



## **FLAVA Meeting Agenda**

Chester Public Library

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Conference Team Meeting – 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

JoAna led the meeting of the Conference Team prior to the full meeting with the Executive Board, Advisory/Vision Team, and Affiliates. JoAna has shared notes with the Conference Team and the Executive Board.

Lunch – 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

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Full Business Meeting – 1:00 – 4:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Sue opened the meeting with a fun and challenging ice breaker. This showed how we are all a connected family.
- II. Reports
  1. Treasurer, Margaret Hicks
    - a. Margaret provided all members with a copy of the financial report. She highlighted figures from the conference. Additional highlights included the revenue and expenses. FLAVA has spent more money on technology to upgrade our website, as well as apps for the conference and email services. PayPal account has been disabled. FLAVA is now using Stripe.

The sponsorships and donations have decreased from past years. FLAVA currently has an operating budget of \$88,178.89. Changes were made in the cost of conference registration to defray the cost of the meals. Margaret highlighted the conference attendance numbers for the 2017 Conference.

2. Conference Chair, JoAna Smith
  - a. The Conference Team met this morning and reviewed the spring conference plans. For the Fall Conference, the theme is Languages Enlighten the World. Favors will include a notepad, pop socket, and for presenters a slap bracelet USB. Currently there are only 20 proposals for the Fall Conference. The deadline for proposals is March 15. The program design may be changed to save paper. Changes will also be made to make it more equitable for exhibitors.
  - b. Lunches
    - i. The Team proposes to have boxed lunches on Thursday, a buffet lunch on Friday, and then the affiliates lunches on Saturday.
    - ii. Affiliate Lunches
      1. Ruth Ferree presented the concern that affiliates struggle meeting the minimum for numbers for meals. She suggests the hotel provides a central buffet and then allows for rooms for each affiliate group. The costs would be determined based on what is on the buffet.
        - a. The affiliates requested to see menu items and pricing before a decision is made. We want to be able to offer the best for each group and still keep it affordable.
        - b. Ruth Ferree will send out a Google Form to get affiliates opinions. The form will show menu options with prices.
  - c. Possible Schedule Changes
    - i. Plenary Sessions
      1. Thursday would be a Business Meeting
      2. Friday would be Awards Presentations and Speaker
  - d. Proposal Selections for Fall Conference
    - i. Selections will be made on April 21 after the Spring Conference. Affiliates will receive materials one week in advance and then will have time to review proposals and schedule the sessions they are assigned.

- ii. If an affiliate cannot make it, they can still do the work at home and submit it to JoAna.
  - e. Please encourage teachers to present at the Fall Conference. All affiliates need to encourage their members to submit proposals. Deadline is March 15. We have kept this deadline in the past.
    - i. Several members expressed concern over the deadline. All members need to take the initiative and encourage members to present.
- 3. Advocacy Chair, Dick Kuettner
  - a. Dick has shared his report. The legislature in VA has proposed bills against languages. Please use your voices and talk to your representatives.
  - b. 5 members attended JNCL Advocacy Day. ACTFL is also very supportive of FLAVA.
  - c. ACTFL helped us to create the capwiz and there were 800 responses!
  - d. HB 1530 and HB 576 and 443.
    - i. HB 576 was struck down as it is the same as HB 443.
    - ii. HB 443 is supported by Foy
  - e. Val Goos and Beatrix Preusse-Burr had a meeting with legislature on Friday, February 23, 2018. They met with Delegate Foy's aide. Beatrix made the point that it should be an ESOL bill; however, the aide stressed that they want to have the coding portion in it.
  - f. All members need to continue to contact legislators and share with others.
  - g. Dick will send an update on HB 443 as soon as he has the information.
- 4. Historian, Shirley Hall
  - a. Shirley is working on finding artifacts and is planning to digitize all records. This will allow us to have a record on all of FLAVA's activities.
  - b. We need materials from 2002 until now.
  - c. Sue and Margaret were able to find the materials from 2002 and prior at the Virginia Baptist Historical Society which is connected to Boatwright Memorial Library at the University of Richmond.
- 5. Membership Chair, Andrea Machesney
  - a. Andrea would like to develop new ideas to increase membership. She proposed incentives for new members.
- 6. Nominations Chair, Deborah Sommer
  - a. Debbie was ill and unable to attend. No news to report.
- 7. Parliamentarian, Thomas Sones
  - a. Thomas is learning the procedures for running a meeting and encouraged others to do so. Thomas will also be reviewing the constitution and by-laws.

8. Professional Development Chair, Karin Woodrum
  - a. Karin thanked Bettina for all her work in setting up the workshops. Nathan Lutz's February 15 workshop was successful. Allison Carneiro da Silva will present in March.
  - b. If you have suggestions for workshops, Karin welcomes emails.
    - i. Ideas for workshops: Student Voice, Technology, PBL, Proficiency Based Learning, Saving Your Language Program
9. Recognition & Awards Co-Chairs, Jennifer Thomas and Maria Lourdes (LuLu) De Panbechi
  - a. Awards have been updated with the new dates on the website. There has already been one inquiry regarding awards.
10. Website Editor, Allison Carneiro da Silva
  - a. Allison attended training with Angela Gunder. Allison shared that our website has been redesigned. Allison will now put content on the site. If you have ideas for content on the web, please share it with Allison. Allison envisions the site being a resource for teachers. Allison shared the idea of starting a FLAVA blog on the site. This could be authored by world language teachers across Virginia.
11. Mentor Program Chair, Martha Davis
  - a. Martha is active in the mentoring program and has ideas to implement for FLAVA.
12. New Initiatives Chair, Sherry Oelkers
  - a. After attending ACTFL, Sue came up with the idea to start this group. What can we do to keep FLAVA current? Share your ideas with Sherry.
13. Affiliates
  - a. VDOE, Lisa Harris (Lisa submitted a report but was unable to attend the meeting.)
    - a. The VDOE will provide scholarships to 4 - 5 teachers to visit their international partner school in France this spring.
    - b. The new webpage with information and updates for the LinguaFolio® Pilot is now live with information on the LinguaFolio® portfolio system, the Virginia LinguaFolio® Online Pilot program, links to resources, and more.
    - c. In the past few weeks, LinguaFolio® Online (LFO) has been updated to include the new Intercultural Communication Can-Do Statements. If you have not yet signed up for a Virginia LFO account, please see Superintendent's Memo #292-17 for more information on how to join.
    - d. VDOE is in the process of updating websites and publications to comply with new standards for website accessibility. The

- Department's Website Accessibility Plan is available online and contains information on current and future website postings.
- e. The revised Standards of Accreditation for Public Schools will contain the change of "Foreign Languages" to "World Languages".
  - f. There are a number of legislative items in the current session related to languages.
    - i. HB507 (recognizing Dual Language as an effective model of ESL instruction in the state's Standards of Quality)
    - ii. HB 1156 (creating a new Dual Language teaching endorsement)
    - iii. SJ24 ( "Commending the Virginia Dual Language Educators Network")
    - iv. HB443 (substitution of computer coding for foreign language credit.)
    - v. HB 84 (American Sign Language, instruction in; academic credit, foreign language requirements.)
    - vi. HB 576 (High school graduation requirements; substitution of computer coding for foreign language credit.) - Stricken from docket by subcommittee
    - vii. HB 1530 (High schools; awarding student a diploma of achievement, etc.)
  - g. VDOE will host another round of MOPI trainings as a pre-FLAVA workshop this fall.
  - h. I am representing Virginia on the Planning Team for the 7th International Conference on Language Immersion sponsored by CARLA to be held in Charlotte NC on Feb. 6-9, 2019. The call for proposals will be issues on or around March 1st.
- b. VFLSA, Beatrix Preusse-Burr
- a. FLAVA Luncheon
  - b. 3 FLAVA sessions focused on needs of world language supervisors (1) Bridging K-20, 2) Visioning Institute Continuation 3) Implementing the Seal of Biliteracy Year Two
  - c. + Advocacy to support HB 507 and 1156 (Dual Language bills) and defeat HB 443 (replacing foreign language credit with computer programming credit)
  - d. Annual Membership meeting on March 2, 2018
  - e. VFLSA may change name to reflect VDOE change from foreign language to world language

- c. Community College Representative, Lama Hamdan (Lama was not present at the meeting.)
  - a. No report submitted
- d. AATF, Nirva Vernet (Nirva was not at the meeting and Catherine Mazzola presented on her behalf.)
  - a. AATF-VA met in the Fall to rewrite the Constitution.
  - b. Provided scholarships to members who attended ACTFL
  - c. Provided scholarships to attend the VCU French Film Festival.
  - d. AATF-VA will have elections in the Fall for president and vice president.
- e. AATG, Brett Martz
  - a. Business meeting at fall FLAVA conference, creation of awards committee, election of new officers
  - b. Immersion Weekend (March 17), National German Exams
- f. AATSP, Deborah Sommer (Debbie was not able to attend the meeting, but submitted a report.)
  - a. Annual Meeting at FLAVA; Board Meeting in June and October
  - b. UVA Spanish teachers' workshop- April 28th at UVA: Interdisciplinary Teaching (Immersion Day in Spanish)
  - c. Election in October for President and Secretary
- g. CAV, Mark Keith (Mark was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a report).
  - a. Fall Meeting at the University of Virginia, Saturday, September 30, 2017
  - b. 2017 Professional Development Grant awarded to Nora Kelley, Paul Perrot, and Lori Kissell
  - c. - Spring Meeting at the University of Mary Washington, Saturday, May 5, 2018
  - d. Annual CAV Latin Tournament (a.k.a., the State Latin Exam), March 19-23, 2018
  - e. Annual Arthur F. Stocker Latin Essay Contest, April 2, 2018
  - f. Annual Classical Essay Contest, March 2, 2018
  - g. Jane H. Hall Award for Outstanding Service to CAV, May 5, 2018
  - h. Wayne W. Wray CAV Student Scholarship, May 5, 2018
  - i. Lurlene W. Todd Teacher of the Year Award, May 5, 2018
  - j. Angela P. Lloyd Book Award, May 5, 2018
  - k. Annual silent auction to support the CAV Professional Development Grant

- l. Mark Keith will pass the gavel to Liane Houghtalin as new CAV President
- h. CLTA, Hsin Hsin Liang
  - a. 2017 Fall CLTA-VA Workshop: Re-energizing the Field of Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language on October 14, 2017 at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville
  - b. 2018 Spring CLTA-VA workshop: Connecting K-16 and Beyond will be held on March 10, 2018 at George Mason High School, Falls Church, VA
  - c. We have an active WeChat group for the teachers on WeChat and a Website <http://clta-va.org/index.html>
- i. MAATJ, Takae Tsujioka and Noriko Otsuka VanKeuren (Kyoko Vaughan represented MAATJ at the meeting.)
  - a. J.LIVE Talk 2017 & J-LEARN Seminar (11/05/17), MAATJ End-of-the-year party (12/17/17), MAATJ Haiku Workshop (1/13/18), "Walk in US, Talk on Japan" (1/21/18)
  - b. Haiku contest (March), Japan Bowl (April), Junior Japan Bowl (May),
  - c. MAATJ continues to support J-CAN activities.
  - d. Funding grants to support activities relating to learning Japanese.
- j. VADLEN, Jeremy Aldrich
  - a. General Assembly advocacy
    - i. Relating to Dual Language
    - ii. VADLEN was able to find sponsors for bills. They also reached out to other educational organizations to help lobby for their bills.
  - b. Summer Content Teaching Academy at JMU in June 2018
- k. MAALLT, Sharon Scinicariello
  - a. Planning for a MAALLT meeting in conjunction with FLAVA in October 2018 by soliciting presentation proposals and beginning to organize a luncheon interest meeting; Planning for a hybrid (combination of virtual and face-to-face) business meeting to elect officers and plan for the next 18 months.
  - b. Hybrid business meeting, probably in early April
  - c. MAALLT is interested in collaborating with K-12 teachers to adapt IALLT's Language Center Assessment Toolkit for the assessment of technology support at the pre-secondary levels. Perhaps this can be done in conjunction with FLAVA's professional development efforts.
- l. NNELL, Ann Noack

- a. National Network for Early Language Learners. Ann is hoping to attend the NNELL Institute this summer and will bring back new ideas to our members.

### III. Old Business

#### a. Strengthsfinder Follow-Up

- i. During the Fall 2017 Conference, a number of members attended this workshop. Sue requested feedback from the Vision/Advisory Team and Affiliates.
- ii. Jeremy Aldrich found it to be more beneficial after reflecting on it personally. He said the timing of the workshop made it hard to process.
- iii. Karin Woodrum stated that it was hard to process during the workshop setting. After reflection, she found the relevance in it.
- iv. Martha Davis wished we could have had more details prior to the actual workshop to have a better mindset going into.
- v. Allison Carneiro da Silva stated that it was enlightening for her personal needs. The session allowed her the chance to interact with great people and meaningful interactions. The piece that was missing was how to apply it to FLAVA.
- vi. Beatrix Preusse-Burr said there was a need to collaborate with member in the individual organizations.
- vii. Catherine Mazzola thanked FLAVA for giving our volunteers this opportunity.
- viii. Andrea Machesney shared the need for more reflection time on how to put it to use personally and professionally. The missing key was how to apply it.
- ix. JoAna Smith stated how LILL allowed her to develop action plans and suggested this would have been helpful for this workshop.
- x. Sue shared that Norah Jones is now certified in this area. Maybe she could help us to move forward and see how to apply this to FLAVA or the affiliate organizations.

### IV. New Business

#### 1. Emergency Powers of the Executive Board issues

- a. The 2017 Board voted to combine the position of Secretary and Communications. There was research done on other organizations and this showed that this is how it is done. This will need to be voted on by the entire membership at the 2018 Fall Business Meeting. Heidi Trude will now serve as Secretary and Communications Chair.
- b. Bettina Staudt as President-Elect is to serve on the Conference Committee. Since Bettina is JoAna's supervisor in CCPS, the Executive Board voted



to remove Bettina Staudt from the Conference Committee as it was viewed as a conflict of interest.

2. Affiliate Lunches at the Conference
  - a. This was discussed during the Conference Report.
3. Other Conference Needs and Suggestions
  - a. Most items were discussed during the Conference Committee report.
  - b. Spring Conference currently has 23 sessions. We would love to have one more session if possible.
4. Newsletter Suggestion
  - a. Heidi suggested the idea of a newsletter. Heid and Allison will work together on this initiative.
- V. Vision Team Discussions (everyone will choose one to be a part of for discussion)
  - a. Advocacy (Dick Kuettner & Bettina Staudt)
    - a. Shared on HB 443 based off of Eye on Richmond
      - i. Foy made the case that ESOL students should have the case to test out of it; made the case that students should get a certification for coding; also stated that this would be for students not going to college; computer coding is important for financial gain; we are not substituting but providing students an option
      - ii. Appears that the Bill will go to full committee;
      - iii. coding should not be a substitute for WL
      - iv. FLAVA needs to go after on the clarification
      - v. FLAVA needs to have a presence in the room
    - b. Attendees
      - i. Dick Kuettner (Chair)
      - ii. Bettina Staudt
      - iii. Beatrix Preusse-Burr
      - iv. Allison Carneiro Da Silva
      - v. Anja Moore (Assistant)
    - c. Discussing HB 443
      - a. Beatrix P-B discusses her experience at the sub-committee House Meeting in Richmond on Thursday: Meeting was postponed
      - b. Dick: Meetings held in secret, strategy to avoid citizen input, pleading on ignorance of politicians in this matter
      - c. Original bill did not include Spec. Ed./ Comp. code
      - d. Outcome of subcommittee vote has not been posted as of yet
      - e. Computer technology already part of VA graduation standard – why coding?
      - f. Similar bills in the country already (especially conservative)

- d. Solutions
  - a. Proposing changes to HB 443: disconnect Comp. Coding from FL education
  - b. Write proposal to separate Comp. Coding from FL – no substitutions for FL
  - c. Richmond Sunlight Group “Eyes on Richmond: richmondsunlight.com (group of activists who pays close attention to legislation in VA) – stay involved with them/ support them (Donations?)
  - d. Senate Education and Health Sub Committee Meeting – Full Education Committee is the next step
- e. We watched the session on Sub Committee of Health and Public Education and transcribed (loosely some of the arguments made for HB 443)
  - i. *According to Carroll Foy: Students who have already tested proficient in another language (ESOL?), and students who have ability to enter workforce with that certification (coding?), and students who have no intention of going to college will benefit from this bill...*
  - ii. *...students can take a job with no prior training right out of HS only a background in CC will earn \$20/hr starting*
- f. Beatrix, Val Goos, and Bettina met in Richmond Thursday, February 22nd. After waiting for several hours, I had to attend a meeting, but Val and Beatrix were able to speak to the LA from Delegate Foy. We were told the next sub-committee meeting would meet, Monday, February 26 at 3pm, only to find out late Thursday, that time and date were switched to Friday, Feb 23rd at 8.30am. We were not able to change our schedules on such short notice.
- g. Beatrix, Dick, possibly Anja Moore and Bettina plan to attend Thursday’s Educational committee meeting, to oppose the bill.
- b. Membership (Margaret Hicks)
  - a. One Day Saturday Conference rate (\$120)
  - b. Reduced rate for new teachers and first time FLAVA attendees
  - c. Informative Flyer to send out to WL Supervisors detailing what FLAVA offers to members (conference, webinars, awards)
  - d. Purchase an advertisement at Principals, Superintendents, and School Board conferences
  - e. Welcome Workshop or Orientation at FLAVA Conference
  - f. Coupon Booklet for FLAVA
  - g. Raffles or Silent Auction
- c. Recognition & Awards (Sue Robertson)
  - a. Action Plan
    - i. recruit committee members from around the state

- ii. how does FLAVA promote the awards
    - d. Mentor Program (Bettina Staudt)
      - a. FLAVA Peer Mentoring Network via a Facebook Group and a Twitter Chat
        - i. a more informal network for teachers
      - b. Best Practices of Mentoring Session for the Fall Conference
      - c. Roundtable Discussion regarding issues for teachers
    - e. New Initiatives (Heidi Trude)
      - a. College students receiving credit for the Fall Conference (Sue mentioned)
      - b. Newsletter/Blog on the website or sent out
      - c. Promoting to High School Students (Sue mentioned)
      - d. Shared Google Folder for Language Resources
      - e. World Language Week
      - f. Survey of Member Needs and Ideas
    - f. Constitution/By-Laws Revisions (Sue Robertson)
      - a. Inconsistencies between constitution, bylaws, and what we actually do
      - b. Looking specifically at the roles of treasurer and secretary and what these positions entail
- VI. Wrap Up and Final Remarks
  - a. Sue thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all the work that we are accomplishing. Shirley Hall, historian, requested that a group picture be taken.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm. The next meeting will take place at the Fall Conference on October 4, 2018 in Williamsburg.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Heidi Trude  
 FLAVA Secretary