

# TFLTA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017

## Greetings from Julie Golden, TFLTA President

Dear Colleagues,

It is my hope that you have had a great start to your 2017-18 school year and you are preparing for the exciting upcoming professional development opportunities that are to come!

Although there will be no TFLTA conference this year, our TFLTA board members are busy finalizing plans for our role in this year's ACTFL conference in Nashville, November 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Current TFLTA members can register for the conference at the ACTFL member rate, so please encourage your colleagues who need to renew their TFLTA membership to do so in order to get the best rate. While at the conference, we invite you to attend our private awards ceremony on Saturday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup>, where we will present our Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year and our recipient of the Jacqueline Elliott Award. Conference registration information is available at [www.ACTFL.org](http://www.ACTFL.org) and at the TFLTA website.

Please be on the lookout for our annual membership renewal form mailer to update your membership status for the 2018 year. You certainly do not want to miss the regional mini-conferences, summer workshop, and TFLTA conference that are already in the works for 2018!

I wish you the very best during this fall semester and look forward to seeing you at the ACTFL conference in November!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Golden', written in a cursive style.

Julie Golden, TFLTA President

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**ACTFL 2017**

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**and**

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**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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**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](http://www.actfl.org). Convention information has also been posted at the recently expanded TFLTA website [www.tflta.org](http://www.tflta.org) and on Facebook.**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER 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**

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# ***THE TFLTA JOURNAL***

## ***VOLUME 7***

***FALL 2017/SPRING 2018***

### ***CALL FOR PAPERS***

***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 and 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](http://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](mailto:pdwiley@utk.edu)), with the subject line TFLTA Journal.***

***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: 15 MARCH 2018***

### **TFLTA Board of Directors Meeting: HIGHLIGHTS September, 2017**

The TFLTA Board met on September 9, 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 with their schools and languages noted. Minutes were approved. Julie thanked Erika Stevens for her work on the minutes.

TEA President Barbara Gray welcomed the TFLTA Board.

#### ***Officer and Liaison Reports and Discussion:***

**Treasurer:** Francille Bergquist distributed the financial report at the beginning of the meeting. Francille stated that TFLTA is in good financial condition.

**Conference Secretary:** Betsy Taylor reported that all is well for the ACTFL conference

**Webmaster:** Ryan Sellers listed several items he needs to bring the website up to date, including the following: Friends of Foreign Language, Hall of Fame, and Jacqueline Elliott past honorees information. He will also need this year's award winners after the ACTFL Conference. Next year's 2018 TFLTA Conference will be held on November 3-4. Further information on that conference will be posted on the website after the ACTFL conference. TFLTA regional workshop information will be posted when it becomes available. Patti Davis-Wiley announced that the East Regional Workshop will be held April 7, 2018.

In social media, Melanie Taylor will be co-ordinating both Facebook and Twitter. Both the TFLTA Facebook page and the Facebook group will continue to be maintained. Will Thompson continues to take care of the e-mail list for sending out TFLTA missives. Ryan stated that he was willing to take that on, but he will need some direction.

Ryan was recognized by the Board for his work on the Website.

**Past President:** Meredith Peccolo reminded members of the Board about the committee folders with calendars for the respective duties. She has the folders ready for the committee chairmen.

**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.

**1st Vice-President:** Daniel Paolicchi passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the TFLTA booth at the ACTFL Convention.

**President:** 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 for November 18, 6:30-7:30. The location of reception will be announced later. Plans for any additional TFLTA functions will be publicized later.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Finance:** Francille Bergquist, reiterated that TFLTA is in good financial condition. A report was distributed to the members of the Board.
- **Membership:** Erika Stevens, chair, reported that TFLTA has 643 members. In order to expand membership, plans are being made to survey the websites of school systems for teachers who have not joined TFLTA. E-mails with information about TFLTA will be sent to those who are not members. Areas not well-represented or not represented at all will be the first to receive the e-mails.

**Nominations:** Jessica Sexton, chair, reported that the committee has only two nominees for the Board so far. It has become increasingly difficult to get obtain nominees. Ideally, there would be twelve. In addition, there is the possibility that some possible nominees may fail to renew their membership, thereby becoming ineligible to run for office. There is also a need to encourage nominees from all sections of Tennessee. At the moment, most members of the Board are from Middle Tennessee. A motion to eliminate the year-long waiting period off the Board before running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president was moved and passed.

**Jacqueline Elliott:** A recipient has been chosen and will be introduced at the reception during the ACTFL convention on November 18. Betsy Taylor suggested that because there will be no speeches at the reception, a pamphlet with information about the recipients of the Jacqueline Elliott and the Joyce Ward awards be distributed at the reception. It was also suggested that recipients of these awards be urged to present papers at the 2018 TFLTA Conference.

- **Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year:** The recipient has been chosen and will be announced at the reception during the ACTFL convention on November 18. The recipient will also be included in the pamphlet prepared for distribution at the reception for TFLTA awards.
- **Professional Development:** Daniel Paolicchi reported that the cost of food at the annual TFLTA convention has become so expensive that it has been suggested that sponsors help defray the cost of the luncheons, the dinner, the Saturday breakfast, and the cocktail hour. Sponsors would be recognized for their contributions. A motion was made and passed.
- **Public Advocacy:** Jessica Sexton's report stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading about the Tennessee standards for indicating foreign-language proficiency on high school diplomas comes to a vote in October.  
A video promoting TFLTA is being prepared for the ACTFL conference.

**Publications:** Peggy Ross reported that the current edition of The TFLTA Journal is now available on the TFLTA website. Pattie Davis-Wiley reminded Board members to consider writing for the Journal and to encourage their colleagues to submit papers.

- **Aliene Click Professional Development Scholarship:** Sarah Ellery, chair, reminded the Board that because of the ACTFL convention, the scholarships will not be awarded this year. The funds that would have been used for the scholarships to the TFLTA Conference will be used for regional workshops this year. A full-time teacher who has not attended the workshop before may receive a stipend to cover the registration for the workshop. Applications for the Spring Regional scholarship will be due by February 1; for the Summer workshop, by May 1.
- **Hall of Fame and Special Projects:** Ryan Sellers requested that he be sent information about past recipients of the Friends of Foreign Language Award for the website.

- **Foreign Language Week:** Phillip Easterly reported that because there is so little participation in the artwork for the TFLTA contest by high school students, it is recommended that the contest be for students K-8. Kelly Scheetz suggested that before the Board decides to do away with the poster contest we consider the possibility of changing the contest to a cover contest for the conference program. This will be taken up at a later meeting. Pattie Davis-Wiley introduced the idea of recognizing exemplary foreign language programs in schools. There would probably be self-nomination. This would not be a contest: all programs meeting the criteria set by TFLTA would receive a certificate. Programs could resubmit after about five years. In response to a question whether this would allow for individual teachers to be recognized also, Francille Bergquist reminded the Board that we already recognize individuals. This program could be launched at the 2018 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Julie Golden reported that the Summer Workshop, “Fostering Second Language Acquisition through Comprehensible Input,” was a success. About twenty-five teachers attended. The reaction to the workshop was great. Julie encouraged Board members to be on the lookout for a place to host the 2018 Summer Workshop.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Payment of 2018 TFLTA dues at the ACTFL Convention or before will make members eligible for a drawing for the registration fee for the 2018 TFLTA Conference.

Pattie Davis-Wiley announced that the East Tennessee Regional Workshop will take place on April 7. Further information will be posted on the TFLTA website.

Julie Golden announced that the reception for TFLTA awards will take place on Saturday, November 18, at 6:30-7:30.

President Julie Golden was recognized for her extraordinary service to TFLTA as President the last two years. She received a standing ovation by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

## **KUDOS**

**Betsy Taylor received the AATF's Dorothy Ludwig Award for Excellence in Education at the Secondary Level. The award was presented at the AATF annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri.**

**Erika Stevens has been promoted to Associate Professor and has received the Distinguished Faculty Award.**

**Stephanie Ohnesurg of UT-K has received the Goethe-Institut/AATG Certificate of Merit.**

**Ying Zhang has become a U.S. citizen.**

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](mailto:rossp@frapanthers.com).

### **Important Dates to Remember**

October 5 Latin Day XXXVI at the University of Tennessee. For information, contact

Megan Henderson [mhenderson@utk.edu](mailto:mhenderson@utk.edu).

- October 21 TN AATSP Workshop. Franklin High School. 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
- October 25 Deadline for Advance Registration: ACTFL Convention. <http://www.actfl.org>.  
N.B. After October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- March 15, 2018 Deadline for submission of papers for the Fall 2017/Spring 2018 edition of The TFLTA Journal. For information, visit the TFLTA website or contact Pattie Davis-Wiley, [pdwiley@utk.edu](mailto:pdwiley@utk.edu).

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

## **2018 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**

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM AATSP



Greetings from TN AATSP!

The time for our 2017 TN AATSP Workshop is approaching, and we are excited to offer this professional development opportunity. The event will be at Franklin High School on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Paul Jenneman will be our featured speaker and will present "Real Resources for our Real World." The focus will be using authentic resources and performance assessments. Stephanie Marlin of Meigs Magnet Middle School in Nashville will also share her experience at the Costa Rica Language Institute in June as our STBGF grant recipient.

Please plan to attend this valuable workshop. The cost is \$15 for AATSP members and \$30 for non-members. Your registration fee also includes lunch during our annual meeting. Please complete the attached Google form and mail it with your check.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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 [TN AATSP Workshop Registration](#)

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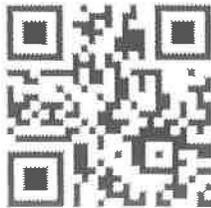
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