

WFLTA Executive Council Meeting, 5 October 2017, Sheridan, Wyoming

In Attendance: Joy Landeira, Ian Caldon, Katherine Boehnke, Amy Velasquez, Courtnie Link, Nancy Fullmer, Jessica Purdum, Mary Brummond, Eric Atkins, James Gustafson, Jaime Basham, Charles Ewing.

I. Introductions

II. PNCFL is giving WFLTA \$500 to help with presenter costs for the 2017 conference.

III. Need more members of the WFLTA Executive Council, as well as a new President-Elect.

IV. WFLTA conference attendance is down over the last three years.

a. Budget Cut issues? Yes.

b. Conference location rotation system at fault? (Even-numbered years in Casper, in odd-numbered years the site rotates by quadrant: NW to NE to SE to SW). This year we are in Sheridan, representing the NE.

c. MOTION (MB, 2nd KB): We will continue the rotation system but the SW will take the SE's place in 2019. After that, the executive council will re-evaluate conference site selection system. *CARRIED, to be proposed to membership at-large.*

d. A flyer will be made up that can be distributed to teachers who attend World Languages Day at UW-Laramie in March 2018.

V. EF Tours is seriously considering sponsoring a scholarship that will cover all costs for a Wyoming WL teacher to attend WFLTA next year. WFLTA officers will coordinate with EF representative.

VI. Member-Presenters at WFLTA conference 2018.

MOTION (CE, 2nd NF): WFLTA conference fees will be discounted by \$50 for members who are accepted to present on Saturday mornings, and one full conference fee will be waived if a member is accepted as a main presenter for multiple longer sessions. If a group of members present together, they may split one discount between them. The Sec./Tres. will create online discount codes to facilitate this through the online registration system. *CARRIED, to be proposed to membership at-large.*

VII. WFLTA website.

a. Share password so that more people can update it.

b. Or, migrate WFLTA website to another host/platform to economize and modernize (current host costs \$200 per year). Could we keep the domain wflta.org if we did this? To be investigated.

VIII. WFLTA President's attendance at annual ACTFL conference.

a. The current stipend for the Pres. is \$1000 to defray his/her costs for representing the state.

b. ACFTL hotel & registration is expensive, and WFLTA has made a profit from its last two conferences.

c. MOTION (CE, 2nd JP): Increase the ACTFL conference attendance stipend for the WFLTA President (or his/her designee) to \$1250/year. *CARRIED, to be proposed to membership at-large.*

IX. WFLTA conference registration dues are expensive and may be contributing to lower attendance.

MOTION (CE, 2nd MB): Lower WFLTA conference fees for Regular Registration, Early-Bird Registration, and First-Time Attendee Registration by \$20. Dues will remain at \$40/yr (included in all conference fees), and Retiree and Student conference fees will remain unchanged at \$75 (which also includes WFLTA dues). *CARRIED, to be proposed to membership at-large.*

X. PNCFL news report by CL.

a. PNCFL board meets electronically 1x/month. Should WFLTA consider this?

b. “Lingo” magazine is published 3x/year and article submissions are welcome with an accompanying picture.

c. PNCFL would like the WFLTA Sec./Tres. to submit dues and membership list by 10/15!

d. ACTFL will now consider teachers at ALL levels for its Teacher of the Year award (including university instructors/professors). Must have been a member of WFLTA for 5 consecutive years.

e. In 2019:

1. WFLTA will host sponsored presenters from PNCFL.

2. It will be Wyoming’s turn to present a “Best Of PNCFL” special workshop at the ACTFL conference. WFLTA should consider funding someone to go help w/this.

XI. It is now possible to earn 1cr. through UW for WFLTA conference attendance. KB is coordinating this.

XII. Seal of Biliteracy.

a. This year’s conference includes a presentation by members from CY Middle School in Casper about the Seal of Biliteracy.

b. MOTION (JB, 2nd MB): WFLTA officially supports efforts to bring the Seal of Biliteracy to Wyoming. *CARRIED.*

XIII. Abroad Tours can be coordinated between teachers/schools so that larger groups can be formed that are more conducive to our educational and social purposes. Communicate with one another and EF Tours!

Submitted: Charles Ewing