



The Ohio Foreign Language Association 2014 Report of the President Elect

I began my unofficial term as President Elect by attending the Budget Meeting immediately following the joint Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages/Ohio Foreign Language Association 2013 Conference. In addition to helping create a budget to propose to the Ohio Foreign Language Association Executive Board at the May Meeting, we also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of another joint Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages/Ohio Foreign Language Association Conference in 2016. At the Ohio Foreign Language Association Executive Board's May Meeting, Teri Wiechart and I discussed having certain standing committees, such as the *Beginning Teachers, College, Teacher Education & Licensure, Early Language Learning, Secondary Language Learning, and Technology & World Languages* invite their committee members to attend the fall meeting in an effort to provide these standing committees with an opportunity and a venue to work on their committee goals.

I began my official term as President Elect by attending the August board retreat for which I had prepared and submitted an electronic report. This report contained a review of the criteria and procedures for the 2014 Awards as well as this year's Awards Committee Members. I also worked with the Editor for Electronic Media to update the Award Application forms and on-line submission process. I continued to publish the Awards Information, including deadlines, up until the deadline. Additionally, I served on the Presidential Track Committee as well as the Conference Committee.

As the year progressed, I attended the fall board meeting for which I had prepared and submitted an electronic report. This report contained information on the works of the Awards Committee and the Nominations Committee. My contributions to the Conference Committee became a high priority as we made decisions about the Annual Conference. Of the many facets of the Annual Conference, programming was our main focus at this time. Moreover, I began to make many phone calls to vet our potential candidates for the annual election. Additionally, I continued to serve on the Presidential Track Committee.

In early January, much of our committee work came to fruition. The Awards Committee finalized the decisions about the 2014 Awards and the Nominations Committee was able to present a slate of committee chairs for next year to the Past-President. As the new year progressed, I made preparations for award presentations at the conference by sending letters of congratulations to nominees and nominators with the conference's Awards Dinner details, writing biographies for the Awards Program and sending it to the publisher, ordering the awards, and continuing to make arrangements for Awards Banquet/Ceremony. Furthermore, I have continued to work on this year's Annual Conference in my capacity as a member of the Conference Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Emch

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