



SWALLT

SouthWest Association for Language Learning and Technology

SWALLT Board Meeting

Date: Friday, Jan. 31, 2015; 12pm – 12:30pm

Location: SWALLT Online (<http://tinyurl.com/SWALLTOnline>)

Directors Present: Adan Gallardo, Andrew Ross, Trevor Shanklin

Directors Absent: Pat Miller

Meeting called to order at 12 pm

Agenda

Open Board Meetings

Nomination for President Elect and Webinar Coordinator

Recruitment

SWALLT Conference

Meeting

Open Board Meetings

Motion to change Policy and Procedures manual to make the monthly SWALLT board meetings public; seconded and unanimously approved.

Action Item: Trevor agreed to modify the Policy and Procedures manual to reflect this change and submit it for approval to board members before the next meeting. Then notice will be sent out to the SWALLT listservs of inactive and active members to announce the board meeting and elicit agenda items.

Nominations

Adan will follow guidelines in the Policy and Procedures manual to start requesting nominations for the president-elect. He also will solicit for someone to fill the post of webinar coordinator, which is vacant since he became President. (This is not a board position.)

Adan will send a private message to Ryan Brazell, asking him if he would like to get the SWALLT postings, or needs to devote his time and energy to a new facility in a different geographical area from SWALLT.

SWALLT Conference

The idea was raised about rolling the spring SWALLT conference into the ASU Spring AZCALL conference. Andrew agreed to discuss this with conference organizers after the impending conference. Andrew

pointed out that it is an applied linguistics conference, also with the purpose of enabling graduate students to present. He thought it might be appropriate even to have a separate SWALLT track. (For a number of years, SWALLT members presented at Digital Stream, at CSU Monterey Bay and held a board meeting there.)

Meanwhile, Trevor proposed looking into organizing a Fall conference at SDSU, perhaps in mid-October. There was general support, and it was pointed out that SWALLT conferences have often been held in the Fall (2010, 2007, 2006 for example). Andrew mentioned that some of the regional groups have two conferences per year. Trevor will reach out to Michael and Harold who organized the last two conferences for a budget.

Other

Future Board Meetings

Action Item: Adan will review the IALLT webinar dates and then plan the rest of the monthly board meetings this Spring.

Recruitment

Recruitment is still a very big issue. Many former active SWALLT members are active in IALLT rather than SWALLT. Andrew suggested targeting department chairs for foreign language programs. Trevor has a list of California university lab directors collected by a lab assistant and will draw up a message to send. Andrew also stressed the importance of contacts with state and regional organizations for foreign language teachers.

Adjournment at 12:30 pm.