



# MINUTES

## AATG of Massachusetts Executive Board Meeting September 9, 2006 10-12 Noon @ Concord Academy

Present: Ulrike Brisson, Cherie Baggs, Colleen Mocerri, Jörg Frey, Bill O'Brien, Ellen Crocker, and Susan Adams

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting on May 6, 2006 were approved. It was noted that two times for workshops with Manfred Schewe have since been changed. The workshop on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at Melrose HS will be from 4-6 PM, and the workshop on Thursday, September 2, 2006 at WPI is from 4-7 PM.

After consulting the AP exam schedule for May 2007, we agreed that the Awards Ceremony this year should be on Monday, May 7, 2007. A suggested alternative date would be Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

The *Deutsches Theaterfest* will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2007.

Colleen Mocerri is organizing the Video/film contest for which we received a chapter grant. She is looking for a jury of about three persons.

The annual GAPP Seminar will take place on Friday, October 13 from 10 AM -4 PM at the Goethe Institut.

The Goethe Institut is planning another event probably for Friday November 3 at 6 PM. Herr Kunsch (sp?) will speak about "Ausgewanderte Wörter." This presentation might also be appropriate for advanced students in addition to teachers.

Jörg also mentioned the monthly Kinder Matinees at the Goethe Institut, every second Sunday at 11 AM.

We have 13-14 official registrants for the Saturday workshop with Manfred Schewe—fewer for the other workshops. All registrations should go to Jörg Frey.

Website issues: We discussed whether we want to have a place for calls for papers like the one that Susanne Even sent us or whether using the listserv is a better method of spreading the word. That discussion led to one of whether we might want to offer discrete ads (e.g. use of logo) on our website in exchange for a donation. Bill O'Brien will pursue this idea working with Donna who does all our website work, and whose opinion on all website matters is crucial.

Newsletter: Deadline for contributions to our annual newsletter is January 1, 2007. Cherie has many ideas for articles. Susan Adams promised to write about the Schewe workshop at Melrose HS. Colleen will write about Bar Harbor. Ulrike (with Susanne Even) will write about the Schewe Seminar in Berlin (summer 2006).

MAFLA is coming soon. We need to recruit participants for the Mohammed Esa workshop. There are many other offerings for German. Cherie will send an extra mailing to MA AATG members (K-12) who are not MaFLA members about MAFLA German offerings. The Consul hopes to meet German teachers on Friday at MAFLA and Uwe Moor of the Goethe Institut plans also to attend. The Goethe Institut will have a booth in the exhibitors' area. At the Saturday business lunch, Ulrike Brisson will receive the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Massachusetts Outstanding German Educator Award.

Ulrike will represent us at ACTFL in November. We authorized up to \$200 to help her with expenses not covered by her institution.

Treasurer's report: Our account balance is \$2746.56. Total costs of the Awards Ceremony were: \$1393. There were also a number of donors.

We are not sure where we are with the poster contest. As of our last meeting Sean Miner was looking for a jury.

Peter Nutting is working hard to keep Bar Harbor going. Our consul helped with some money this year. Jo Sanders is scheduled to present next year at Bar Harbor.

We are not sure where the Stammtisch is at this moment. We discussed various other Stammtische in the area including the "German Scholars in Boston."

We mentioned the partnerships that had been formed between high schools and colleges through our "Maintaining the Momentum" project. Some may still exist. It was mentioned that it is good for college teachers to email high school teachers when they teach a well-prepared student from a school and for high school teachers to email college teachers when they know that a good student is heading for that college. Sometimes just a personal contact from a professor motivates that student to continue studying German.

Ulrike reported that she is sending a welcoming letter and a New Teacher Starter Kit to every new German teacher in Massachusetts she could identify.

Cherie pointed out that MA AATG members who are also MaFLA members are eligible to the ISE Language Matters Award, a \$500 award for a language teacher. More information can be found at [www.mafla.org](http://www.mafla.org). Completed applications are due September 30, 2006

Jörg Frey distributed GI booklets about Lehrerfortbildungskurse. Applications are due by November 15, 2007.

Next Board Meeting: November 11, 2006 from 9:30 AM -12 Noon. Susan Adams will try to reserve the same room at Concord Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Adams, Secretary MA Chapter AATG