

**Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Advisory Council Meeting and Reception
Palmer House Hilton Chicago, Illinois
Thursday, March 9, 2017
5:00-7:00 pm**

The meeting began at 6:15 p.m.

1. Welcome..... Mary Goodwin
 - a. Recognized Katrina Griffin, ACTFL Teacher of the Year
 - b. Thanked all who were present for attending the conference

2. Approval of the March 2016 Minutes.....Richard Emch
Josh LeGreve moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from March 10, 2016. Andrea Behn seconded the motion. The motion passed. Kandel Baxter moved to accept the minutes from March 10, 2016. Pamela Gemmer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Announcements and Introductions.....Mary Goodwin
 - a. Gary Spurgin from Indiana will be a new Director on the CSCTFL Board.
 - b. The Nominating Committee will be seeking candidates for 2018.
 - c. Recognized Martha Halemba, the CSCTFL 2017 Program Chair, the CSCTFL 2017 Conference Local Chair, Susan Johnson, and the ICTFL team for helping to prepare for the conference.
 - d. Reminded Advisory Council members of the many benefits their Advisory Council membership.
 - e. Requested that Advisory Council members complete the surveys to plan 2017-2018 found on the table before leaving.

4. Executive Director's Report.....Patrick Raven
 - a. Welcomed and thanked members for attending the Advisory Council meeting.
 - b. Reminded the Advisory Council members that CSCTFL is a corporation.
 - c. Thanked the local committee ICTFL and Susan Johnson for their assistance in providing such a well-run conference.
 - d. Recognized Marty Abbott, ACTFL Executive Director and ACTFL President Desa Dawson who
 - i. Expressed reciprocity with ACTFL supporting the regional language organizations and the regional organizations supporting ACTFL.
 - ii. Reported on the American Academy of Arts and Sciences February 2017 report, *America's Languages: Investing in Language Learning for the 21st Century*
 - iii. Promoted the *Lead with Languages* campaign
 - iv. Reported that ACTFL is tackling teacher recruitment and retention to alleviate the teacher shortage in 44 states and the District of Columbia.
 - v. Expressed thanks for the invitation and the opportunity to share.
 - e. Recognized Emily Spinelli, AATSP Executive Director
 - f. Recognized Helene Zimmer-Loew, past AATG Executive Director
 - g. Recognized Keith Cothrun, AATG Executive Director
 - h. Recognized Bill Rivers, JNCL-NCLIS Executive Director
 - i. Announced that conference registration is the largest since 1997 at a current total of 1,631.
 - j. Recognized and thanked Sarah Shackelford, Social Media Director, for her work keeping all our friends informed.
 - k. Reported a record number of 191 Advisory Council members as of the meeting.
 - l. Reminded Advisory Council members of their renewal notices, which will be by June 1.
 - m. Thanked WAFLT for their invitation in 2018 for our 50th anniversary. It will be the 50th anniversary of the CSCTFL conference and before 1969, this corporation was known as the Midwest Modern Language Association.
 - n. Thanked OFLA for their invitation in 2019.
 - o. Thanked IWLA & NILA for their invitation in 2020.
 - p. Executive Director Patrick Raven gave a brief yet thorough overview of the handouts on the table:
 - i. Surveys to help the CSCTFL Committees in planning for the 2017-2018 year and beyond.
 - ii. Committee names and responsibilities are on the back of the agenda. Those who wish to serve on a committee should contact the appropriate committee chair.

- iii. The pink sheet contains financial information from July 1, 2016 - February 15, 2017. There is also a summary of financial statements.
 - iv. The audio / visual expense incurred during the conference at the Palmer House Hilton was \$100,000.
 - v. The green sheet provides a comprehensive overview of historical financial data from 2006 to present.
5. 2017 Conference Report.....Martha Halemba
- a. Thanked attendees for coming and returning from previous conferences.
 - b. Thanked Anne Nerez for facilitating the Leadership Program this year, which received excellent reviews from the participants.
 - c. Thanked Kathy Shelton for facilitating the Conference Workshop / Extension Workshop this year, which received excellent reviews from the participants.
 - d. Reported 13 workshops were presented today and there are a total of 293 sessions and 31 workshops slated for this conference. There is also a clear visible through line theme of Performance + Proficiency = Possibilities across the offerings.
 - e. Reported the growing support for the Seal of Biliteracy.
6. Recognition..... Mary Goodwin
- a. Recognized CSCTFL Executive Director, Patrick Raven, for his tireless efforts preparing for this conference.
 - b. Recognized Martha Halemba for her hard work in preparing this conference.
 - c. Recognized the current CSCTFL Board members.
 - d. Recognized the 2017 CSCTFL Conference Committee Members.
 - e. Recognized Past CSCTFL Board Members for their service.
 - f. Recognized all Founders and Simon award recipients.
 - g. Recognized current and past Teacher of the Year candidates.
 - h. Recognized past, present, and future CSCTFL Conference program chairs.
 - i. Recognized past and present CSCTFL Delegate Assembly participants.
 - j. Recognized current and past presenters and co-presenters of sessions or workshops.
 - k. Recognized those who contributed to or edited the *CSCTFL Report*.
 - l. Recognized those who served as CSCTFL committee members in the past.
 - m. Recognized first year CSCTFL Advisory Council members.
 - n. Recognized first time CSCTFL Conference attendees.
 - o. Recognized that the members are CSCTFL and without the members, CSCTFL would not exist, as **all** members are responsible for the success of our organization.
7. 2018 Conference.....Josh LeGreve, David Marlow, and Terri Marlow
- a. Reminded attendees of next year's location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin and expressed their excitement for the 50th anniversary of the conference.
 - b. The theme is "The Power of Language, the Power of People" and Ethan Zuckerman will be the keynote speaker.
 - c. The online proposal form is open until April 15th.
 - d. Cathy Stressing, Linda Havas performed an amazing skit as *Laverne & Shirley* promoting the 2018 CSCTFL Conference in English, French, and German. Cathy Stressing and Linda Havas were joined by the WAFLT delegation to perform a parody, *The Power of Language*, of the theme song (*Making Our Dreams Come True*) to the hit television show, *Laverne & Shirley*, to entice all Advisory Council members to attend the 2018 CSCTFL Conference.
8. Adjournment
- a. Chair Mary Goodwin thanked our exhibitors and sponsors and recognized those present.
 - b. Chair Mary Goodwin invited all to the Exhibit Hall Opening Gala.

**Cathy Stressing made a motion to adjourn. SuAnn Schroeder seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Richard Emch, Recording Secretary**