

Kentucky World Language Association Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2022

Zoom Meeting

J. Rouhier-Willoughby called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

1. The current Executive Board members present are
Past President - Laura Roché Youngworth
President - Jeanmaire Rouhier-Willoughby
Secretary - Madeleine Sexton

The current members of the Full Board and ex-officio members present are

AATF - Jill Susini

AATG - Collin Smith

AATSP - Pilar Gomez

KACLT - Wei Jiang

KAJLT - Koji Tanno

KCA - Lucianne Junker & Brandi Larkey

University Liaison - Brenna Byrd

Regional Rep Liaison - Hubie Schroer

Regional Reps - Alaina Post, Alyse Treesh, Faith Burkeen

Ex-Officio Showcase Chair - Lydia Kohler

Communications Director - Jennifer Kennedy

2. Approval of August 7 2021 Board minutes

LRY moves to approve the minutes, B. Byrd seconds. Motion passes.

3. Board Positions and Roles - JRW

A variety of positions will be available for election in fall 2022 (see document [here](#)).

JRW would like to know who will be seeking re-election, who would like to shift positions, and if anyone has suggestions to fill potential vacancies.

JRW feels that an in-person environment would have better facilitated her advocacy goals as president, but she will continue the work through her time as past-president as well as on the advocacy committee.

JRW would also like to remind the board that committee members can be volunteers at-large. One can become a member of a committee and not have a board position. Each board member is asked to serve on at least 2 committees, and now is the time to decide where and how each member wants to serve.

A. Treesh asks what the goals of the professional development committee are. J. Kennedy elaborates that the group wants to expand PD offerings outside of the conference and is considering bringing in out-of-state speakers.

In order to increase participation, J. Kennedy will promote committee involvement via social media and the website, and it may be added to the conference and membership registration pages.

J. Kennedy—as Southeast Regional NNELL coordinator—is working to fill the NNELL position. Please send her any suggestions.

4. Showcase Update - L. Kohler

JRW: Choosing a date is particularly difficult due to the constraints placed by UK. The board tentatively chosen March 26, but that conflicts with the Fayette County spring break.

Should the showcase be virtual or in-person? District COVID protocols and the bus driver shortage may prevent an in-person event.

L. Kohler has a summary page for students available [here](#). C. Smith requested adding a video category, and M. Sexton suggested adding more digital projects aligned with Kentucky [STLP-DPOJ](#), particularly the formats that cannot be submitted in languages other than English.

The board votes to have the showcase virtually and to make projects due on March 25, with the interview happening virtually on April 16.

5. 2022 Budget Proposal

The budget proposal is available [here](#).

Each board member will receive a separate room and mileage will be paid. Board members are expected to attend the conference.

LRY moves to accept the changes, C. Smith seconds. Motion passes.

6. 2022 Conference

- Discussion of theme

M. Sexton reminds us that social justice is a topic that we had discussed in depth during planning for the 2021 conference.

LRY suggests Rebirth, Restructuring, Reimagining, including the imagery of a phoenix, based on information that was collected in a survey of County teachers

Tracks: *Rebirth*: Wellness for teachers and students alike; *Restructuring*: Making the best selections from the materials, strategies, and technologies available to us; *Reimagining*: role of language instruction in 2022 and beyond

Ideas for presenters: Meredith White (workshop for Restructuring), Jenniffer Saldaña-Whyte (SCOLT TOY 2021, social justice), Heidi Trude (Restructuring - technology), Laura Terrill, Cecile Laine (very CI, but also great for rebirth), Laura Damour (not a language teacher), Rebecca Blouwolff (ACTFL TOY), Greta Lundgard.

We need to emphasize local involvement as well. Elena Kamenetzky has strengths in social-emotional learning, Tracy Rucker focuses on social justice,

We also should contact individuals from KDE (Micky Ray), non-language collaborators (Compassionate Schools Project), and maybe individuals from the Career-Technical Education pathways (Rachel in Fayette, Jodi Adams at KDE)

- Sponsors

All board members should contact as many sponsors as possible, both to

7. New Business

- PD for Spring - J. Kennedy
The plan is to have another workshop in the spring, preferably with Tracy Rucker and/or Jen Hoban (as KY TOYs). Also, the committee may bring back a summer book study.
- JNCL update
LRY and JRW are attending JNCL virtually, and they are having a Kentucky representatives meeting on February 2-4 with individuals from a variety of politicians' offices. The key ASKS this year include WALARA funding, World Leap funding so all districts can start innovative programming, Title VI funding, BEST Act for Seal of Biliteracy, and funding for Native American Language Resource center.
- ACTFL/SCOLT
Several board members will be attending, including A. de Torres Núñez, M. Sexton, and C. Smith.
- Gravitt Fund update
- Advocacy - LRY
Seal of Biliteracy
Counselors, Central Office Staff, and Teachers are all coming to the seal meetings. It has required more time than anticipated due to the personalized questions and coaching that districts have connected. KWLA needs a formalized document about submitting the school numbers of seal recipients and what languages, which will help languages make a case for KDE and BEST funding.
- Support for Teachers in Western Kentucky

The executive board has come up with the idea of making a small grant program for teachers who have been impacted by recent natural disasters. C. Smith suggests having a Google Form for ease of access for those impacted, and B. Byrd suggests having an open justification in the form for a committee to help allocate funds (as no schools have been directly destroyed, but teachers need support through this in a variety of ways). C. Smith also requests some type of memorial for all of the members of global communities (including refugee populations) who were impacted. B. Byrd suggests a mural or contributing funds to a refugee center.

- News from Regional Reps & Universities

Jefferson County has over 500 students who have applied for the Seal of biliteracy.

Fayette County has an upcoming world language conference, and they are still waiting to hear about the StarTalk grant.

Lexington private schools - LCA has started a sixth grade world cultures 6-week course that is looking for expanded Japanese and German resources

Northern Kentucky - Many schools are seeking world language teachers, as they currently do not have programs. There is also a new ASL teacher in Boone County, replacing Latin.

- Other Business

- i. Kenton County German position - teacher is retiring and wants a replacement

- ii. Awards - Tracy Rucker has submitted all of the SCOLT paperwork, and nomination season is starting

- iii. ACTFL is seeking input on the NCSSFL-ACTFL can-do statements from NADSFL. This may mean that revisions are coming.

- iv. The next board meeting will be the Showcase. Attendance will be required of the extended board based on student participation.

J. Kennedy motions to adjourn, C. Smith seconds. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.