

TFLTA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

Greetings from Julie Golden, TFLTA President

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you are having a wonderful end to your school year and are preparing for a relaxing summer. This is the perfect time for reflection and rejuvenation as we recharge our batteries for the upcoming school year. I hope that as you make your plans for the summer season, that you consider taking advantage of our summer professional development opportunity. We are excited to offer our third annual summer workshop this year at Battle Ground Academy in Nashville on June 22nd. We are thrilled to announce that this year's workshop will focus on comprehensible input and storytelling, and will be led by three of our state's great colleagues. Join us as we learn from Dr. Beniko Mason and some of our esteemed world language colleagues from around the state – Cécile Lainé, Florence Fillers, and Brandy López. More information is available on our website, www.tflta.org.

Although there will be no TFLTA conference this year, our TFLTA board members are hard at work organizing for our role in this year's ACTFL conference in Nashville.

We invite you to attend our private awards ceremony during the ACTFL conference weekend where we will present our Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year and our recipient of the Jacqueline Elliott Award. Current TFLTA members will be able to register for the conference at the ACTFL member rate, so please encourage your colleagues who need to renew their TFLTA membership to get the best rate. Conference registration information is available at www.ACTFL.org and at that TFLTA website.

I wish you the very best as you kick off your summer and I hope that you find time to relax and re-energize. I look forward to seeing you at the summer workshop and at the ACTFL conference in November.

Sincerely,



Julie Golden

2017 TFLTA President

ACTFL in NASHVILLE

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and

WORLD LANGUAGE EXPO

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2017

PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS ON NOVEMBER 16

THE MUSIC CITY CENTER

TFLTA is a Convention Partner with ACTFL in 2017. Save the dates. Plan to participate and support your language organizations. Share your expertise with colleagues from across the country. Expand your knowledge by attending the convention. For all conference updates, deadlines, and forms, visit the ACTFL website www.actfl.org. Convention information has also been posted at the recently expanded TFLTA website www.tflta.org and on Facebook.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TFLTA MEMBERS

IF YOU ARE A TFLTA MEMBER PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR THE 2017 ACTFL CONVENTION, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ACTFL MEMBER RATE.

TFLTA SUMMER WORKSHOP 2017

Fostering Second Language Acquisition through Comprehensible Input (CI)

**Enhance your summer with a great professional development
opportunity! Join your TFLTA colleagues for a one-day
seminar.**

Thursday, 22 June 2017

9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.

Battle Ground Academy, Nashville

Presenters:

**Dr. Beniko Mason, Shitennoji University Junior College, Osaka, Japan
Cecile Laine, Chattanooga School of Language, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Brandy Lopez, Bearden Middle School, Knoxville, Tennessee
Florence Fillers, Bearden Middle School, Knoxville, Tennessee**

**For registration, please visit www.TFLTA.org.
Registration for the TFLTA Summer Workshop is now open.**

THE TFLTA JOURNAL
WATCH FOR THE LATEST EDITION
ON THE TFLTA WEBSITE

Read the current and past issues at www.TFLTA.org.

Open submission: Prepare a paper!

The Editorial Board of The TFLTA Journal invites you to submit original scholarly articles (i.e., research conducted in the second language classroom; language approaches/strategies; digital literacies; meta-analyses; assessment issues; context and content-based instruction; assessment measures; cultural issues; position papers) of interest to K-16 world language (modern, classical, and second languages) educators in the global arena. The TFLTA Journal is one of only five peer-reviewed state world-language journals in the U.S.

Manuscript submission guidelines and past issues of The TFLTA Journal are available on-line at tflta.org. All inquiries should be directed to the Editor, Dr. Pattie Davis-Wiley, Professor, WL/ESL ED, The University of Tennessee (pdwiley@utk.edu), with subject line TFLTA Journal.

Important Dates to Remember

- June 22 TFLTA Summer Workshop, Battle Ground Academy, Nashville.
Visit www.tflta.org for complete information and registration.
- July 7 Deadline for Early Bird Registration: ACTFL Convention. <http://www.actfl.org>.
(Be sure to update your TFLTA membership dues at www.tflta.org to get the ACTFL membership rate.)
- September 1 Deadline for supporting data submission for TFLTA award finalists:
Jacqueline Elliott Award for Service in Higher Education
Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year Award
Hall of Fame
Friend of Foreign Language. <http://www.tflta.org>.
- October 25 Deadline for Advance Registration: ACTFL Convention. <http://www.actfl.org>.
N.B. After October 25th, Late/Onsite registration is available.
- Nov. 16 ACTFL Pre-Convention Workshops, full and half-day. <http://www.actfl.org>.
- Nov. 17-19 ACTFL Convention 2017. Music City Center and Omni Nashville Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee. <http://www.actfl.org>. For all forms and registration, visit the ACTFL website.

Be sure to visit the websites for the individual language groups' activities. Links to TFLTA's constituent organizations are available on the TFLTA website.

TFLTA Board of Directors Meeting: HIGHLIGHTS May, 2017

The TFLTA Board met on May 13, 2017, at the TEA Building, with President Julie Golden presiding.

President Julie Golden welcomed the members of the Board and called the meeting to order. All Board members were recognized individually, and their schools and languages were noted. Minutes were approved. President Julie Golden announced that Board member and former TFLTA President Betsy Taylor has been chosen by the AATF as the recipient of the Dorothy Ludwig Award for Excellence in Education at the Secondary Level. She will receive her award at the AATF Annual Convention in St. Louis in July. Julie solicited items for Kudos to be included in the TFLTA newsletter.

Officer and Liaison Reports and Discussion:

Treasurer: Francille Bergquist noted that the financial report distributed at the beginning of the meeting indicates that TFLTA is in good financial condition and at the normal level for this time of the year.

Secretary: President Julie Golden announced that Erika Stevens is taking on the position of Secretary of the TFLTA Board.

Webmaster: Julie reported that Ryan Sellers had requested consideration by the Board whether TFLTA should continue maintain both a Facebook page and a Facebook group, the latter being by invitation only, while the former is more public.

Past President: Meredith Peccolo reminded members of the Board about the committee folders with calendars for the respective duties

2nd Vice-President: Kelly Scheetz urged members of the Board to volunteer to be presiders at the ACTFL workshops in November. The workshops will be free for presiders.

After the other Officer and Liaison Reports, President Julie Golden added further information about the ACTFL meeting in November. Time for the presentation of TFLTA annual awards has been reserved, but the hour has not yet been announced. Additional plans for TFLTA functions will be announced later. Julie also announced that the Board members would draw for three free ACTFL registrations later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Finance:** Francille Bergquist, reiterated that TFLTA is in good financial condition. She announced that TFLTA is now 501C3. Every April TFLTA will have to submit an IRS form 99 to confirm the status as a non-profit. Betsy Taylor pointed out the work Francille had done to obtain this status for TFLTA.
- **Membership:** Erika Stevens, chair and new Secretary, requested that Board members interested in being mentors for new teachers sign up with her. She also said that the committee would like to see membership in the constituent language organizations, e.g. TCA, cross-listed with TFLTA. The committee also suggested the possibility of scholarships to help with summer workshops.

Another suggestion was the idea of junior memberships in TFLTA for high school students. She noted that there is already a reduced-rate membership for college students. Another possible tool to increasing and retaining membership is the compilation of a list of all foreign language teachers, especially in high schools, across the state.

- **Nominations:** Jessica Sexton, chair, reported that the committee has a list of teachers whom she will contact to see if they are willing to run for the Board. The committee also has the name of a possible candidate for 2nd Vice-President. Jessica will be contact that individual about the position. The committee would also like to know if the membership list can be made a shared document so that this committee can use it to try to maintain representation of the Board of members from all parts of the state as well as all levels of instruction. Francille Bergquist stated that she can provide a list of all who attended last year's TFLTA Conference. This, too, could provide the committee with potential candidates for the Board.
- **Jacqueline Elliott:** A recipient has been chosen. The official paperwork is being sought at this time. Betsy Taylor reminded the Board to submit names for the 2018 award. Forms for nominations are available on the TFLTA website.
- **Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year:** The committee has a nominee. Information about the candidate is being gathered.
- **Professional Development/Best of Tennessee:** Daniel Paolicchi noted that the committee is presently working on documentation.
- **Public Advocacy:** Daniel Paolicchi reported that TFLTA has responded to the sudden elimination of the German program at Hume-Fogg. The letter expressed the TFLTA's dismay at the sudden and unexpected news, especially in light of the significant economic impact Germany has in Tennessee, number two among foreign investors in Tennessee. Moreover, the German program was quite successful. The reason for the termination of the program is unknown, but it may be the allocation of money, not a problem with enrollment. Joan Li mentioned that Hume-Fogg had also had Chinese, but then dropped it. The committee also raised the question how to get Tennessee back in the process for foreign-language proficiency. Each state has its own criteria for the seal indicating foreign-language proficiency added to high school diplomas. Jessica Sexton will send out next week a questionnaire on standards for the State. She will ask for answers before the end of the school year. This will go to the State Board to be seen when they meet in July. The final vote will be taken in October. Melanie Taylor reported that a video promoting TFLTA is being prepared for the ACTFL conference.

Publications: Peggy Ross, chair, announced that Pattie Davis-Wiley says the TFLTA Journal will be available on-line this month. Submissions for the next edition are open now. Ryan Sellers' work on the website was lauded. Its success was particularly notable in the response to registration for the East and West Workshops. For both workshops, the vast majority of registrants used the website and PayPal. Ryan still needs the sections on Hall of Fame and Friends of Foreign Language updated. After a discussion of Facebook, it was decided to retain the Facebook Page (the "public" face of TFLTA), the Facebook Group (by invitation), and Twitter.

- **Aliene Click Professional Development Scholarship:** Sarah Ellery, chair, brought up the committee's concern with the expense per scholarship this year at ACTFL. Francille Bergquist commented that the effect of the scholarship in terms of membership has not been significant.

Further discussion included possibility that the scholarship might be applied to a TFLTA workshop for one year only or that only one ACTFL registration fee, not hotel, be awarded this year.

- **Hall of Fame and Special Projects:** It was reported that the website needs to add Friends of Foreign Language information.
- **Foreign Language Week:** Diana Tomayko expressed concern that this committee may be suffering from an “identity crisis” since it was supposed to be dealing with “World Language Contests.” There will be no contests this year because of the ACTFL convention. The committee is working on new contests, e.g. an advocacy essay, which are to be formulated by September so that they can be ready for 2018.

OLD BUSINESS: REPORTS on the REGIONAL WORKSHOPS.

Pattie Davis-Wiley reported that the East Regional Workshop was held at the Webb School on April 1st. Ninety-five people registered; eighty-seven attended. The sessions were excellent. Pattie will report on the evaluations at the next meeting. Francille Bergquist reported that the net income for the event was over twenty-seven hundred dollars. Over thirty individual memberships were paid. Next year’s workshop will probably held the first weekend in April.

The West Regional Workshop had over sixty registrants and netted just over two thousand dollars. Comments from evaluations included: the workshop was “like a well-oiled machine;” request for more general sessions; theme over-laps might indicate the possibility of some joint sessions.

NEW BUSINESS: Julie Golden reminded Board members that the next Board meeting will be on September 9. She also commented that Will Thompson is still handling the membership list. Abigail Simone suggested that the State representative working on the state proficiency standards be invited to the September meeting of the Board in anticipation of the October vote. Philip Easterly noted the varying needs for foreign language teachers in his school and elsewhere: problems mentioned included Latin, French, and Spanish, with too few teachers or no teachers for the students in several schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

KUDOS

Betsy Taylor has been chosen by the AATF to receive the Dorothy Ludwig Award for Excellence in Education at the Secondary Level. The award will be presented at the AATF annual convention in July in St. Louis, Missouri.

Julie Golden, TFLTA President, is a Humanities TN grant winner.

Leah Bailey, French, has been recognized by WBIR for her forty years in education.

Anne Moctezuma-Baker's chapter of Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica at Martin Luther King, Jr., Magnet High School won second place in the SHH Activity of the Year contest.

Let your accomplishments and honors and those of your colleagues receive their deserved recognition. Be sure to submit items of KUDOS to Peggy Ross, Newsletter editor, at rossp@frapanthers.com.

2017 TFLTA BOARD MEETING

REMINDER FOR ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ONLY

All meetings are held at the TEA Building at 10:00 A.M.

801 Second Ave. North, Nashville, Tennessee 37201

September 9th

DID YOU MISS THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT
OF THE 2016 TFLTA CONFERENCE?
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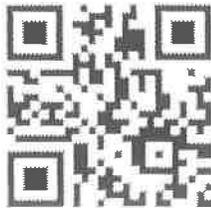
Nominations for the Board
via email



Aliene Click Professional
Development Scholarship Form



Jacqueline Elliott and Joyce Ward
Teacher of the Year Form



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