Executive Board Meeting – 28 March, Saturday:

SCFLTA

Submitted by Jill Hnat

I. Welcome – Introductions

* Attendance: Bethany Clark (AATSP), Jason Bagley (Web Master/Cresent Editor), Liz Lawrence-Baez (President), Ruta Couet (SCWL Consultant), Margaret Young (Executive Director), Jill Hnat (Co-President- Elect), Christian Ugro (Classical League), Delandris Jones (Co-President-Elect), Araceli Hernández-Laroche (AATF), Pam Peek (SCCOL), Jeremy Patterson (AATF)

Corrections made to last meeting’s minutes. Motion made. Motion carried and approved.

II. Financial Report

* Balance on hand- **$12,984.17**
* Conference expense-
* Linda Zins- Adams-1,050
* River Bluff- space rental-$970.21
* Food- 2056.51
* Conference income- **$7,365.80**
* Other expenses-138- board member travel
* Pending- Webmaster-650
* Overtime for janitors at River Bluff-51
* JNCL-NCLIS – Motion made to join for $180 ($1.50 per person). Motion made. Motion carried and approved.
* JNCL-NCLIS – website [www.languagepolicy.org](http://www.languagepolicy.org)

Motion made to approve financial report. Motion carried and approved.

III. Crescent and Website Update

* Jason presented tour of the SCFLTA website. Updates are not on site yet because the site was down. The website is run through Weebly.
* New tab for store for membership and workshops, etc.
* Jason will work on “kinks” this summer.
* Suggestion made to add a field for entering all teachers that are covered in a transaction for membership and conference registration.
* Link established to access membership form on line.
* Liz made suggestion to make the name of the Crescent issues as the link rather than “click here.”
* Links to a myriad of professional organizations.
* Board links and responsibilities –
* Establish system of posting minutes to “SCFLTA Board Work Area.”
* Suggestion that we acknowledge the contributions of Michel Couet’s photography for SCFLTA at conferences, etc. – Decision for board to send hand-written letter to him in thanks for his service.
* Jason asks for submissions for The Crescent. – Ideas were shared for the kinds of articles that would be appropriate and encouraging schools/districts to submit news.

IV. Recap 2015 Conference

1. Awards – we don’t have applications for every award, every year. Question/plea for ideas for increasing teacher applications – especially for Teacher of the Year. Should be self-nominated because the position is a LOT of work.
   1. Suggestion made to send notice to principals.
   2. Study abroad – change of venue request from Elizabeth Carter
      1. Voting dilemma – how do we handle this decision when online vote was not a quorum.
      2. Motion presented to vote on Elizabeth’s change of venue. Motion made. Motion passed and carried.
      3. Decision was made to make immediate contact with Elizabeth about vote.
      4. Award applications’ deadlines are “in hand” not postmarked.
      5. Board work space is suggested as best place to house applications for reference.
2. Evaluations from Conference
   1. Results were basically positive, but few in number.
   2. Question of who would pass on results to presenters.
   3. Question of group that did not honor our request to change name of session because of professional language. Discussion of ignoring request from board of name change during session.
   4. Best of SCFLTA –Digital Media and Early Language Learners – Jennifer Godwin

Alternate – Axa Carnes – Teaching Like a Pirate (If Jennifer can’t make SCOLT).

* 1. Motion to accept Jennifer Godwin as Best of SCFLTA. Motion made. Motion passed and accepted.
  2. Basically good feedback on logistics of conference – registration, schedule, break-out sessions, communication

1. SCOLT Report
   1. ACTFL had refreshed their standards
   2. Seal of Bilteracy
   3. November 21 – San Diego ACTFL Conference
   4. FLAP grant has zero funds.
   5. StarTalk will be fully funded
   6. Letters to Congress are noticed
   7. Advocacy Days – May 7,8 in Washington – CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES – link is on SCFLTA website
   8. Search is on for teachers of Critical Languages (Critical languages are languages that are critical to national security and economic growth.)
   9. Vendors for different language consulates
2. SCOLT 2016
   1. A lot needs to be considered when SCOLT meets jointly with FLANC and SCFLTA. Proposed conference is in Charlotte – February 18-20
   2. Joint conference with SCOLT because of cost and close proximity with our usual SCFLTA conference in the spring. – discussion
   3. Questions on “joint expense” and what financial responsibility that represents. Determined that we need more information/clarification from SCOLT for food/beverage events in #3 in the proposal.
   4. Discussion on various responsibilities - especially bag stuffing on Wednesday before the conference.
   5. Discussion of how board votes online accepting these motions and Membership on board = officers/ board members, reps from AAT groups, SCCOL, NELL (i.e. what makes a quorum)
   6. David from SCOLT explained that expenses are paid from registration and other revenues – no upfront payments from SCFLTA except for individual registration costs. Any profits for us will come AFTER all expenses are paid.
   7. Motion made to join SCOLT. Firm Commitment to the conference in Charlotte. Motion made. Motion passed and accepted.

1. Reminder of meeting dates:
   1. March 28th, 2015
   2. August 22nd, 2015
   3. October 24th, 2015
   4. January 23rd, 2016
2. Liz, Delandris, and Jill will meet to disseminate information about workshops and sessions for SCOLT because of early June 1 deadline.

VII. Good of the Order

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VIII. Adjournment

* Motion to adjourn. Motion made. Motion passed and happily carried.

*Above Minutes amended by Jill Hnat at August 22, 2015 board meeting.*

*(Suggestion was made by Ruta Couet that all future minutes highlight person responsible for particular dutied and a due date.)*