

**Minutes of the 1998 NCSSFL Annual Meeting
November 18-19, 1998-- Chicago Hilton and Towers**

The Annual Meeting of the National Council of State Supervisors of Foreign Language began at 7:30 AM with a joint breakfast with the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Language (NADSFL) sponsored by Holt, Rinehart and Winston. J. David Edwards, Executive Director of the Joint National Committee for Languages (JNCL), gave a legislative overview of the 105th Congress.

President Debbie Brown (WV) called the opening session of NCSSFL to order at 9:10 AM. She reported that David Cox (VA) and Becky Scarborough (DE) had both retired. Peggy Singer (LA) has moved into the accountability area. Adele Martinez (CA) died October 15, 1997 and Clara Gregory (TX), a founding member of NCSSFL, died last March.

The following new members introduced themselves: Linda Wallinger (VA), George Yu (MA), Duarte Silva (CA), Shu Han Wang (DE), Jody Klopp (OK), Vicente Valverde (GA), Cynthia Touns (LA), Linda Irby (MS), Vickie Scow (NE), Madelaine Uranek (WI). Other members in attendance were: Inés García (TX), Susan Grier (AR), Joan Patterson (UT), Ginny Ballinger (OH), Mario Nuñez (FL), Joanna B. Crane (AL), Carl Johnson (TX), Bernadette Morris (NC), Fran Hoch (NC), Walter Bartz (IN), Anita Bruce (HI), Janis Jensen (NJ), Anne Marie Fuhrig (IL), Gerhard Fischer (WI), Don Reutershan (ME), Susan Blankenship (AL), Jo Anne Wilson (MI), Paul Sandrock (WI), Carolyn Horn (NH), Al Martino (NY), Marcia Spielberger (GA), Mel Nielsen (NE).

Debbie reported that as a result of the letter sent to SEAs last winter, thirteen states added contacts. We now have contacts in all but six states: Arizona, Minnesota, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, and the District of Columbia.

Joanna Crane announced that she has been asked by Gladys Lipton (AATF) to recruit retired teachers of French to provide assistance and promotion of the teaching of French across the United States.

Don Reutershan moved that the Minutes of the 1997 NCSSFL meeting be approved. Mario Nuñez seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Fran Hoch reported that the balance in the Treasury as of November 15, 1998 was \$3629.83. Marcia Spielberger moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report; Walter Bartz seconded the motion and the report was approved. (A copy is attached.)

Ginny Ballinger then gave an overview of the meals and breaks and reminded members to write thank you notes to our sponsors.

Susan Grier reported for the nominating committee which included Anita Bruce and Paul Sandrock. Ginny Ballinger was nominated for President-Elect. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Don Reutershan moved that Ginny be elected by acclamation; Anne Marie Fuhrig seconded the motion and Ginny Ballinger was elected.

Mario Nuñez is serving as NCSFL's ACTFL delegate this year. Paul Sandrock moved that he be elected to serve as the 1999 delegate. Joan Patterson seconded the nomination and he was elected unanimously.

Marcia Spielberger, NCSFL's JNCL delegate, gave an overview of the spring JNCL meeting.

Paul Sandrock presented a draft of the first attempt at a Professional Development position paper, asking for feedback.

Carolyn Horn presented a report on the possibilities for a NCSFL Webpage including the options to consider. She also discussed the possibility of NCSFL registering a domain at a cost of \$70 for the initial registration.

We then took a break sponsored by Heinle and Heinle.

Following the break, the following members volunteered to form a committee on the webpage: Carolyn Horn, Jody Klopp, Mel Nielsen, Vickie Scow, Inés García.

We then had a discussion about NCSFL's position papers. The following members have assumed responsibility for specific position papers:

Flexible Scheduling and Foreign Languages -- Linda Wallinger

The Role of Latin in American Education--Bernadette Morris

A Rationale for Foreign Language Study in the 1970's--Ginny Ballinger, Marcia Spielberger, Anita Bruce

Guidelines for Foreign Language Programs Abroad--Debbie Brown

Foreign Language Teacher Education--JoAnne Wilson, Cynthia Toups, Walter Bartz, Shu Han Wang

Bilingual Education-- Debbie Brown (will contact NABE), Anne Marie Fuhrig, Shu Han Wang

Area Studies--Fran Hoch

The Role of Foreign Language Education for the Gifted and Talented Student--(refocus on brain research)- Ginny Ballinger

Distance Learning--Jody Klopp

Foreign Languages in Middle Schools--JoAnne Wilson

Members will look at possible revisions, additions, etc. prior to next year's meeting and before placing the position papers on the website.

Paul Sandrock gave an update on Advanced Placement issues. He is a member of the AP Advisory Committee chaired by June Phillips. Members expressed concerns about how the AP test connects to the standards and the difficulties with block scheduling since AP tests are only given in the spring.

Mario Nuñez handed out a great deal of information from the internet on both the International Baccalaureate Program and Charter Schools.

Lunch was provided by Scott Foresman Addison Wesley.

After lunch, NCSSFL and NADSFL met jointly for a session on standards-based assessment presented by Peggy Boyles, Foreign Language Coordinator of the Putnam City Schools, Oklahoma City. The afternoon break was sponsored by the Visiting International Faculty Program. At 5:30 we departed for a dinner cruise sponsored by EMC Publishing.

NCSSFL reconvened on Thursday morning, November 19 at 7:30 AM at a combined breakfast with NADSFL sponsored by National Textbook Company. Mel Nielsen and Marie Trayer presented an overview of In-Vision, a distance learning project in Nebraska and Iowa.

Beginning at 9:00 AM and continuing for the remainder of the morning, NCSSFL members participated in a workshop on the Teaching of Culture presented by Marjorie Tussing. Lunch was sponsored by Prentice Hall.

At 1:35 PM, President Brown called the NCSSFL business session to order and encouraged members to complete the meeting evaluation form. Fran Hoch gave a brief overview of School-to-Work and National Board Certification in Foreign Languages.

Paul Sandrock nominated Marcia Spielberger to be the JNCL delegate. Don Reutershan seconded the nomination which was approved unanimously.

Joan Patterson moved that the delegate and the NCSSFL president be reimbursed for up to \$700 each for each official JNCL meeting. Walter Bartz seconded the motion which was approved.

Walter Bartz moved that the following organizational contributions be made during the next year:

\$500	JNCL
\$500	NCLIS
\$100	ACTFL

Anita Bruce seconded the motion which was approved.

Walter Bartz moved the dues for next year be \$30 for members and \$15 for retired members. Anne-Marie Fuhrig seconded the motion which was approved.

Marcia Spielberger moved that next year's meeting registration fee be \$60 for members and \$30 for retired members. Paul Sandrock seconded the motion which was approved.

By consensus, \$500 was set aside to support a member to attend another professional meeting with approval of the NCSSFL Board. The member would then report the results of the meeting to the rest of the NCSSFL membership.

There is a need for a constitutional committee to look into making the immediate past president the NCSSFL delegate and to separating the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Debbie will appoint the committee at a later date.

Jody Klopp moved that NCSSFL register a domain name for the webpage. Anne Marie seconded it. The motion was approved. NCSSFL will pay the necessary fee.

Sessions on special needs students and on curriculum integration were suggested for the 1999 NCSSFL meeting. Two NCSSFL session will be proposed for ACTFL 1999: Paul Sandrock and Joan Patterson will do a session on professional development and Bernadette Morris and Linda Wallinger will do one on block scheduling. Members were asked to also consider presenting NCSSFL Sessions at regional conferences in 2000.

Carl Johnson moved that NCSSFL meet November 17-18, 1999, in Dallas in conjunction with ACTFL. Walter Bartz seconded the motion which was approved.

Paul Sandrock and Don Reutershan presented their results from the survey entitled Making Standards a Part of the Classroom.

The morning and afternoon breaks were sponsored by Foreign Language Service Abroad.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to presentations by a variety of presentations from different individual programs and organizations:

1. Helene Zimmer Loew gave an overview of the different standards projects which affect K-12 education and higher education, including teacher preparation.
2. Ed Scebold and Elvira Swinder discussed the language specific standards which will be published this winter, the younger learner guidelines which will be unveiled at the conference, and the various opportunities through ACTFL for professional development.
3. Melinda Lucke from JNCL discussed the Foreign Language Assistance Program and encouraged members to access the JNCL website.

4. Gonzalo Gomez Dacal discussed the various educational programs from the Embassy of Spain.

5. Jeanne Rennie spoke about the mission of the ERIC Clearinghouse to collect materials and Dorry Kenyon presented the CAL Teacher Preparation Survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. A reception and dinner followed at the Mexican Fine Arts Museum sponsored by McDougal Littell.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Hoch
Secretary-Treasurer

Revised NCSFL FINANCIAL REPORT - 1998

Beginning Balance	1753.00
INCOME	
Dues	1050.00 (97, 98, 99)
Registration	3360.00 (97, 98)
Interest	88.66
<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>	4498.66
EXPENDITURES	
JNCL	600.00
NCLIS	500.00
Paul Sandrock	500.00
Debbie Brown	421.83
Marcia Spielberger	500.00
ACTFL	100.00
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</i>	2621.83
Balance as of 11/15/98	3629.83