

***Foreign Language Association of Virginia* Board meeting
October 6, 2012**

Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder, Williamsburg, VA

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by President Kathryn Murphy-Judy.

President – Kathryn Murphy-Judy

- Introduced board members and members of the Conference Committee, and acknowledged last night's award winners, the MOPI participants, the VCC Peer Group, education faculty from Longwood and UVA, education students, and student teachers. She thanked VMFA and WHRO for their support, as well as ACTFL, SCOLT, NECTFL, the vendors and exhibitors.
- Announced that 32 vendors are available in the exhibit hall, which will close at 12 noon today.
- Explained the Schilling Fund was created to support the professional development of teachers. Although the principal may not be touched, the board has decided to use the interest to support FLAVA attendance of ten new teachers and will defray the cost of one night of each of their lodging. Mike Wilcox's membership committee created a protocol, which was used to select the winners, whose names she announced, as follows: Martin Fameni, Elisabeth Crothers, Lori Kissell, Yukiyo Moorman, Jill Pigeon, Rachel McAllister, Zach Neumann, Kimberly Sholtis, Dana Snyder, and Ghassan Husseinali.

Vote

- History: Set forth on the PowerPoint slides and in the April issue of the FLAVA Bulletin, an increase of membership dues and conference fees was first raised in the February 2011 FLAVA Board meeting. Under Article 9 of the FLAVA Constitution, the Board has emergency powers to raise the conference fees. The resolution of the board is binding until brought before the membership, which can modify it by majority vote. The membership dues rise should have been brought before the membership last year, but in the excitement of the 100 year anniversary of FLAVA, a vote was overlooked. The slides reflect that FLAVA's funds have dropped from \$53,492.44 without the Schilling Fund in December of 2008 to \$39,453.64 without the Schilling Fund in December of 2010.
- Cost and Rationale: FLAVA membership dues and conference fees have not been raised in 20 years. As the costs of webhosting, accounting, legal advice, the ABC online registration, travel, memberships to ACTFL, NECTFL and SCOLT, have increased and revenue has decreased, the Board determined that it was time to raise the conference fees and membership dues. FLAVA is more than an annual conference and it is essential to recognize that the operating costs of FLAVA are more than just the costs of the conference. The conference fees were raised from \$60 to \$65 and the membership fees were raised from \$20 to \$35. As the board may raise the conference fees without vote of the membership, the only issue before the membership today is the board's increase of the membership dues.
- Vote by clicker: Isi and Turning Technologies distributed clickers to the membership with the following results-- 89% YES (218 votes) and 8% NO (22 votes.) The resolution was passed by a majority of the membership gathered.

Keynote Speaker, ACTFL Teacher of the Year Yo Azama

11:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, this 20th day of October, 2012
Jennifer N. Carson, Secretary