

OFLA Annual Board Report

March 11, 2023

As the Professional Development Chair of the Ohio Foreign Language Association, I:

I. Collaborated with Board members and Committee members to help organize the OFLA 2022 In-person Conference “Reconnect, Recharge and Relax” on July 25 through July 27, 2022. I helped promote the event and help with registration and the scholarship raffle as needed on-site. I also presented a 3- hour workshop together with Dr. Salomé Fouts on Language, Dance, and Culture.

I. Collaborated with Kathleen Sheldon from ODE to continue the World Language Wednesdays virtual meet-ups. I provided technical support when possible and advertised the events to our community.

II. Organized, promoted, attended, and provided technical support for the October 1st, 2022 regional professional development webinar, “High-Quality Student Data for World Languages and OTES 2.0.”

III Organized, promoted, attended, and provided technical support for the October 14th, 2022 regional professional development in-person training, “Exploring the Arab Culture: Cultural Awareness for Educators.” this training was done in conjunction with the NEOEA Day organization.

I. Collaborated with Board members to organize the 2023 OFLA/CSCTFL In-person Conference on March 9-11 2023. I assisted with help with the registration desk as needed on-site. I also presented two sessions.

II. Am organizing, promoting, advertising, and hosting the regional professional development in-person training, this coming April 15th, 2023. The event title is “The New CI Workshop: Sessions for Beginning and Seasoned Teachers.”

III. Am currently collaborating with Kaleigh Baker and Megan Brady to organize the 2023 Mini OFLA conference for July 2023. We are finding speakers, themes, and current leaders to participate in the conference.

IV. Am currently Collaborating with Dana Weber from TSOL to put together a Fall PD that will address issues of Newcomer students in our language classes and provide resources for teachers assisting this population of students. This will be a regional PD in collaboration with Ohio TSOL.

VI. Posted to the OFLA listserv and sent posts to be placed on the Facebook page and OFLA's Twitter account related to all the regional professional developments.

VIII. Participated in the final summer activities of the 2022 LILL conference and completed the projects as expected. I have become a LiLL graduate.

Respectfully submitted,

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