

Report of the Immediate Past President, OFLA

2011-2012

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Shackelford

The Immediate Past President's job consists mainly in assisting the President and other officers comprising the "Presidential Track" with the day-to-day details of ensuring the smooth operation of the organization. As such, I was in very frequent touch with Carol, Roz, and Teri as well as other Board members throughout the past year.

In addition to a variety of tasks I performed (mainly in connection with the other "hats" I wore on the OFLA Board during the past year), I solicited nominations for vacancies on the Board next year, and prepared the slate for vote by the membership at the upcoming OFLA conference. Votes are normally held by electronic ballot, but an exception is being made this year, for purposes of saving funds, since everyone on the slate is running unopposed.

Holding unopposed elections is not the Board's preferred manner of filling positions, but a somewhat unique situation had been created via last year's by-law changes. These changes largely affected the composition of the Executive Board by creating new positions and eliminating certain others; thus, there was a major "re-shuffling" of job duties and titles within the past year that resulted in people filling unexpired terms and/or temporarily holding new positions. Those finding themselves in such positions (including myself, after having been appointed to Public Relations and Advocacy this year) agreed to run for election to their positions, but it then proved difficult to find OFLA members who would agree to run against them as opponents. Hence, while we are proposing an unopposed slate of candidates this year, it is our hope that many OFLA members will volunteer to serve on committees and prepare/train themselves to be placed as candidates in future elections.

The following slate will be submitted to the membership for a vote of approval on March 30, 2012 at the annual business meeting:

Executive Officers:

Executive Vice President – Richard Emch
Executive Treasurer - Alan Turner
Membership – Ila Hennig
Public Relations and Advocacy – Sarah Shackelford
By-Laws and Parliamentarian – Mark Himmelein
Professional Development – Martha Pero

Committee Chairs:

Beginning Teacher Committee	Lucas Hoffman
College, Teacher Education & Licensure Committee	Martha Castaneda
Early Language Learning Committee	Judy McCombs
Scholarship Committee	Jody Ballah
Secondary Language Learning Committee	Debbie McCorkle
Technology & World Languages Committee	Theresa Minick