OFLA Annual Report

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Goals for the Year:

• **OTES:** What role should our committee take in insuring that Ohio teachers know what they need to know to be prepared for this new system of evaluation?
  
  **Progress:** Since not all of the committee members have been trained at their school district level on this goal, no progress was made. Because my school district has Race to the Top monies, I am receiving training in the OTES process this year; therefore, I was able to provide some help to Ohio teachers by giving a workshop about “Understanding the SLO Process” using the materials created by Martha Pero, the OFLA Professional Development Chair.

• **Travel:** How could our committee aide Ohio teachers in participating in travel abroad?
  
  **Progress:** This committee decided to take no action on this goal because decisions to travel abroad are made at the local school district level and each district has its own rules and regulations.

• **Authentic resources:** How can we help Ohio teachers in locating authentic materials and in creating lesson plans that feature authentic materials?
  
  **Progress:** The committee will post a monthly lesson plan to the web using authentic materials.

• **Update the Survey of Foreign Language Guidelines, Policies and Requirements at Ohio Colleges and Universities** published by the OFLA College Liaison Committee in 2000.
  
  **Progress:** The questions have been reviewed and approved by the Committee Members and the survey is being reviewed by Martha Castaneda from OFLA Teacher Education and Licensure Committee. After her perusal we will determine the most efficient way to send the survey to Ohio Colleges and Universities via the web. Our ultimate goal will be to create a link on the OFLA website so that teachers can access the information easily for classroom use. I believe that it will take another year to complete achieve this goal.

Our committee met twice: December 12, 2013 at Unioto High School in Chillicothe and February 22, 2013 at Canal Winchester High School in Canal Winchester.

I am a member of the Registration Committee for CSCTFL.

I made an “Understanding the SLO” presentation at Ohio University on Saturday, February 16th.

I will be hosting a session at CSCTFL entitled “OFLA Secondary Language Learning Committee Inaugural Annual Meeting.”
Respectfully submitted,

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