

AFLA Board Meeting 18 April 2022 3:45-4:15 pm (Zoom)

Members Present:

Charles Beattie, Kristin Dahl, Catherine Freeman, Hiroko Harada, Svetlana Nuss, Sasha Rittenberg, Michele Whaley

Certificate of Insurance

Will shared that Valley Insurance in Palmer will insure the AFLA Conference. Both AFLA and the Mat-Su District are named on the insurance. He does not yet have the certificate in hand, but will submit it to Cindy Payne as soon as he gets it.

Will reported that the AFLA account has \$14,149.18 in funds.

Next steps

After insurance clears, the next step is to move forward with requests for proposals. A form AFLA has used previously is in the AFLA drive. AFLA will use the 2021-2022 current members spreadsheet to send out the proposal form.

Deadlines

The soft deadline for proposals, awards, and grants will be the end of the school year, but as Charles mentioned, AFLA did not cut those forms off completely until August 30 in the past. There is already a button set up on the website for members to reach the proposal forms. The awards and grants applications also need to go out soon.

Seal of Biliteracy

Brandon wrote: I am very hopeful that the Alaska Dept. of Education (DEED) will vote in favor of the Seal of Biliteracy. Their next in-person meeting will be in June in Anchorage and I plan to testify. I can get you the details once I know them for sure.

There is also a Global Seal of Biliteracy. <https://theglobalseal.com/> Kirstin mentioned that there is some gray area as to where a request for the Seal must come from.

Speaker suggestions

Sasha will look at the names suggested for speakers once the insurance certificate has cleared, and requests other ideas. Suggestions included Bertha Delgadillo (bertha@profesoradeldgadillo.com), Rick Beck beckrick55@gmail.com, and [John Bracey](#). Rick Beck is on the speaker list from PNCFL, and PNCFL would support his presentation with a \$500 grant. Delgadillo is a high school IB Spanish teacher who leads webinars and creates teacher materials. Bracey is a Latin teacher who speaks on equity in the language classroom for students of color. Beck is a retired high school German teacher who earned an AATG German Center of Excellence award for his school.

Other

- Catherine and Kirstin will go to Talkeetna on May 21 to look at the Caribou Room and the Roadhouse. Sasha mentioned that there was a discussion on Talk of Alaska about how Talkeetna residents may not

welcome an influx of tourists. Catherine and Kirstin will check that out when they visit.

- There is a new Russian program in Kodiak.