

Greetings from Julie Golden, TFLTA President

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you have had a great start to 2017 and are preparing for the final stretch in this school year. It has been such a busy time for TFLTA members!

I would like to thank all of you who presented or attended the TFLTA conference in November. It was a huge success, thanks to our 1st Vice-President and conference chair, Rob Nasatir. It was an honor to recognize some of our colleagues for their commitment and passion for world language teaching. At our awards dinner, Betsy Taylor was named the 2016 Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year, and Betsy recently went on to represent TFLTA as a SCOLT Teacher of the Year candidate. Daniel Solomon was awarded the Jacqueline Elliott Award for service in higher education. Both Betsy and Daniel are two inspiring examples of language educators. A new member was inducted into our TFLTA Hall of Fame, Jeff Mellor. We would like to congratulate him on this achievement and thank him for his dedicated service to TFLTA and to 50 years of service to our profession. We also awarded Sue Clark, former principal of Glendale Immersion School, as a Friend of Foreign Language. We appreciate her continued support of world languages during her career in education.

As we are entering the spring season, I hope that you have made plans to attend one of our regional mini-conferences to collaborate with fellow teachers in the area and recharge your batteries. We are also excited to hold our 3rd annual TFLTA workshop this summer and hope that you will be on the lookout for more information regarding this professional development opportunity! Details will soon be posted on our website, www.tflta.org.

We are very eager to work in conjunction with ACTFL for the 2017 conference. Due to this partnership, there will not be a separate TFLTA conference this year, but up-to-date TFLTA members will receive the ACTFL member rate. Be sure to update your TFLTA membership prior to registering for the ACTFL conference! The ACTFL conference will be held November 17-19, 2017 at the Music City Center in Nashville. Registration and hotel information is posted on the TFLTA website. Start planning ahead to make arrangements to attend this conference as it is sure to be a great one!

I wish you the very best as we wind down the school year. I look forward to seeing you at future TFLTA events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Golden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Julie Golden

2017 TFLTA President

CONGRATULATIONS

to

NEW TFLTA BOARD MEMBERS

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

KELLY SCHEETZ: SPANISH, FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

BOARD MEMBERS

KEVIN KILE: LATIN, ST. CECILIA ACADEMY

**MARY KROEGER: SPANISH, EAST NASHVILLE MAGNET
HIGH SCHOOL**

QINGJUN (JOAN) LI: CHINESE, BELMONT UNIVERSITY

**GLORIA MURFF: FRENCH, CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF
KNOXVILLE**

**RALUCA NEGRISANU: GERMAN, EAST TENNESSEE STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**ERIKA STEVENS: SPANISH, WALTERS STATE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

2016 TFLTA CONFERENCE

Honors

Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year Award 2016

BETSY TAYLOR

**Jacqueline Elliott Award
for Service in Higher Education**

DANIEL SOLOMON

Friend of Foreign Languages

SUE CLARK

TFLTA Hall of Fame

JEFF MELLOR

ANNOUNCEMENT

EXPERIENCE IT!

ACTFL 2017

ANNUAL CONVENTION

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.**

THE TFLTA JOURNAL

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

Submit 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

- May 1 TFLTA Deadline for nominations for TFLTA awards:
Jacqueline Elliott Award for Service in Higher Education
Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year Award
Hall of Fame
Friend of Foreign Language.
For qualifications, eligibility, and nominations, visit <http://www.tflta.org>
- June 22 TFLTA Summer Workshop
Battle Ground Academy in Nashville
- July 7 Deadline for Early Bird Registration: ACTFL Convention. <http://www.actfl.org>.
- 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>.
- September 1 Deadline for Aliene Click Professional Development Scholarship.
<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 February 2017

The TFLTA Board met on February 11, 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. Julie introduced the new Board members. All Board members were recognized individually, and their schools and languages were noted. Minutes were approved.

President Julie Golden requested submissions 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 meeting did not include Paypal yet. TFLTA is in good financial condition.

Conference Secretary: Betsy Taylor announced that the TFLTA annual conference for 2018 will again take place at the Marriott. The hotel has provided us with an excellent package, including separate rooms for the luncheons and a 10% discount on AV equipment. She reiterated that this is for the conference in 2018, since ACTFL will meet in Nashville this year.

Secretary/ Webmaster: President Julie Golden informed the Board that with the resignation of Will Thompson, there is to date no Secretary. The Executive Board is pursuing this matter. Julie announced that Ryan Sellers is now the TFLTA Webmaster. He is in the process of working on the TFLTA website. Ryan asked that information for the website be forwarded to him.

Past President: Meredith Peccolo distributed committee folders with calendars for the respective duties of each committee.

1st Vice-President: Daniel Paolicchi had no report at this time.

2nd Vice-President: Kelly Scheetz announced that for ACTFL this year, we can volunteer to preside at workshops. The workshops will be free for presiders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: As the committees began their meetings, President Julie Golden urged them to consider up-dating their committee calendars, if needed.

- **Finance:** Francille Bergquist, reiterated that TFLTA is in good financial condition.
- **Membership:** A number of important topics connected with the ACTFL meeting in November and with the resignation of Will Thompson, the TFLTA Secretary and Chair of the Membership Committee included the following: 1. Will be keeping the membership database until a new Secretary can be chosen; 2. It was suggested that Erika Stevens be named the interim secretary until the elections in the Fall; 3. The need to reach out to all foreign language teachers in Tennessee in order to recruit new members; for this, the constituent language organizations as well as personal communication would be important; 4. Because there is no state conference this year, there is a need to reach out to members to renew their TFLTA membership; 5. Teachers of new foreign language teachers can encourage their students to attend the conference and join TFLTA; 6. A TFLTA table at the ACTFL conference should be arranged for promoting TFLTA and providing a site for

information and membership; 7. The question whether a person can join TFLTA at the regional workshops was raised; it was answered in the positive.

In response to the question about a TFLTA table at ACTFL, Julie responded that TFLTA will have a table at the exhibit hall. Moreover, if a teacher is a TFLTA member prior to the ACTFL conference, he gets the ACTFL member rate for the conference.

- **Nominations:** Jessica Sexton, chair, reported that the committee sees a need to make it clear on the ballots for the Board that a candidate who teaches French is a representative of all Foreign Languages teachers, not just those who teach French. Past patterns of voting have indicated that many may be voting only for those who teach their own respective languages. In fact, many ballots have in the past had votes for only one or two individuals, rather than for the whole slate.

Jacqueline Elliott: Leah Bailey reported that the committee already has a possible candidate, but additional candidates will be accepted until the May 1st deadline. Forms for nominations are

available on the TFLTA website. The forms have been revised to indicate that the nominations

are due by May 1, but supporting documentation is not due until September 1.

- **Joyce Ward Teacher of the Year:** Board members were encouraged to get the word out about this award. Forms and requirements are posted to the TFLTA website. The deadline for nominations is May 1. Supporting documentation due by September 1.
- **Professional Development/Best of Tennessee:** Julie Golden announced that the summer workshop would be held at Battle Ground Academy, Franklin, Tennessee, the second or third week in June. Further information will be available on the TFLTA website. The Best of Tennessee will have a full report in May after the committee has heard from the candidates.
- **Public Advocacy:** Daniel Paolicchi reported that films taken at the TFLTA conference will be available on the TFLTA Youtube page. It was also announced that the new foreign language standards will be published in March. They have been simplified and aligned with the ACTFL standards, with all aspects measurable. Other topics of discussion included: possibility of developing a model curriculum map to help new teachers design their own curriculum; changes to the links on the TFLTA website to make them easier to navigate.
- **Publications:** Peggy Ross reported that the committee addressed several questions concerning the website. The committee agreed that the web-master should be a member of this committee. Other suggestions included: 1. the addition of recent TFLTA newsletters to the website (Peggy will forward back issues to Ryan Sellers, Webmaster); 2. the retention of copies of the more recent TFLTA Conference programs on the website as a reference and encouragement to potential presenters; 3. the submission of information from the constituent language organizations (TCA, AATG, AATF, AATSP) for the newsletter at the beginning of the month prior to each TFLTA meeting (February 1, May 1, Sept. 1, and Nov. 1). The TFLTA journal will be available at the beginning of March. Proposals for the next edition are being encouraged.
- **Aliene Click Professional Development Scholarship:** The committee noted the success of the program at the 2016 conference. It was noted that the regional workshops can be particularly effective in reaching new teachers. It was also pointed out that having mentors

for new teachers is an excellent way to encourage them to return to future conferences and to become active members of TFLTA. In May, members of the Board will have the opportunity to sign up to mentor. The committee also reported that places at the ACTFL Convention will be reserved for Aliene Click Scholarship recipients because the registration for ACTFL is prior to the TFLTA choice of participants. Recipients of the scholarship should be urged not only to join TFLTA, but also to present papers at future TFLTA conferences.

- **Hall of Fame and Special Projects:** Jennifer Johnson, chair, reported that to date, there is no one being considered for the Hall of Fame; but there is no expectation that there be a winner every year. New, revised forms for nominations have been posted to the TFLTA website. A list of recipients is also on the website. Jennifer also reminded members of the Board to let her know of any potential nominees for Friends of Foreign Language. More information about this award should be added to the website. Jennifer completed her committee report with a request that members of the Board send her suggestions for TFLTA special projects.
- **Foreign Language Week:** The committee considered a number of items: 1. Because the main work of the committee is the annual poster, it was suggested that the committee's name be changed to reflect its purpose better, perhaps to "World Language Contest Committee;" 2. Because of the ACTFL Convention, there will be no poster contest this year; 3. In the absence of a contest this year, the committee plans to revamp the contest to include a poetry contest, a poster contest, and an essay in English about studying a foreign language, all based on the theme of the TFLTA Conference; 4. The next contest would be for the 2018 conference; 5. The 2018 contest would be announced on the website, forms created for the contest would be posted on the website, judging the contest could be done with a skype call by members of the committee in time for the conference. The committee also asked whether the governor's Foreign Language Proclamation should continue to be requested.

OLD BUSINESS: Pattie Davis-Wiley reported that the East Regional Workshop had twenty-five students and forty teachers lined up for the event. Six-hours credit would be available.

NEW BUSINESS: SCOLT has asked for the donation of an auction item. Julie Golden suggested admission to a TFLTA regional workshop or to a workshop at the TFLTA annual conference be donated.

Daniel Paolicchi proposed that TFLTA look at itself as an organization, e.g. the structure of roles within the administration, as evidenced in the fact that Will Thompson for so many years filled three jobs for TFLTA. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to look at these roles during the next couple of months. A vote on changes could be taken at the ACTFL conference. In connection with this, : Ryan Sellers, Webmaster, commented that the by-laws of TFLTA are not on the website, something that can easily be solved.

Julie commented on the question of meeting space at ACTFL, e.g. for language luncheons and awards. We could be given the space, but the food and drink would be paid for by us. A solution to this problem could be to have a cash bar during which a meet-and-greet for the award recipient could take place. This event would be open only to TFLTA members.

Julie also reminded the Board that volunteers to assist at the ACTFL convention will be needed. More information about this will be announced in August.

Julie Golden was recognized by the Board for her willingness to accept the extension of her presidency for another year because of the resignation of Rob Nasatir.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

2017 TFLTA BOARD MEETINGS

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

May 13th

September 9th

ATTENTION CLASSICISTS!

Announcements from the TCA Luncheon and Business Meeting at the TFLTA 2016 Conference

Chris Craig, Secretary-Treasurer, announced that the TCA website is under construction: <http://tca-tn.weebly.com/>.

Multas gratias to the luncheon speaker, Stephen Collins-Elliott, Assistant Professor of Classics at UTK, for his presentation on the Roman presence and influence in Morocco. Additional information about the discoveries and adventures of Professor Collins-Elliott and his students can be found in the “Gardens of the Hesperides” project at <http://hesperides.utk.edu>.

TCA will meet for the annual luncheon and business meeting during the 2017 ACTFL conference in Nashville. Be sure to check the TCA website for additional information.

KUDOS

To all who participated in the 2016 TFLTA Conference!

To Ryan Sellers for his work as the new Webmaster.

To President Julie Golden and the officers of the TFLTA Board for accepting the extension of their terms of office.

Across the State

Virginia Baird, who has taught Latin at Hutchison School in Memphis for thirty years, received the Hubert Smothers Excellence in Teaching Award from the Tennessee Association for Independent Schools.

Michelle Casini, Powell High School, was chosen one of four PHS Teachers of the Year.

Samantha Wilson, Merrol-Hyde Magnet School, was named Teacher of the Year.

Kayla Watson, Anderson County High School, has been chosen Teacher of the Year.

Betsy Taylor, Franklin High School, was the AATF TN chapter's nominee for the Dorothy S. Ludwig for Excellence in Teaching.

Joan Li has been promoted to associate professor of Asian Studies and Chinese at Belmont University with tenure.

Ashlee Headrick has been named World Language Department Chair at Battle Ground Academy as of the 2017-2018 school year.

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.

DID YOU MISS THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT
OF THE 2016 TFLTA CONFERENCE?
DO NOT MISS THE 2017 ACTFL CONVENTION
IN NASHVILLE
NOVEMBER 17-19

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Aliene Click Professional
Development Scholarship Form



Jacqueline Elliott and Joyce Ward
Teacher of the Year Form



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