

*Foreign Language Association of  
Virginia*  
**BOARD MEETING**

**Holiday Inn Koger Center, Richmond, VA  
May 16, 2009**

**Present:** Isi Kessel, Norah Jones, Nancy Cundiff, Debbie Sommer, Sheila Cockey, Terry Hathaway, Terry Franson,, Thomas Sones, Gregory Jones, Lori Waugh, Helen Small, Linda Szwabowski, Marcel Rotter

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Isi Kessel. Introductions were made to acknowledge new board members.

**Minutes**

*Nancy Cundiff, Secretary*  
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**MOTION:** A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Norah. The minutes for the October 31, 2009 board meeting were approved.

**Topic for discussion:** FLAVA NBCT Scholarship  
Isi initiated discussion on the topic of the FLAVA NBCT scholarship. He indicated that NBCT was still offering the certification for French and Spanish but was not sure how long these would still be in place. His question was if the board wanted to continue with our scholarship.

- Discussion included the following:
  - Are there other ways to provide scholarship help?
  - Should we discontinue the scholarship fund?
  - Is there NBCT support for other languages?
  - Is there help available as a training team for teachers already working on the certification?
  - Could there be an information session at the conference to set up training teams and for helping candidates?
  - Could Isi map out a plan to establish time to develop a board training consortium to establish practices and/or plan for ongoing support? Could there also be a committee update for each FLAVA meeting?

**MOTION:** Norah made a motion that the FLAVA board agree to fund board support for a training consortium in place of offering the NBCT scholarship.

There was discussion regarding the purpose of a support group and how to measure success.

After a vote, the motion did not pass and there was one abstention.

**MOTION:** Norah made a new motion that in place of the FLAVA NBCT scholarships, FLAVA will provide a forum for professional development for teachers with focus on processes and potentially the product of National Board Certification.

Discussion included specific guidelines for committees.

- The motion was amended to say that FLAVA will establish a process of professional development that may lead to National Board Certification in place of FLAVA's NBCT grants, up to \$2500.

The motion passed.

Isi established a committee to include himself, Thomas Sones, and possibly Heather Nolen (Henrico Co,)

The website will be updated to indicate the change for a new focus as opposed to a scholarship.

**Topic for discussion:** FLAVA website

Isi initiated discussion from the budget/finance committee to propose to go to online registration for the conference and add payment options. This discussion led to the discussion of the current website and options to possibly include online registration with the current web service.

**MOTION:** Terry Hathaway made a motion that the board approach Jenn Mattice to be the official FLAVA registration supplier working in conjunction with the webmaster, Josh Cockey.

The motion passed with 1 abstention.

The proposal revision for registration is due by June 1. Discussion included the assumption that revisions would stay within the initial budgetary proposal.

**Other discussion:** Linda asked if the board would want conference presenters to submit powerpoint presentations and handouts after the conference to be added to the website? Also, would access to these need to be set up with a password for attendees?

**Next meeting:** August 29, 2009, Holiday Inn Koger Center, Richmond, 9:00 – 5:00.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Cundiff, Secretary