



BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Concord Academy

Members Present: Ulrike Brisson, Monika Whipple, Cherie Baggs, Inge Buerger, Susan Adams, Alese Ruggaber, Susanne Even, William O'Brien, Joan Murray, Jennifer Sheehan, Jörg Frey, Donna Van Handle

1. Donna Van Handle, member of the AATG Nominating Committee, has suggested several colleagues for the position of ExCo representative for the Northeast (post-secondary level).
2. **Follow-up on "Maintaining the Momentum":** we heard reports from UMASS, Lincoln Sudbury and Tufts. Wentworth is presently working on establishing this. Gloucester HS was invited to the German dinner at Gordon College in connection with the colleges celebrating the Year of Languages.
3. We are currently still looking for nominations for vice president. We need to think of a strategy to bring everyone together and create a new pool of candidates. One idea is to have a social event to bring more people together and introduce them to the AATG.
4. **AATG MA Newsletter:** Inge and Cherie did a great job publishing their first newsletter on the web. It only cost \$51. Everyone seemed to like the format and the easy access to it. William O'Brien said it was the most informative newsletter that he has seen in a long time.
5. Chapter memberships vs. National membership: On top of the national dues, there is a voluntary chapter membership donation of \$5 or \$10. We need to remind people of this. Kristen was not there to collect this time.
6. **Boylston Schulverein:** William O'Brien asked if someone could attend a meeting on March 6 at 12:00 at the BSV to say what is going on with the AATG and maybe discuss combining efforts in making a newsletter.
7. **Year of Languages:** Many different events for the Year of Languages have been published in the newsletter. Foreign Language week is March 7-11. MAFLA has a website with a calendar of events that can be found at www.mafla.org, or www.yearoflanguages.org.
8. **AATG Website:** Donna Van Handle gave us a brief update on the up keeping of our website. There is a chapter meetings page, calendar of events and a message about International Day at Tufts University on April 8.
9. **Karin Gündisch:** She will be here the final week in October from 10/27-10/31. She will be available to present here in New England on 10/28 and 10/29. Jörg Frey proposed that the Goethe Institute host the event. A seminar in Worcester or Connecticut might also be a possibility depending on the costs to book a room. Holy Cross or Clark University might be good places to host this event.
10. **AATG Certificate of Merit:** Donna Van Handle has nominated Joan Murray for this award and the nomination was seconded and accepted.
11. **Trainernetzwerk:** There will be a trainer workshop at the Goethe Institute from Thursday March 10 to Saturday March 12 to discuss motivation techniques. This workshop is designed for those who are interested in doing workshops.
12. **Awards Ceremony:** Joan Murray is organizing this event. The interviews for all eligible candidates will take place March 5 from 7-9 pm. The awards ceremony, to which all students who scored above 90% are invited, will take place on Tuesday, May 3, in the evening and will be held at the Boylston Schulverein in Walpole. Students who attend are the guests and will receive an award. Teachers and other guests will be asked for a donation of \$5.00 to cover the cost of refreshments. Notice will be sent to all teachers explaining these details later this month.
13. William O'Brien suggested that students of German participate in the Von Steuben Parade in NY as well as other activities of the BSV. He is looking for any support that we can give.
14. **Career Day:** this was a suggestion to host an event to boost interest in taking German to see what opportunities that can lead to. We still need to find a host institution.
15. **Next meeting:** The meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 21 at Concord Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sheehan
Secretary