

Minutes

AATSP/SCOLT Spring Conference 2010 Winston Salem, North Carolina April 17, 2010

Officers Present: Dr. Charles Moore (President), Amanda Howard (Vice-President), Rodolfo Ruiz-Toledo (Secretary), and Jan Cox (NSE Coordinator)

Members Present: There were 18 members-at-large attending.

The business meeting was called promptly to order by Charles Moore, President, at 7:50 A.M. Charles welcomed all attendees before proceeding with the spring's business meeting.

Rodolfo Ruiz-Toledo made a motion that the minutes from the FLANC 09 business meeting be accepted as already submitted to the Board and posted on the organization's website. Jan seconded the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote of the membership and the FLANC 2009 minutes were accepted.

Charles Moore made a few remarks about AATSP-NC and its purpose, and introduced the Board members present to new members in attendance at this session before moving on to the next agenda item.

Charles Moore presented the AATSP-NC scholarship to attend the summer 2010 AATSP Conference in Guadalajara, Mexico to Jan Cox. Charles explained that as part of the requirements of the scholarship, Jan would attend the Chapter Delegate Assembly and make a report presentation to the chapter at our next FLANC Conference.

Amanda Howard provided the financial report as Interim Treasurer for AATSP-NC. Amanda reported a total of \$20,046.07 as the balance for the NSE account being held by the SECU. The report was compiled by Jan Cox, our state's NSE Coordinator.

There was a motion made by Rodolfo Ruiz-Toledo to table the membership's vote on amendments to the chapter's bylaws until the business meeting at FLANC 2010. Amanda Howard seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a majority vote of the membership. The votes on these changes will take place during the business meeting at FLANC 2010.

There was a motion made by Charles Moore to table the election of the nominee, Dr. Sandra Watts, as Treasurer of the chapter until the business meeting at FLANC 2010. Jan Cox seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a majority vote of the membership. The vote on this Board position will take place during the business meeting at FLANC 2010.

Charles Moore made remarks about the upcoming FLANC 2010 conference which included the already proposed presentations on behalf of the AATSP-NC chapter. One of these presentations will be an informative session about AATSP-NC and will follow our bi-annual business meeting as it was done last year. Charles explained that this would allow us to have more time to discuss chapter business than that which is allowed by FLANC's schedule. Charles also mentioned that during FLANC, as with all recent conferences in which our chapter participates, we will have a table to network and advertise the chapter.

As the last item on the agenda, Charles opened the floor for discussion of new ideas and topics of interest.

Amanda Howard shared the idea of possibly beginning new gatherings of Spanish and Portuguese teachers in the different regional areas of North Carolina to help our chapter with increased membership. Jan Cox suggested that these could be marketed as "**Café Tertulias**" to be held in a nice comfortable setting which could be a good forum for idea exchange, information sharing and networking for our educators who cannot attend the two major events held throughout the year (those being the Joint Spring Conference: AATSP-NC and AATF-NC and FLANC). Amanda also offered that this would be a good time at which to share the benefits of belonging to the chapter such as national conferences and travel stipends to various AATSP events. The proposed idea is to have at least one officer, when possible, to lead these gatherings.

Charles offered to head a group in the Shelby area, Jan offered to head one in the Cary area, Amanda offered to head one in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg area and Rudy and Leroy could try to set up one in Raleigh. Charles offered to find other interested teacher or professors to lead others throughout the state. Charles also offered to make this a part of the next updates on the AATSP-NC's listserv.

The last two items among other business were two suggestions which had been previously discussed by the Board at FLANC and were to be decided on at this meeting. These were: the award of the **Teacher of the Year (TOY)** award to an AATSP-NC chapter member and an award to be presented to the **School of the Year (SOY)**. These were to be proposed for a vote during this business meeting.

Amanda Howard explained that some of the requisites to be met for the Teacher of the Year (TOY) would be: the member has to be peer-nominated and must be an active member of the AATSP-NC. The award would be a plaque and a certificate to spend on classroom materials and supplies in the amount of \$75. Board members would not be eligible to be nominated while in office. A motion to establish this award on behalf of the AATSP-NC chapter was made by Amanda Howard and it was seconded by Rodolfo Ruiz-Toledo. The motion was carried by majority vote of the membership and the TOY award was approved.

Amanda Howard explained that some of the requisites to be met for the School of the Year (SOY) would be: that all teachers at the school must be a member of AATSP-NC,

all teachers at the school participate in offering the NSE to qualified students, the school must have an active chapter of the SHH and or participate in service to the community projects. The award would be a plaque and a certificate to spend on classroom materials and supplies in the amount of \$200. A motion to establish this award on behalf of the AATSP-NC chapter was made by Charles Moore and it was seconded by Jan Cox. The motion was carried by majority vote of the membership and the SOY award was approved.

Charles Moore, President, thanked members for their attendance and adjourned the business meeting at 8:40 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rodolfo Ruiz-Toledo, AATSP-NC Secretary