

AZTESOL Virtual Board Meeting Summary

Saturday, March 05, 2016

Present: Tanya Tercero, Marjaneh Gilpatrick, Tory Hunziker, Laura Bohland, Nancy Blitz, Paul Meloccaro, Jennifer Slinkard, Adam Clark, Colette Matola, Amanda Hilliard, Lufti Hussein, Richard Bailey, Nora Reyes, Scott Welsh, Wanda Huber, Vicki Ardisana, Judy Nguyen

1. State Conference update (Marjaneh): The conference will be held in Yuma on October. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Ohkee Lee. There will be roundtable discussions on Friday late afternoon/early evening. The fee will be the same as last year's conference. Nancy, Alma and Vicki are working with local school districts to have students draw the illustration for the conference cover. Scott Welsh will draw up a timeline regarding working with vendors. Area reps will send out conference and proposal information. The conference planning team is also looking at using the conference to host a children's book drive. There was discussion as to using the conference as a time to vote in specific board members. The discussion was tabled until Nancy Hamadou was present as she's the Rules Chairperson. It was voted that the 2017 conference will be held in Tucson.

2. Area reps gave reports on mini-conferences: Tory Hunziker, the Southeastern Rep, reported that her mini conference went very well. The theme focused on refugees and keynote speaker was a huge success. Amanda Hilliard, the Central Rep, reported that her plans for the upcoming mini conference in Tempe are going well. Site, ASU in Tempe, and keynote speaker have been secured.

3. Lufti Hussein has joined the AZTESOL Board as the SIG Coordinator. Welcome Lufti! He is suggesting changing the term "interest groups" to "interest sections." This will be voted on in the near future.

4. One person of the Wild Apricot committee was present to report on whether or not Quickbooks is needed or if Wild Apricot can do the job. Further time is needed to research this option. This will be voted on at the June retreat.

5. The job description of the Public Relations Chair was voted on and approved to merge that of the Hospitality Chair and the Social Media Chair. The exact description and the applicant will be voted on at the June retreat.

6. The Rocky Mountain Regional Reception at the TESOL Convention in Baltimore was revisited. The Board voted once again, this time in favor of giving funds to the reception. Laura agreed to contact Larry Fisher of COTESOL and it was suggested that those attending make it a point to meet and discuss the relationship between the two organizations, and that one of the awardees attend and write something for the upcoming newsletter. It was also suggested that the relationship between the two organizations be monitored to see for progress.

7. The June retreat will be held in Prescott on the 4th, and will be hosted by Colette Matola. It will be at the main campus of the Yavapai College. Several items have already been listed for the agenda.

8. Five free memberships for TESOL are available. They will be awarded through a random drawing after a set period of time is met for people to submit their names.

9. Marketing materials are needed for TESOL. Nancy Hamadou will pursue ideas and options if she has time.