



# MINUTES

## AATG of Massachusetts Executive Board Meeting January 14, 2006 10-12 Noon @ Concord Academy

**Members present:** Ulrike Brisson, Susan Adams, Cherie Baggs, Inge Buerger, Ellen Crocker, Jörg Frey, Kristin Gillett, Sean Miner, Uwe Mohr, Alese Ruggaber, Monika Whipple

- I. Call to Order by Chapter President Ulrike Brisson at 10:00 AM  
Introduction of Goethe Institut Boston Director Uwe Mohr  
Minutes of the November 5, 2005, meeting approved  
Treasurer's report: \$3276.23 (as of 12/31/05) - NOTE: \$150.00 to MaFLA; \$30.00 to Cherie Baggs; \$500.00 to AATG Cherry Hill; \$53.00 x 6 MA German teachers=\$318.00 to Vermont Theater Workshop among expenses not yet deducted from treasury
- II. Newsletter report – deadline for submission of articles - January 15, 2006; Cherie and Inge hope to have the newsletter distributed by end of January; several articles still to be submitted this week by Ellen Crocker, Susanne Even, Sean Miner
- III. ACTFL report from Ulrike
  - Third place national poster *Year of Languages* contest winner from Wellesley HS will be invited to the May Awards Ceremony and poster will be displayed.
  - Joan Murray received Certificate of Merit at AATG Luncheon and Donna Van Handle received Houghton Mifflin Award at the ACTFL Awards Ceremony in Baltimore.
  - Workshops presented by MA AATG members Susan Adams, Ulrike Brisson, David Dollenmeyer and Susanne Even, Jay Rosselini, and Donna Van Handle
  - At the AATG Business Meeting Donna Van Handle agreed to donate her \$500.00 check from Houghton Mifflin to the AATG Student Endowed Fund and the AATG MA Chapter has agreed to match that donation. Kristin will send a check to the AATG Scholarship Endowed Fund for \$500.00.
- IV. The ballot to appear in the Winter Chapter Newsletter will present the following slate:  
2006-2007 President: Ulrike Brisson  
2006-2007 President-Elect/Vice President: Sean Miner  
Secretary: Susan Adams  
Treasurer: Kristin Gillett
- V. Awards Ceremony – May 9, 2006, at Boylston Schul-Verein
  - Interview date still to be set for students
  - Program/performance costs – eventual expense to transport students
- VI. There will be no event in September 2006 (like 2005 YOL Fair) due to workshops being held that month by Manfred Schewe. It was suggested that beginning in 2007 such annual gatherings be held at the beginning of the school year for all members
- VII. Workshops by Manfred Schewe
  - September 16, 2006 at Goethe Institut (Sprache inszenieren)
  - September 20, 2006, place tba (Deutsch lernen mit Kopf, Herz, Hand und Fuß)
  - September 21, 2006 at WPI (Literatur inszenieren)
- VIII. Grant proposals submitted for 2006-2007 (for October 1, 2006- September 30, 2007)
  - Video/DVD Wettbewerb – Colleen Mocerì
  - Festessen – Joan Murray
- IX. Other business:
  - Discussion of GLOW (German Language Opportunities Website) where teachers should be sure to register their school German programs
  - Need to contact new German teachers; post needed German positions in the state

- Ulrike suggested that each new teacher be given a copy (paid for by the chapter) of Jo Sanders' handbook *Welcome to the Profession* + free membership for one year be provided. Decision not yet reached; no motion made.
- Ellen Crocker noted that more and more graduate students are taking foreign languages
- Stammtisch – Kristin suggested that this be a standing event in same basic location and each teacher should bring another colleague – the next Stammtisch will be held at The Loft on Thursday, February 2, 2006 – Sean will post details on the chapter website
- Uwe Kind is currently teaching in Las Vegas, but has agreed to come to MA sometime in March; Sean will post a message on the website asking for a host school

\*\*\*Next meeting will be held Saturday, May 13, 2006 (10-12noon; location TBA) – among agenda items: report from Sean, Alese, Kristin, Cherie updating schools/universities and names of chapter members  
Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherie Baggs and Ulrike Brisson (Acting Secretaries)