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PSMLA Fall Newsletter 2017

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PSMLA 2017 Fall Conference in Harrisburg, October 5-7

CAPITOLizing on Languages and Global Education

PSMLA and PACIE (Pennsylvania Council for International Education) combined efforts for this year's annual conference. The theme of advocacy for world language education in combination with PSMLA's commitment to provide practical professional development for world language educators resulted in one of the most highly attended PSMLA conferences in recent years.



The keynote speakers at each luncheon were highlights. Friday, PA Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera addressed conference participants about current initiatives in education in Pennsylvania, including college and career readiness standards. Saturday, former ACTFL president Dr. Barbara Mondloch's address, "From the classroom to the capitol, what makes a difference?", shared resources and evidence-based strategies to influence stakeholders and promote languages.

Megan Flinchbaugh and Nathan Campbell facilitated a motivating pre-conference workshop, "Communities, Cultures and Communication: Connecting the Standards through Everyday Activities", that provided strategies to engage students and the community to understand the value of and support world language study. An afternoon tour of the historic Capitol Building as well as meeting with legislators capped off the day.



Over 60 inspiring sessions on Friday and Saturday provided much choice and opportunity for participants and more than 25 exhibitors shared current materials and products. Old and new colleagues enjoyed networking during lunches, the wine and cheese reception, and the Friday evening optional trip to the Tattered Flag Brewery. Thanks to all attendees, presenters, exhibitors, conference committee members, and PSMLA Executive Council members for a great conference! PSMLA also thanks all sponsors of the 2017 conference, including our Gold Sponsors:

PSMLA Awardees Honored



The PSMLA Annual Awards Ceremony was held on Friday October 6 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey. We are honored to recognize the following organizations and PSMLA members:

- **PSMLA Merit Award:** *Dickinson College Trout Gallery*
- **Outstanding World Language Teacher K-12:** *Nathan Campbell, Manheim Central High School*
- **Outstanding World Language Teacher Post-Secondary:** *José Ricardo-Osorio, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania*
- **Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year 2017:** *Cherie L. Garrett, Dallastown High School*
- **Best of PA Session 2017:** *1.1 à la une: la technologie et la classe de français, Kylene Stroud, North Allegheny High School*

Welcome New ExCo Members!

Gabriela Appel, Ph.D. (German and Applied Linguistics, The Pennsylvania State University)

Gabriela has 30 years of experience teaching at the post-secondary level. As the Associate Director of CALPER, Gabriela spent significant time planning and conducting professional development opportunities for teachers. This includes the development of CLTNet, a network for Chinese teachers in Pa, which offers annual workshops and provides online professional development resources. Gabriela has 15 years of experience with grant administration, serving on various editorial boards, and being the general editor of CALPER publications.



Karen Belcastro - (French, Chartiers Valley High School)

Karen has 19 years of experience teaching French and 6 years as the World language Department Chair. Her school just completed its first year of the PSMLA Global Scholars Program and she is honored to serve as the advisor for this worthwhile initiative. In addition, her department was very proud to earn the Golden Globe PEP awards this past spring.

Kathy Fegely - (German, Antietam Middle/High School)

Kathy has served as the president of the American Association of Teachers of German and is currently a member of the Board of Directors for NECTFL and the Executive Council for PSMLA. Kathy is a Trainernetzwerk for Goethe Institut and seminar workshop leader for AATG.



Are you interested in becoming more involved in PSMLA?



1. Please consider running for a three-year term for Executive Council. Each fall, there are 3 vacancies on the Council for which up to 6 candidates may run.
2. In addition, ExCo often needs volunteers to assist in various ways. For example, the Act 48 Representative uploads Act 48 credits to the PDE website for attendees of the conference and workshops, but does not need to be an ExCo member.
3. Submit articles and reports to the Forum for publication.
4. Attend, help organize, or present at the fall conference or a local workshop.

Contact any PSMLA ExCo member to express your interest

For a full list of ExCo members visit www.psmpla.org.

PSMLA Global Scholars Program - 2017 Updates



The PSMLA Global Scholars Program is an initiative that recognizes students who make choices that help them develop global awareness, which will better prepare them for personal and professional success in an increasingly global society. This program was recently highlighted by ACTFL and their *Lead with Languages* campaign as a success story at the state level. *Lead with Languages* is a national campaign aimed at making language proficiency a national priority.

There are currently sixteen schools across the state enrolled in the Global Scholars program. It is in its third year of implementation and, though it is designed as a 4-year program, 3 Pennsylvania students completed all 4 years of requirements in the first year and 37 Pennsylvania students from 8 different schools graduated as PSMLA Global Scholars in the 2nd year of the program. These students, their Global Scholars advisors, and the schools are to be congratulated for their accomplishments. The schools are: Antietam High School, Avonworth High School, Camp Hill Senior High School, Chartiers Valley High School, Fox Chapel Area High School, Hempfield Area High School, Kennard-Dale High School, and Penncrest High School.

More information about the PSMLA Global Scholars Program and how you can enroll your students is available at <http://www.psmla.net/global-scholars>.

SAVE THE DATE

2018 PSMLA CONFERENCE
Get to the POINT- Languages Matter
October 11-13, 2018
Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh

Southeastern PA

- PSMLA's Spring Immersion Day will be held on March 3, 2018 at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. For more information, contact jgrande@umtsd.org.
- The MCATFL James J. Doyle Oral Proficiency Contest will take place on February 27 at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School. For more information, contact pdannunzio@colonialsd.org.

Southwestern PA

- The IUP Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching will be held on April 20, 2018 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. For more information, contact christina.huhn@iup.edu.

Professional Development

Central PA

- PSMLA is planning a spring workshop on technology resources for language teachers to be held at Messiah College. Stay tuned to the news alerts and website in early winter for dates and details.

ACTFL

- PSMLA was well represented at ACTFL 2017 in Nashville as presenters, exhibitors, and attendees. Next year's conference will be held in New Orleans on November 16-18. ACTFL is currently calling for proposals.

NECTFL

- If you have not already done so, register now for the 2018 Northeast Conference in New York City. The complete preliminary program has been posted to the website and the first registration deadline is fast approaching. Visit www.nectfl.org for more information.



The mission of the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association is to enhance foreign language education through-out the state:

- by promoting the study of foreign languages,
- by providing educators opportunities for professional growth and networking,
- by recognizing excellence in the field and,
- by collaborating with local, state and national organizations.

For more information or to join PSMLA:

- visit www.psmla.org
- look for PSMLA on Facebook or contact

Phyllis Rzodkiewicz, Secretary PSMLA at secretary@psmla.org

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PSMLA News Submissions

ExCo Meeting Minutes

The fall meeting for the PSMLA Executive Council (ExCo) was at the Penn Stater, August 26-27, 2017. Visit www.psmla.org and search under the membership tab in order to read the minutes. Please note that you will need to log in first.

PSMLA News Updates and Member Only News will be emailed each Tuesday morning. Submissions received by 11:59pm on Monday will be included in the weekly updates. Please see the guidelines below for submitting announcements to the news manager. All inquiries and submissions should be sent to news@psmla.org.

- Please include a succinct title.
- The message should be concise and include any pertinent information (cost, due dates, deadlines, links, etc.)
- Please try to keep the message under 150 words.
- Provide an email address where the reader can request additional information.
- We are unable to accommodate attachments or images.

Pennsylvania Language Forum (PLF)

Past PSMLA Newsletters

For past issues of the newsletter visit www.psmla.org and search under the publications tab.

For past editions of PLF visit www.psmla.org and search under the publications tab. Submissions are always welcome. Article submissions are accepted on a rolling basis, but must be received by June 1 to be considered for publication in the fall issue of PLF. All authors and any co-authors must be current PSMLA members. PSMLA members whose work is chosen for publication will be notified via email and receive \$10 "PSMLA Bucks" which are redeemable for PSMLA membership renewal or registration at a PSMLA-sponsored workshops or events.

Meet Our Next President



Mina Levenson, a Spanish teacher and Instructional Teacher Leader at Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, will take over the leadership of PSMLA as president in January 2018. She completed two terms on the executive council before serving as second and then first vice president. In addition to working on many PSMLA committees over the years, she is the co-chair of Pennsylvania Exemplary Programs (PEP), has represented PSMLA at several Language Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C., organized by the Joint National Committee for Languages (JNCL), and is the co-chair of the 2018 PSMLA fall conference in Pittsburgh. We wish her the best for her two year-term as PSMLA president.