



**Massachusetts Chapter of AATG  
Executive Board Meeting (May 21, 2005)  
10 AM – 12 noon at Regis College**

**Members present:** Ulrike Brisson, Cherie Baggs, Jörg Frey, Kristin Gillett, Sean Miner, Joan Murray, Alese Ruggaber

1. Call to Order by Chapter President Ulrike Brisson at 10:00 AM
2. Minutes of the February 12, 2005, meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's report: \$2636.92 (as of end of April 2005)
4. Joan Murray reported on the Awards Ceremony held May 3, 2005, at the Boylston Schul-Verein. There were over 200 in attendance including 80 students. A list of the 2005 award recipients is posted on our chapter web site. The AATG/PAD trip winner Kimberly Scott (Wellesley HS) declined the trip and the alternate Will Stoeckle (Wellesley HS) will go to Germany. The interviews were held in early March at Regis College. Joan, Jörg Frey and Gregor Thuswaldner conducted the interviews. Eleven associations contributed special awards. Joan has written all the thank you notes. \$5.00 covered the cost of food and light refreshments. Next year \$6.00 might be charged as we only will receive \$250 in chapter grant money. Instead of paying the normal cost for the rental of the hall (\$500.00), the use of the facility was gratis. General Consul Dr. Vorwerk and Ulrike Brisson spoke as well as last year's study trip recipient Pawina Jiramongkollchai (Phillips Academy). Corrections to program 2005: change Awards Banquet > Awards Ceremony on cover; add Wachusett Regional HS to list of schools and teachers.
5. Uwe Kind concert and workshops – the March concert at Melrose was a huge success; another concert was held in May at Lincoln-Sudbury HS; a workshop given by Uwe Kind on May 14 was a very good "hands-on" workshop. In the future certificates will be given for PDP record keeping. Sean Miner plans to organize another Uwe Kind concert for students during the last two weeks of March 2006.
6. Sean Miner has agreed to serve as President Elect / Vice-President effective immediately. A ballot will appear in the winter 2005-06 chapter newsletter.
7. Awards and nominations – Joan suggested that past recipients of Duden Award and the Massachusetts Educator of the Year Award be posted on our web site. It was decided that the chapter will not nominate anyone for the Rosemary Kemper 2005 Award. The criteria for this award must be examined and compared with the AATG/MaFLA Educator of the Year Award.
8. All entrees for The Year of Languages Poster Contest should be submitted to Cherry Hill by September 15, 2005. Ulrike will post a message on the chapter list serve regarding procedure for submission to the chapter. Ulrike, Jörg and Kristin agreed to serve on the Poster Contest Committee to select a winner from Massachusetts.

9. September 24, 2005 – chapter meeting / event – location TBA – café style / swap shop / Consul General Dr. Vorwerk will be invited. A committee with Kristin (raffles/door prizes), Joan (location/lunch) and Ulrike will plan the event – a flyer with registration form / \$5.00 charge will be posted on the web site (Ulrike will send to Donna) \$500.00 budgeted from treasury for this event (facility rental, postage, materials, etc.)
10. Goethe Institute events / dates:
  - a. June 24 – August 12 – *Deutsche Sommerschule Middlebury*
  - b. June 26 – August 8 – *Deutsche Sommerschule am Atlantik*
  - c. August 14-20 – *Deutsche Woche in Bar Harbor*
  - d. November 4 – *GAPP-Seminar*
  - e. October 29 – workshop with Karin Gündisch at WPI
  - f. November 15 – deadline for applications for *Fortbildungsseminare und Sprachkurse für Lehrerinnen und Lehrer des Fachs DaF*
  - g. December 1-3 – *Trainernetzwerk Workshop Mount Holyoke*
11. For further information: [www.goethe.de/boston](http://www.goethe.de/boston)
12. Membership lists to be compared and updated – AATG chapter members; MaFLA (current/non-current German teachers); Goethe Institute list – Alese, Sean and Kristin will make phone calls and encourage participation in our activities
13. Immersion retreat in Maine – June 10-11 – Kristin will send out an email reminder
14. KINDER LERNEN DEUTSCH (KLD) – Regis College – June 6-16 – there are still spaces available. Kristin will email the list serve regarding the value of KLD workshop based on her experience; Joan will have AATG list serve send out an announcement; Jörg will send a reminder to other chapters
15. MaFLA Fall Conference – October 21 - 22, 2005 – Sturbridge – German workshop/sessions will include Jo Sanders, AATG National President (workshop + session) and session presenters Iris Bork-Goldfield, Anke Finger, Ulrike Brisson, Susanne Even and Dagmar Schalliol, Langenscheidt's. Deadline for session applications: June 10, 2005. \$600.00 budgeted for conference (refunds to the first 15 German teachers to register for the 3 hour Jo Sanders workshop on Friday AM + one overnight for Jo Sanders). There will be a Goethe Institut booth in the exhibit hall.
16. Career Day – further information needed from Bill O'Brien.
17. Next meeting – August 27 – 10 AM – 12 noon – place TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Baggs (for Secretary Jennifer Sheehan)