

Bylaws Committee members for 2016-2017 include Teri Wiechart and Roz Terek.

As Bylaws Chair and Parliamentarian of the Ohio Foreign Language Association, I;

- worked with the Executive Committee and Editor for Electronic Publications to update the duties of Executive Vice President, President-Elect, President, Immediate Past President, Public Relations & Advocacy Committee Chair, Editor for Electronic Publications, and Technology Integration Committee Chair regarding the listserv.
- worked with the Executive Committee to update the duties of Executive Vice President, President-Elect, and President, regarding the Conference Manager.
- worked with the Scholarship Committee to reevaluate our scholarship procedures and policies.
- formatted and edited the OFLA Policies to reflect changes approved during 2015-2016.
- formatted and edited the OFLA Bylaws to reflect changes approved during 2015-2016.
- attended the ACTFL Conference and served as an OFLA delegate to the Delegate's Assembly.
- worked with the Nominations Committee in an advisory capacity
- sought and hired legal counsel regarding the 2017 Ohio Foreign Language Association election. An OFLA member nominated himself to the Nominations Committee Chair for the position of Professional Development Chair. The Nominations Committee notified this individual that they had chosen two different candidates for this position prior to the January 7, 2017 OFLA Board Meeting. The OFLA Board unanimously approved the OFLA 2017 slate of candidates January 7, 2017. The individual submitted a petition to be on the ballot to the Nominations Committee Chair January 27, 2017 and indicated he had legal representation on February 8, 2017. In response to the individual's legal counsel, I sought legal counsel on behalf of the OFLA Board. The opinion of the board's attorneys is that the OFLA bylaws do not allow for the modification of the slate after the board approves it and the individual can only appear on the ballot as a "petition nominated" candidate. The "petition nominated" candidate's name cannot be printed on the ballot and must be a write in candidate only.

- represented the Ohio Foreign Language Association at JNCL-NCLIS Advocacy Day February 16-17, 2017 in Washington, DC.
- worked with the Scholarship Chair and the Camp OFLA staff to reevaluate our scholarship procedures and policies.
- worked with President Lucas Hoffman in preparation for the 2017 Ohio Foreign Language Association Conference.
- am working with President Elect Elizabeth Hanlon in preparation for the 2018 Ohio Foreign Language Association Conference.
- am working with President Elect Elizabeth Hanlon to negotiate a contract with The Meeting Connection for 2017-2018.
- am working with the Bylaws Committee to reevaluate our Professional Development reimbursement and remuneration procedures and policies.
- am working with the Presidential Track and the Bylaws Committee to reevaluate our board member orientation materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Emch

Bylaws Chair and Parliamentarian of the Ohio Foreign Language Association

