



SWALLT

SouthWest Association for Language Learning and Technology

SWALLT Board Meeting

Date: Friday, 21 June 2019; 11:30 – 12:15 pm

Location: University of Oregon

Members Present: Kelsey White (President), Thomas Garbelotti (President-Elect), Adan Gallardo (Past-President), Shahnaz Ahmadeian (Treasurer), Trevor Shanklin (Secretary)

Agenda

- 1) Expression of interest from grad student at U of A for hosting next conference and running for office of President-Elect
- 2) Webinars and Schedule
- 3) Housekeeping

(March minute meetings still need to be approved)

Item 1: Decisions about conference and interest in board position

It was decided to have a conference in Spring 2020 either at U of Arizona or UCLA. If at UCLA, it would be added as an extra day to a conference on integrating language technology planned which will encourage participation by grad students and community college instructors. The conference will most likely take place in April; Trevor will send the message from Andrea at Mesa College to Swallt board about the October conference in MiraMesa for foreign language instructors, which attracts community college instructors and grad students from SDSU.

Kelsey will put a notice on the listserv about the October conference in Mira Mesa (in August?). We can use social media platforms for this as well. Also we should send notices about events from the California World Language Project (Salin in San Diego) and maybe include them in postings.

Next election will be in Spring. Kelsey will write the grad student from U of A about her anticipated plans at that time and express our interest in U of A as the next conference venue.

Item 2: Webinars and Schedule

It was decided to have the next webinar at the beginning of October on language assessment. Tom has agreed to give a 30-minute presentation on the new Japanese placement test they developed at UCLA and will leave 30 minutes for a second presenter, who could be a grad student or community college instructor. Adan mentioned a program by Dan Nikolai called the loop test that could be interesting.

The next Webinar would be in February to give time to advertise the SWALLT conference and could be on vocab development or oral proficiency. This would also be a great opportunity for a grad student.

Item 3: House Keeping

Shahnaz to send a reminder to members in January for November renewal. List should be put on Google Drive and divided into two parts (renewal) and (non-renewal – for example paid in advance half way through a two-year payment). The treasure has a new payment of \$46 in Paypal for a two year and one year membership.

The website needs to be updated so that the President-Elect position is no longer open, as well as some general tidying.

Perhaps we could survey which community colleges have a language technology person. At UCLA there are students from 105 CA community colleges.

Current President and President Elect attended lunch get together for all regional group presidents.