

OFLA Annual Report
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President-elect

I met with the treasurer and other presidential track officers, immediately after last year's conference at Kalahari, to discuss the budget for the 2015-2016 year. I learned more about the budgeting process. This has helped guide my understanding and planning for the 2017 conference.

In July, 2015, on behalf of the Central States Conference for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (CSCTFL), I attended the initial Leadership Institute for Language Learning (LILL) at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. I learned about the "six core practices" that had been developed by a team of organizations including ACTFL, CSCTFL, among others. We read and researched best practices in both leadership and language teaching. I networked with teachers from across the United States and more specifically across the midwest.

For the 2015-2016 academic year, I attended the OFLA board retreat in August as well as all board meetings. I submitted electronic reports for all board meetings. As president-elect, I have also served this year as the Awards Committee Chair. In August, 2015 I worked with Martha Castañeda and Richard Emch to seek guidance, clarify awards policy language, and refine the process of seeking nominations and reviewing nominees for OFLA awards. I advertised and encouraged OFLA members to nominate their colleagues for OFLA awards. In early fall, I sought OFLA members to serve as members of the Awards Committee. In late fall, after reviewing and organizing the nomination paperwork, the committee members reviewed the awards nominations and recommended three nominees for a 2016 OFLA award.

Along with the work mentioned above, I wanted to share information learned from the 2015 LILL institute by writing articles on two of the six core practices for the OFLA Cardinal. I intend to continue sharing information by writing future articles.

I attended one conference in the summer and two conferences in the fall - the AATF conference in Saguenay, Canada and the Michigan World Language Association (MiWLA) and ACTFL conferences. I was especially interested to attend the MiWLA conference, as president-elect, with the intention to observe best practices in conference planning and look out for conference speakers. I learned that Michigan is very successful in inviting and engaging higher education stakeholders' participation into the conference. I also observed some social events to encourage networking after

the session have ended. In attending the ACTFL conference, I served as an Ohio delegate at the Assembly of Delegates along with Martha Castañeda. I also continued reflection on spoke, at the Assembly of Delegates and via a session, about the work the LILL participants are doing to move language teaching forward.

As a member of the conference committee, in preparing for this year's joint CSCTFL/OFLA conference, I worked closely with Martha Castañeda, Richard Emch, and Beth Hanlon by communicating weekly on OFLA business. Additionally, I communicated very frequently with Mary Goodwin to develop the awards program booklet and awards program. I am also serving as the as the 2016 raffle committee co-chair, a role through which I hope to network with many of the 2016 CSCTFL exhibitors with the intent of encouraging them to join us again in 2017.

I also continue to work on planning for the 2017 OFLA conference.

Respectfully submitted,
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