## American Association of Teachers of German Ohio Chapter Annual Report for the Ohio Foreign Language Association March 29, 2012

## **Activities**

The Ohio Chapter of the AATG held its fall conference November 4-5, 2011 in Columbus. The program started on Friday afternoon with two presentations. Richard Kiovsky (Hudson City Schools) talked about a computer-aided approach to guide reading for comprehension and analysis using online glossing. He highlighted the approach as one that allows for differentiation for a diverse group of students. Dennis Boyd (Brunswick High School) followed with a presentation on managing and expanding a one-teacher German program, with some a rationale for meaningful textbook choice (he uses Geni@l! by Langenscheidt), recruiting and school activities. The group enjoyed a dinner together at a local restaurant. Angelika Becker (Carmel High School, IN and AATG Multiplikatorin) was the keynote speaker on Saturday morning. She led the group in an exploration of writing strategies for classroom use. Following her workshop and an inhouse lunch, the group participated in a focus group led by Debbie Robinson of the Ohio Department of Education for the draft Academic Content Standards. Following the focus group activities, Krista Winzer presented information about the Friendship Connections new programs, which now include study, study and travel, and travel only tours. The business meeting included several action items. Dennis Boyd was confirmed as treasurer for the chapter. Expenses for the conference were approved, and the board decided to meet next year at the same location. Proposed bylaw changes were discussed and will be sent out to members to review.

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