

OFLA Annual Report

April 1, 2017

President

My work as OFLA President focused primarily on communicating with OFLA members, OFLA board members, representing OFLA at outside conferences, and planning for the 2017 OFLA Annual Conference.

Immediately after the 2016 CSCTFL, in March 2016, I met with the treasurer and presidential track officers to discuss the budget for the 2016-2017 year.

In July, 2016, I participated in the follow-up for LILL Cohort 1 in Chicago, Illinois where LILL participants focused on leadership skills and Core Practices in language teaching. Thanks to my network with other LILL participants, I have presented in other states, coordinated online professional development webinars with CTCOLT, and coordinated a series of sessions on the Core Practices for CSCTFL 2017 in Chicago in March, 2017.

In August, 2016, I planned the board retreat focusing on team-building and goal-setting. We updated OFLA's Mission and Vision Statements and our Strategic Plan.

Beginning in the fall, I co-coordinated three OFLA-CTCOLT PD webinars focusing on different Core Practices.

In the November, I presented at the MIWLA conference and gathered helpful information and best practices on conference planning. A few weeks later, I attended the ACTFL conference as an OFLA/Ohio at the Delegate Assembly.

In February, I represented OFLA and Ohio at the JNCL Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C. where I met Senator Brown, staffers for both Ohio senators and my congresswoman. We advocated for legislation to support world language programs.

For the board meetings in October, January, and February, and March I planned, wrote agendas, and directed the meetings.

I have also worked with other executive board members at great length working on various tasks relating especially to elections and by-laws.

As President, I chaired the Teacher of the Year (TOY) committee. I worked closely with a team of former Ohio TOY's in advertising TOY and soliciting applications. I

collaborated with the team to review and ultimately select Angela Garritano as the 2017 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

With reference to the 2017 OFLA Annual Conference, I completed many different tasks. I worked very closely with Dwight Loken and Trevor Loken with the Meeting Connection in planning for the OFLA conference. I also worked very closely with the Conference Planning Committee in revising the proposal submission form, seeking session proposals for the conference, reviewing and accepting/rejecting said proposals, and then working as a team to build the conference schedule. I selected a conference theme: "Strengthen Your Core." Over the following months, we designed conference registration, uploaded content to the OFLA Memberlodge website, and advertised the conference. I communicated regularly with both presenters and conference attendees. I sought and communicated often with our keynote speaker and our featured speakers. I also emailed potential vendors and also spoke with them at various conferences (MIWLA, CSCTFL, and ACTFL). In preparation for the conference, I wrote and submitted a "welcome letter" as well as other content for the conference program. With help from the Conference Planning Committee, I planned OFLA's first Round Table sessions and "Unconference".

Beginning in the fall, I began moderating the new "OFLA Google Group" list-serv. I worked with the moderators of the Kent list-serv to coordinate this transition.

In addition to the methods indicated above, I tried to regularly stay in touch with OFLA members by posting on Facebook and moderating our OFLA Facebook page, posting on both list-servs, and by writing articles for the Cardinal.

Respectfully submitted, Lucas Hoffman

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