

FLAVA Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel/Fall Conference

Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm

I. Welcome and finish orders for dinner as needed

- a. Sue Robertson opened the meeting at 7:25pm and thanked all members for their hard work at the conference today.
- b. Sue asked for volunteers to assist with lunches tomorrow.
 - i. Karin, Sharon, and Thomas will assist with lunches.

II. Reports

1. Treasurer, Margaret Hicks

- a. Margaret shared her report. The report can be found [here](#).
- b. We have 594 registrants as of today. We expect this number to increase. Attendees are coming from out of state now.
- c. We made a profit from the spring conference and are grateful to Dick Kuettner for his leadership at Washington & Lee.

2. Conference Chair, JoAna Smith; Paloma Sugg

- a. Changes in the hotel management have created changes for FLAVA Conference. There was another group in our same space.
- b. Additions - plenary sessions and the dots at lunch.
- c. Imad is now our tech guru and assists Margaret.
- d. Derek at the Doubletree made a custom logo for us for the conference.
- e. We are creating a way for all the presenters to upload all documents from this year and previous years. This will be sent out with the conference evaluation.

f. Paloma and Phil - Exhibitors

- i. Report can be read [here](#).
- ii. \$24,800 from Exhibitors
- iii. We even have 3 new exhibitors this year and a non-profit group.
- iv. We have a new layout for the exhibits and had the exhibits open on Thursday.
- v. Please thank the exhibitors.
- g. Lisa Harris would like to thank JoAna Smith and her Conference Team for all they have done for the Conference.

3. Advocacy Chair, Dick Kuettner

- a. Coding and Languages: Do they mix? Not according to local and state legislators. The HB, giving the option to substitute computer coding for languages, made its way through the Virginia state legislature and was approved by our own reps...which was very disappointing. To make matters worse, the same "movement" is gaining momentum at the federal level ... which is truly unfortunate. FLAVA, ACTFL, and the JNCL continue to join forces to combat measures as the Bill listed here below. It is good that we have an established relationship with both organizations which, along with FLAVA, are highly respected in the field.
- b. Here is the most recent news concerning the fed's discussion of the bill --
The CODES Act Threatens World Language Education

"Take Action!

Identical House and Senate bills introduced that incentivize the replacement of math, science, and foreign language courses in high school

On July 12th, Representatives Tony Cárdenas (D-CA) and Pete Olson (R-TX) introduced H.R. 6334 in the House, identical to the Senate version that JNCL-NCLIS posted about last week. The High School CODES Acts, as it's known, amends the Perkins Act by establishing a competitive grant that would be available to local educational agencies (LEAs) with "programs that allow high school students to take a coding class in place of a mathematics, science, or foreign language class in order to fulfill a graduation requirement." JNCL-NCLIS is monitoring both bills, which are awaiting action in their respective education committees.

JNCL-NCLIS and others from the world language community oppose this misguided movement. These bills represent an existential threat to the world language teaching community, already suffering from a teacher shortage in over 44 states, and severely undercuts the progress made to

expand world language study for elementary school and secondary school students.

The essential knowledge and skills attained from language learning and computer science are not necessarily transferable. There is no doubt that coding is an important tool for students. Coding, however, does not allow students to gain the communication skills to understand how, when, and why to express what to whom. Additionally, languages allow students to investigate, explain, and reflect on relationships, relationships between the products, practices, and perspectives of a particular culture through the language. And of course, language study provides an historical connection and context to society and culture."

The Advocacy Team will be represented at the next JNCL lobbying meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. in early 2019. Additionally, the Team will report to you any developments concerning this bill and other initiatives which might threaten the welfare of world language education worldwide.

- c. We all need to advocate! At your local schools, set up an Advocacy Cohort to promote world language learning and teaching. Use this Cohort to "educate" your administrators (at all levels) of YOUR importance and the importance of your students.
- d. Advocacy Group met this morning
 - i. Ideas from the meeting
 1. Special license plates for Languages
 2. Lobbying year round
 3. Language Academy Students promote the program throughout the year
 4. Handouts for the Language Academy Students' parents to advocate for language
 5. Become more "in" with VEA and how we could get more involved with them.
 6. Using the ACTFL resources

- 7. Use our retirees to communicate and lobby for language learning
- 8. Meet with companies who are involved in globalization
- ii. Communication with Trey Calvin (JNCL)
 - 1. No movement on the national or state front since last communication
 - 2. We still need to advocate against coding as a world language
 - a. Concerned with K-12 - the Air Force will treat coding as a World Language
 - 3. We all need to advocate for World Languages

4. Historian, Shirley Hall

- a. She is still waiting for pictures and historical items. She has been cataloging materials. She will be taking pictures at FLAVA and organizing them into a photo show for the next day or the near future.
- b. Shirley has been taking pictures from every single presentation from today. Shirley will continue this throughout the conference.
- c. Shirley will continue to document FLAVA history.

5. Membership Chair, Andrea Machesney

- a. Report: There is a list of ideas compiled on how to increase membership as well as keeping members. Should we conduct a survey monkey to find out what members want/like?
- b. First time attendees
 - i. only reason they were able to come was because their school system was able to pay for it.
- c. Ideas
 - i. Livestream sessions from Conference
 - ii. Want more offered for new teachers
 - iii. Mentorship program and offer more than what is in the curriculum
 - iv. Advocate for the schools to offer professional leave
 - v. More advertising, especially for private schools
 - vi. Teachers Pay Teachers gift cards as a membership sessions
 - vii. Survey for what members liked and what they would like to see more of in order to help retain members

6. Nominations Chair, Deborah Sommer

- a. Next year we will be electing our president-elect and communications coordinator.

- b. Contact Debbie Sommer if you have nominations.

7. Parliamentarian, Thomas Sones

- a. The amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws were examined and voted on during the Plenary I session.

8. Professional Development Chair, Karin Woodrum

- a. Interactive Workshops/Webinars
 - i. October 18: Allison Carneiro da Silva Art in the WL Classroom
 - ii. November 29: Heidi Trude Engagement and Creativity in the WL Classroom
 - iii. January 31: Leah Devine Blended Learning
 - iv. March 7: TBA
- b. Send ideas for topics or presenters to Karin Woodrum.

9. Recognition & Awards Co-Chairs, Jennifer Thomas and Maria Lourdes De Panbehchi

- a. The committee selected the award winners.
- b. For next year, we are looking at streamlining the application process to mirror ACTFL, SCOLT or NECTFL.
- c. Planning to start promoting awards earlier in hopes of getting more nominees.

10. Website Editor, Allison Carneiro da Silva

- a. Allison is working with Angela to update our website and make it as user-friendly as possible.
- b. Send any suggestions for improvements to Allison.
- c. Encourage colleagues to use the website. There is now a job openings page on the website.
- d. Please share on social media what we update on the website.

11. Mentor Program Chair, Martha Davis

- a. Report: I created and continue to moderate the FLAVA Peer Mentoring Network (FPMN) Facebook page. We have 18 members and I hope to expand that number through promotion at the conference. My proposal for a peer mentoring panel discussion featuring FLAVA leaders entitled "From Surviving to Thriving: Practical Advice for Teachers in All Stages of their Careers" was accepted for the 2018 conference. Conference Session 176: From Surviving to Thriving: Practical Advice for Teachers in All Stage of their Careers on Saturday, October 6th from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 18. I plan to pose any unanswered audience questions on our FPMN Facebook page and Twitter.
- b. Ideas
 - i. create a searchable directory by language, location, etc.

- c. Panel on Saturday
 - i. Practical Advice for Teachers
- d. Peer Mentoring Network Facebook Page
 - i. Please encourage others to join

12. New Initiatives Chair, Sherry Oelkers

- a. Sherry has researched the initiatives and has come up with 2 projects to tackle.
 - i. Project Cafe - engaging students in the world language field
 - ii. Member Needs Survey
 - 1. What do you want out of FLAVA
 - 2. Sherry will work with Heidi to roll out the survey
- b. Please recruit other teachers to help with the projects.

13. Affiliates

a. VDOE, Lisa Harris

- a. Report: The Governor's Foreign Language Academies have been renamed to the Governor's World Language Academies (GWLA). Information about the 2019 Academies will post on Friday, Oct. 5th.

An additional assessment has been approved for awarding the Virginia Seal of Biliteracy in American Sign Language (ASL). The Steering Committee accepted the American Sign Language Functional Ability Interview (ASLFAI), at the Emerging-Mid level. The acceptable evidence list has been updated to add this assessment on the Seal of Biliteracy Website. There is also a special rate available for this assessment specific to the Seal of Biliteracy.

Accounts are still available for all teachers to sign up for the Virginia LinguaFolio Online, even if they didn't participate in the pilot year. The free accounts are available to all Virginia public and private school language teachers and will last through 2022. See the Virginia LinguaFolio® website for information on how to get started.

The Virginia Department of Education is in the process of hiring a full-time English Learner Instruction Specialist.

The 2019 TELL professional development survey is not open and available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TELL2018>.

- b. The Board of Education will be considering updates to the World Language approved courses to meet the requirements for an Advanced

Studies Diploma. The item will go to the BOE on October 18 and can be viewed online at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/index.shtml> on the Board agenda link.

A steering committee will meet on October 9 to begin work on a new VDOE guidance document for Dual Language Immersion programs in Virginia.

The K-20 articulation meeting held at FLAVA spring 2018 has led to the creation of a Steering Committee that will develop action items to guide the Global Virginia K-18 (GVK18) Articulation Project. The Steering Committee will meet after the work group convening at the FLAVA Fall Conference.

- c. Standards of accreditation take place now.
- d. We are officially called World Languages in Virginia.
- e. The GFLA are now GWLA.
- f. Profile of VA Graduate- will prepare a life-ready graduate
 - i. VA is for Learners
 - 1. it is a copyrighted image
- g. MOPI training sessions are continuing. This could not happen without the partnership with FLAVA. MOPI served 60 teachers.
- h. Hoping the new leadership at VDOE will continue to support WL.
- i. The TELL survey is live and members are encouraged to take the survey. This data can help determine our professional development needs.
- j. Biliteracy Seal Updates
 - i. ASL has a new test
 - ii. Over 5000 seals were awarded in VA.
- k. Legislation
 - i. ASL - accept transfer credit from other institutions
 - ii. ESL and Coding - ESL students who make a sufficient score can substitute coding as their language credit.
 - iii.

b. VOWLS, Beatrix Preusse-Burr

- a. - Annual meeting on March 2, 2018 at Eastern Henrico Recreation Center
- Name change of Virginia Foreign Language Supervisors Association

(VFLSA) to Virginia Organization of World Language Supervisors (VOWLS) to reflect VDOE change from foreign language to world language

- Advocacy support for Dual Language Immersion license
- Advocacy in opposition to Coding Bills that would allow replacing world language credits with computer coding credits both in Virginia and at the national level
- Several VOWLS member are part of the VDOE Dual Language Immersion Guidance document writing team
- Involvement in K-20 Global Virginia working group

b. VOWLS Luncheon

Annual Meeting: Friday, March 1, 2019

Visioning Institute: Saturday, March 2, 2019 focused on Coaching World Language Teachers

c. VOWLS will be creating a new logo.

c. **Community College Representative, Lama Hamdan**

- a. No report submitted
- b. Not present at the meeting.

d. **AATF, Nirva Vernet**

- a. 35 reserved seats have been requested for the AATF luncheon
- b. There will not be any film viewing and filmmaker presentation because of logistic reasons.
- c. Le Grand-Concours, with the leadership of Laurel, was a success. There was close to 1100 students who participated this year. Recognition of students who earned ranks of 1-10 within our chapter, which includes more students than just the national winners -- 172 students in all! Bravo! Two teachers have received monetary prizes and thirty-six teachers received top 10 rankings compensation recognition by the AATF – VA Chapter
- d. Film Passes were given out to Four teachers to participate at the VCU French Film Festival
- e. The Chapter will also hold its election for all Positions involved in the operation of the organization. Each position carries a specific mandate. Election will be held at the Luncheon for the following: President,

Treasurer, Two Members, Affiliates Liaison. Members are encouraged to vote and nominate themselves.

f. The number of French presentations is unknown to me. However, I hope there will be a number of colleagues who will present at the conference.

g. ATTF would like to thank FLAVA Board for their support.

e. AATG, Brett Martz

a. Spring Immersion Weekend will be taking place.

b. Not present at the meeting as he is a new father.

f. AATSP, Deborah Sommer

a. Video Poetry content

Poster contest

Annual Spring meeting at Center for Liberal Arts at UVA: we awarded the David T. Gies Distinguished Service Award to Sheila Cockey

Board Meeting in June

AATSP Celebrated its Centennial in Salamanca, Spain

The Universidad de Salamanca celebrated its 800th anniversary. It was a spectacular conference.

b. AATSP-VA lost one of its long-time members and officers, Pam Ayuso, we will miss her and the work that she did to promote Spanish and world languages in Danville, VA. We made a donation to one of her favorite charities: God's Storehouse.

g. CAV, Liane Houghtalin

a. CAV held its annual spring meeting on May 5, 2018, at the University of Mary Washington. Winners of CAV's student contests were announced, as were the recipients of its teaching and service awards. Three speakers, hailing from Tulane University, Virginia Tech and Radford Universities, and the University of Mary Washington gave talks on violence in Roman art, the Roman calendar, and the Iliad. CAV held its annual fall meeting on Sept. 29, 2018, at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Topics for student essay contests were announced; and three speakers, from Virginia Military Institute, the University of Mary Washington, and Virginia Wesleyan University, delivered talks on assassinations of Roman emperors, wedding imagery on ancient Athenian vases, and Ovid in the New World.

b. CAV will hold its annual student contests (exams and essays) in the spring of 2019; and it will hold its annual spring meeting on May 4, 2019, at Randolph-Macon College.

- c. CAV meets twice a year
- d. Student Contests
- e. Teaching Awards
- f. Service Awards
- g. Former Gov. Gilmore and his wife attended the last meeting

h. CLTA, Tina Kao

- a. 2018 Spring CLTA-VA WORKSHOP at GM Falls Church VA - CLTA-VA Spring workshop was successfully held on March 10 (Saturday) , 2018 at George Mason High School.
- b. “When The Rubber Hits The Road”:
The Application Of Pedagogical Theories In The Actual Classroom Teachings
Date: November 3 (Saturday) , 2018
Location: Room 325 Wilson Hall, UVA, Charlottesville, Virginia
- c. More details in the website - <http://clta-va.org/index.html>
- d. Professional Development opportunities to reach members
- e. Thanks to all members for what they do.

i. MAATJ, Takae Tsujioka

- a. 1. Thomas Jefferson High School won the Grand Prize at Video Koshien by Global Classmates.
(<https://kacultures.org/english/global-classmates/video-koshien>)
- 2. In April, Arlington County Public School Japanese program faced the threat of phasing out but advocacy efforts proved successful in saving the program.
- 3. MAATJ had an online Haiku contest for member schools in April.
- 4. The first Mid-Atlantic Jr. Japan Bowl was held at Thomas Jefferson High School on May 11th organized by the advocacy group J-LEARN with the assistance of K16 teachers. Students from Fox Mill and Great Falls Japanese Immersion Programs, as well as Washington Heritage Language School participated in the quiz show style competition about Japanese language and culture in front of live audience.
- 5. College Fair for G-30 and local universities was held during the National Japan Bowl on April 12 in Chevy Chase MD. From 3pm, more than 200 students and teachers from across the country had a chance to meet and talk to college representatives.

6. MAATJ hosted a private tour for its members given by the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Commander Maeyama on May 27.

7. AP Japanese Summer Institute with Mr. Yo Azama was held June 19-22 at Fairfax County Public Schools.

8. MAATJ Maryland vertical and horizontal articulation was held at UMBC on September 29. Teachers of Japanese (K-12, Community college, Universities) learned about each other's programs and shared concerns to solve them.

b. 1. This year's MAATJ's invited speaker at FLAVA is Mr. Yo Azama. This was made possible with the support of Japan Foundation Los Angeles.

2. The 4th Annual J.LIVE Talk will be held on November 11, 2018 at George Washington University. The competition anticipates "TED-style" presentations from 9 finalists chosen among applicants from 12 states and 21 universities.

c. The organization is growing.

d. Many Japanese teachers are part-time and it is hard for them to be able to attend professional development.

e. Small grants and in return, teachers are asked to present at FLAVA.

f. Contests for students to participate in.

i. Quiz Show style contest

ii. Contests for older students

j. VADLEN, Jeremy Aldrich

a. We await VDOE action on the General Assembly-approved teacher licensure for Dual Language.

b. Our president-elect, slated to enter office this weekend, is not able to serve due to a serious illness so we will need to work out our new officer slate during our Saturday meeting.

c. 10 school divisions with programs

d. Majority are in elementary schools

i. Spanish, German, French, Japanese

e. FLAVA may want to look at ways to make sure we are connecting and meeting the needs for the dual language teachers.

k. MAALLT, Sharon Scinicariello

- a. MAALLT solicited presentation proposals and will hold an affiliate lunch during FLAVA 2018. Planning for a hybrid (combination of virtual and face-to-face) business meeting continues. Planning for MAALLT presence at state-level conferences proceeds; discussions have taken place with leaders of the Tennessee world languages teachers' organization. At this summer's IALLT Summit, the regional groups heard plans of the Midwest regional group to hold a multi-site conference linked through video conferencing. MAALLT will explore this possibility, perhaps in conjunction with the Southwest regional group.
- b. SCOLT in March in South Carolina will provide an opportunity for MAALLT members to meet with each other and with their colleagues from the Southeast regional group. The biennial IALLT Conference takes place in June in Eugene, Oregon; MAALLT will help publicize the call for proposals.

The latest IALLT publication, the "Language Center Handbook," is now available.

- c. MAALLT will have a lunch at Emerald Thai
- d. IALLT will be in June at the University of Oregon
 - i. Call for proposals will open soon.

l. NNELL, Ann Noack

- a. NNELL held its Summer Institute in Summit, New Jersey in July which I attended at the Kent School. Its focus was "Exploring the Multiple Pathways Toward Proficiency" attended by elementary language teachers from around the U.S. Sample sessions included Fun and Functional Strategies for Doing it All in the Target Language, Voice and Choice: Tech Tools that Demonstrate Learning, Choosing Instructional Moves to Keep Students on Lifelong Pathways to Proficiency - Locally in CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, Robious Elementary has started the first DLI Program in the county! I am leading that program and will love to report how things progress! We

are working with The French Embassy to secure a grant for program development and resources.

- b. NNELL will be hosting Networking Breakfast at ACTFL in New Orleans. Our keynote speaker will be Gregg Roberts (info): "Mainstreaming Dual Language Immersion." We will also be hosting a special NNELL Panel: "Comparing Language Outcomes in Elementary Program Models" with Christine Brown, Helena Curtain, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Emerita), Mary Lynn Redmond, Nancy Rhodes.

Summer Institute 2019 will be in Chicago.

- c. Not present at the meeting

III. Old Business

- 1. President Elect and attendance at conferences – need an official motion for minutes
 - a. The president represents the organization at ACTFL, NECTFL, and SCOLT. Margaret had suggested that the president-elect also be able to attend as a representative at these conferences. However, there was nowhere in past minutes that an official report had been made.
 - b. Move that FLAVA Executive Board determines that if the funds are available that the president-elect can attend two out of the three national and regional conferences, SCOLT, NECTFL, and/or ACTFL.
 - i. Motion by Margaret Hicks
 - ii. Second by Beatrix Preusse-Burr
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. Thomas Sones inquired about the budget and if it would be feasible for us to attend.
 - 2. Karin Woodrum mentioned that the importance of connections.
 - 3. Beatrix Preusse-Burr mentioned that it was important to have both the president and president-elect present at the conferences.
 - 4. Sue Robertson had gone when she was president-elect, but was funded by the NLE.
 - 5. Thomas Sones mentioned that in previous years there was discussion if there was even funding available to send the president to national and regional conferences.

6. Debbie Sommer - no one from executive board in early years had funding to attend.
 7. Beatrix Preusse-Burr feels that FLAVA really benefits from having national representation.
 8. Dick Kuettner - at the university level, there is more funding available and made it possible for Dick to attend as president-elect. There is benefit to have two executive board members attend. If financially possible, could we have the president-elect attend all three.
- iv. Beatrix Preusse-Burr, based on discussion, would like to make a move for a friendly amendment to the motion that if the funds are available FLAVA may fund the president-elect or executive board designee to attend all three conferences (SCOLT, NECTFL, ACTFL).
1. Second by Ruth Ferree
 - a. VOTE: The amendment carries.

IV. New Business

1. ACTFL Responsibilities
 - a. FLAVA is one of the 3 hosts alone with DC and Maryland
 - b. Notify FLAVA members to submit ACTFL proposals
 - i. deadline Jan. 11, 2019
 - c. Agree to participate in review of proposals
 - i. electronic process and up to 100 proposals
 - d. Promote ACTFL Conference on our website and materials
 - e. Volunteer as workshop monitors
 - f. Speak with Sue about ways that you want to help with ACTFL
 - g. Should we continue to have our conference in conjunction with ACTFL
 - i. historically, we have had it in the past and the year we did not, it took FLAVA years to recover.
 - ii. Dick Kuettner asked if the contract is negotiable
 1. would ACTFL come and do things for FLAVA?
 - h. There is no financial commitment, just a time commitment
 - i. Lisa Harris - increased visibility for FLAVA which can pay out for FLAVA in the future.
 - j. MOTION: Move that FLAVA take part as the local host.
 - i. Second: Keisha Baylor
 - ii. Motion passed
2. Exhibitors – policy re: FLAVA members and email information

- a. Several exhibitors have asked for the FLAVA email list to communicate with members.
 - b. Thomas Sones suggested that we offer a membership mailing on their behalf.
 - c. Sharon S. suggested putting a “may we share your information with the vendors at the conference”
 - d. Heidi and JoAna mentioned the amount of work it is to send out emails. Having to send out vendor emails would only add to the workload.
 - e. After this discussion, it was decided to stay with the policy of not providing member information to exhibitors at this time.
3. Date for entire board meeting for next spring??? (March 16, March 30, April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11)
 - a. Discussion of possible meeting dates.
 - b. March 30, 2019
 - i. 2-5pm
 - ii. University of Mary Washington
 1. Liane Houghtalin will coordinate arrangements with Sue.
 - iii. Could there be the possibility of a livestream meeting using Zoom or another tool to host the meeting for those who cannot attend in person.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Heidi Trude
Communications Coordinator