Xio asked if teachers through the Confucius Institute are also eligible. The answer to both is yes, so long as they meet all other requirements.
- C. Membership:** no report
- D. Finance:** previously addressed in the President’s Report.
- E. Professional Development:** L. Roche shared out that B. McMaine has completed much of the preparation for the webinar session. L. Gravitt will send out information and invitations to members and regional representatives. Regional PDs will be later this month during a two-week time frame. KWLA is unable to post most recent podcast on the website but A. De Torres Núñez will be able to post professional development information and links on the KDE World Languages site.
- F. 501C3 ad hoc:** No updates since last Board Meeting. Currently in need of securing a lawyer. B. McMaine perhaps has a contact who could help.

**XI. Old Business:** 2017-18 budget was passed earlier.

**XII. New Business:** Conference and Showcase have been discussed today. 501C3 ad hoc committee needs to get legal help investigation underway. Could KWLA help organize charter buses or caravans to ACTFL? The possibility of some sort of Ride Share to help in travel. Perhaps \$3,000 and L. Roche will email to get a quote. A. Manion shared out about the k-8 curriculum she has proposed to her district and is

interested in sharing the curriculum with anyone else interested in seeing it and also anyone willing to give constructive feedback about the current curriculum.

- XIII. **Upcoming events/Board Meetings for the year:** March 25 after Showcase at UK's campus. If quorum is met and short meeting is held, May meeting will be canceled.
- XIV. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by L. Kohler to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Motion was seconded by J. Kennedy. Meeting adjourned.