

# AFLA Board Meeting

Nov 1 2022

Via Zoom

## Board Members Present:

Hiroko Harada  
Catherine Freeman  
Sasha Ringgenberg  
Will Kimball  
Steve Shannon  
Michele Whaley  
Charles Beattie  
Carla Swick  
Kristin Dah  
Betsy Paskvan-Watson  
Amanda Edgarl

At 7:05, Hiroko called to order.

No amendments are added to the agenda. Michele moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charles.

## Meeting Items

Michele Whaley nominated as member at large. Approved.

### Webmaster Report

The website is updated every year. Bio and profile pictures needed for Steve, Carla, and Amanda.

### Treasurer's Report

William reports that dues to PCNFL are \$12 per member. Also, the ACTFL rate is \$150 for 1 to 150 members. He also reports that AFLA's funds are currently at \$5,514.03. William will need a recent list of AFLA members. He states that 33 members attended the 2022 AFLA Conference.

## Old Business

**WildApricot:** Catherine recommends starting to use it now. The software is free for up to 50 users. It has a cost of \$1000 for two years. Charles and Will will look into this after German Camp. It was also shared that three states voted the software down.

## New Business

**Support for Kristi Senden** at Nationals to represent PCNFL at ACTFL. The board agrees to buy flowers at ACTFL for her from AFLA.

**PNCFL:** February 2023, free to AFLA members, maybe there will be a small fee for admin costs.

**1st Week of December:** ASD will include immersion teachers on the language teachers list. Carla will prepare a list with the MATSU language teachers. Steve will do the same with Fairbanks teachers.

## Conference 2023 Discussion

**Conference dates:** The AFLA 2023 Conference will be held the first weekend in October, 6th, 7th, 8th. The Conference Theme suggested was **Language Teachers in 21st Century Tech.**

**Secure of keynote speaker** - A few names have been shared, but Florencia Henshaw was the most prominent candidate. However, funding is a challenge. Other external sources for funding have been discussed, among them: the Japanese Center (\$1000), Atwood Center, Rasmuson Foundation, BP.

A Google Form will be created for sessions presenters' proposals in spring.

Michele proposes to contact Leslie Davison for immersion teachers for breakout sessions.

**Conference 2021 Site:** UAA campus. Securing the venue should be done by the end of 2nd semester. University space for conference. Hotel Spring Hills: check how far in advance we should secure rooms. Maybe January.

Catering: Food at UAA, start planning by May. Hiroko will do some research about food options. Anchorage people will not stay at the hotel, but they will want to have food with the rest of the attendees. Food donations were suggested.

**Registration Website:** The announcement for the 2023 AFLA Conference will be on the website in March. Registration will be open in April, or maybe as soon as possible. There will be a standard registration fee and a late registration fee.

A reminder email will be sent each month; by May/June, we will start talking about a higher price in August.

A flyer for the conference should be distributed during Declamation.

Michele and Kristin promote reaching out to ELL teachers to attend the conference.

The mission is to increase membership.

The Awards Committee and Hospitality Committee need to be established. Taking nominations for the awards is open to anyone as long as they are AFLA members. There is a Google Form to nominate candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.