



SWALLT

SouthWest Association for Language Learning and Technology

SWALLT Board Meeting

Date: Friday, 13 October 2017; 11:15 – 11:45 am PDT

Location: Adobe Connect

Members Present: Adan Gallardo (Past-President), Shahnaz Ahmadeian (Treasurer), Trevor Shanklin (Secretary), Andrew Ross (Parliamentarian)

Excused: Kelsey White (President)

Agenda

Preparing for the coming year

Meeting

Perhaps an initiative between ASU, LARC and UCLA to develop online CALL Research Modules; ASU currently has a graduate certificate in Computer Assisted Language Learning; these are typically Linguistics SLA students or TESOL students. It is the largest graduate certificate program in the school

SDSU has a CALL course taught every semester at LARC attended by Linguistics undergraduate and graduate students, as well as Liberal Studies students (going mostly for elementary teaching certificates).

ASU has a cohort of good students that could make a working group. Online instruction at ASU is a very big enterprise. Bob Blake is coming to ASU to develop best practices.

Trevor: How to redesign onsite courses online using open source rather than proprietary software (Adobe Creative Suite, Articulate and others).

Andrew Ross is Associate Director of International letters and Cultures, Head of Language Support Services and Codirector of the graduate certificate course. He handles practice while Brian handles theory.

They have specialized courses as part of the CALL certificate program such as Gaming Social Media. There are two course courses. TBLT in CAL.

Andrew is all now the IALLT person in charge of the regional groups as IALLT now wants to make a concerted effort to regenerate these regional groups.

Paul Sebastian is the IALLT Coordinator for Grad students.

Adan has spoken with NWALLT and they would like to co-sponsor a conference (Portland or Seattle) in the spring.

Trevor suggested making the theme online learning and inviting Jean-Luc Desalvo, who has extensive experience teaching and developing course material for **asynchronous** online language courses.

Also, there could be a possibility of combining the Swallt regional meeting with the IALLT summer meetup, which will take place in Portland on August 2.

Thomas Garbelotti at UCLA has suggested UCLA could host a SWALLT board meeting in the Fall (is there really time now?)

Recruitment

The discussion turned to how to get the word out about SWALLT better. Andrew pointed out that he had made contact with someone from UC Davis who expressed surprise that SWALLT was still around and had assumed that nothing had been happening. This is maybe even more disconcerting as Robert Blake, at UC Davis, was the keynote speaker for the 2014 UCLA conference.

Adan said he would get his student workers to help in producing a list of language centers in our region and emailing everyone.

Trevor promised to post a message to the Distance Education SIG at ACTFL to see if there is anyone associated with a language resource center in our region who we could contact. The Distance Education SIG is the largest SIG at ACTFL. Michael Bush at BYU was very active before his retirement; Julio Rodriguez at the NFLRC and Marlene Johnshoy at CARLA are active members. Don Fisher, the former chancellor at DLI was a recent president.

We would like to bring the LARC director, Matthias Schulze, in on the discussion as well.

Shahnaz gave an update on the finances which are in good shape. There is a little under \$4,000 in the treasury, the IRS return for tax-exempt organizations was recently submitted; the bank account and the Paypal account are all in the new treasurer's hands, secure, stable, and safe.