This year the MiWLA conference will be held in a new venue at the Radisson Hotel and Lansing Center. Dates of the conference are October 25 and 26. For more information see www.miwla.org.

**German Sessions at MiWLA in Lansing**

Move Beyond the Classroom with Social Networking! Thursday, 8:00 – 8:50 Regency 2, Radisson, Kari Richards and Min Wu.

Wish you were Here. Thursday, 9:00 – 9:50, Governor’s Room Lansing Center. Angelika Kraemer, Sara Blossom Bostwick, Jenny Frazier.

Unterrichten im Immersionsstil, Workshop Friday, 8:00 – 11:30, Regency 1 Room, Radisson, Angelika Kraemer.

Move All Students: How to Prepare for and Capitalize on Study Abroad Experiences, Friday, 8:00 – 8:50, Lansing Center Room 104, Katharina Häusler-Gross.

Teaching Cultural Diversity through Film in the High School Classroom. Friday, 8:00 – 8:50, Lansing Center Banquet Room 5, Emily Thomas.

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Grimm Fairy Tales: New Approaches to Teaching German Grammar. Friday, 9:00 – 9:50, Lansing Center Room 102, Margrit Zinggeler.

Developing Blended Courses: What Should and Shouldn’t Be Moved Online? Friday, 9:00 – 9:50, Lansing Center Room 201. Susan Hojnacki.

Why Always the Henchmen of WWII? The Germanic Resistors of the Nazi Time Period. Friday, 10:00 – 10:50, Lansing Center Room 103. Judy Cooper.

Professional Development Online: The New Masters in Foreign Language Teaching Program at Michigan State University. Friday, 1:00 – 1:50, Lansing Center Room 101. Patricia Paulsell.
AATG – MI Fall Business Meeting and “Swap and Share”. Friday, 1:00 – 1:50, Lansing Center Room 104. Angelika Kraemer, Monica Norton.

German for Preschoolers – Experiences, Suggestions, Ideas, Friday 2:30 – 3:20, Lansing Center Room 104, Theresa Schenker.

Professional Development Webinars

AATG presents a series of Webinars to help you stay up to date and make your classroom a captivating environment for learning German. These Webinars offer you and your colleagues professional development on relevant topics in a format that recognizes traveling to local, regional, or national conferences is not an option for all teachers. Designed for all levels of German instruction, the Webinars will help you improve classroom practice, promote the learning of German, and advance your professional knowledge in a convenient, accessible, and interactive way.

AATG Webinars will serve as a catalyst for an ongoing, collaborative professional learning community engaged in virtual learning. If you’re not available for the live event, the archived Webinars will allow for professional development opportunities on demand, at a time and place which fits your needs.

Join us for our series of one-hour Webinars. Connect with great trainers and teachers without leaving your school or home. For more detailed information and to register go to www.aatg.org/upcoming-webinars
Business Meeting Minutes

Old Business

1. Approval of fall meeting minutes
   a. Melissa king –Polsinelli
   b. Mark Ferguson—2nd
   c. **Fix type-o...Swap and Share

2. Treasurer’s Report—
   a. Balance $3,532.47
   b. Colleen thanked us for the scholarship gift to the MiWLA conference.
   c. Kathy Tosa and Judy Cooper approved the report.

3. Newsletter co-editors’ report
   a. The newsletter is placed on the server on the Muskegon CC page.
   b. Some copies are printed and sent to a few members.
   c. They are ALWAYS looking for submissions!!!!
      i. Student writings...
      ii. Great lessons
      iii. Photos of events

4. Testing Chair Report - Mitchell Place
   a. Students did wonderfully on the test.
   b. 890---some took the test. This high number got us two trip winners.
   c. 14 applied for the trips.
      Many volunteered to interview. Thank you!
      1. Winners:
         a. (International Academy of Macomb) Michelle Morath (teacher)
         b. Annalie Herman (Northville High) Laura Motz (teacher)
   2. Senior Award:
      a. Aaron Yanich
      i. GLOW award

5. Membership Chair Report
   a. Lee Forester was absent.
   b. 120 professors
   c. 800 high schools
      i. Only 9 German teachers
      ii. Distance learning...

New Business

6. Results of 2012 National German Exam and Study Trip Contest
   a. Need money for prizes from the chapter

7. Chapter Constitution revision
   a. Vote—by mail or online

8. Chapter Project 2013
   a. Approved
   b. Kara Stutzman’s LAST year
   c. Anyone interested? Kara will support anyone willing to take on the project.

9. Ideas for the next meeting/workshop
   a. On today’s evaluation form; if there is anything else, please let us know...
   b. MiWLA proposals due on April 1
      i. At the Lansing Center this year.
      ii. AATG-MI meeting has the same time slot as last year... Friday at 1:00 p.m.
      AATG- MI 3
c. Request an extra slot for more professional development/active, fun side?
10. Favorable idea to the membership
11. Increase the membership and communication with chapter members
12. Announcements and Opportunities
a. Romeo Public Schools
b. Political Action removing 2 year requirement
   i. 5 bills
   ii. PLEASE write letters!!!!
   iii. Proposed deadline is May 10
c. Spending money
   i. Scholarships for students
      1. Travel grant
   ii. Support money for teachers
      1. Materials
      2. Incentives
      4. A committee formed of the following members:
         a. Judy Cooper
         b. Monica Norton
         c. Amy Begnene
         d. Dr. Alfred Cobbs.
   5. Nathan Bynum 2nds the motion.
iii. Advertising
   1. Mailings to the public about the importance of language learning??? expensive
d. Facebook page... Save Michigan World Language...

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.
Kathy Tosa motioned.
Mark Fergusson 2nd

Respectfully submitted by Kara Stutzman

Our own Dr. Pennylyn Dykstra-Prium, Associate Professor of German at Calvin College, conducted the Spring Workshop on "Model-based Writing. How to Motivate, Enable and Improve Writing at Every Level." This workshop was generously underwritten by the Uwe K. Faulhaber Endowment for Applied German Studies and hosted by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages,
Literatures, and Cultures at Wayne State University. Wayne State's Junior Year in Munich provided each school or institution represented at the workshop with a complimentary copy of *Schreiben lernen. A Writing Guide for Learners of German* (Yale University Press, 2012).

**President’s Corner...**

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen!

I hope the new school year was off to a good start for everyone. The AATG-MI Executive Board has been hard at work all summer and we have a few exciting things to share with you.

The Executive Board approved 5 mini grants of up to $150 each that will allow active AATG-MI members to attend conferences, purchase classroom materials or AATG national exams, promote the teaching and learning of German, etc. We are finalizing the details and will discuss these grants at our fall business meeting.

We are in the process of creating a new web presence. Stay tuned for the launch of our new website soon!

The Executive Board would also like to suggest the following change to the AATG-MI Constitution: In an attempt to be inclusive and supportive and to connect teachers of German in Michigan with the AATG-MI, the Chapter would like to extend membership to ALL teachers of German in the State of Michigan. The old dues requirement of $5.00 would be changed to a suggested annual donation of $5.00 (or larger) from its membership. We will vote on this amendment at the fall business meeting. The proposed changes to our constitution were sent to all members via email.

If you know of German teachers new to the profession, we would love to welcome them by sending a care basket of materials to begin their career. This is our chapter project and its success depends on having recipients. Please forward the names of any new colleagues to Angelika Kraemer at kraemera@msu.edu.

On behalf of the entire chapter, I would like to express my appreciation to Donna Kamerman-Houskamp for her excellent service as treasurer over the past twelve years. Donna decided it is time to step down. Vielen Dank Donna! Judy Cooper stepped in as interim treasurer and we will hold elections for this position at our fall business meeting. Please submit nominations for treasurer to Angelika Kraemer at kraemera@msu.edu. Self-nominations are welcome. The treasurer’s term starts on January 1, 2013 and runs for 4 years.

Our annual AATG-MI fall business meeting will take place during the
MIWLA conference on **Friday, October 26** from 1-1:50 pm. Please join us for this important meeting and a *Kaffeeklatsch*. This year’s conference theme is “Be moved” and the conference will take place at the Lansing Center and Radisson Hotel October 25-26, 2012. For the first time, there will be language-specific workshops presented in the target language. Join me for the German workshop on *Unterrichten im Immersionsstil* on Friday morning. We also look forward to many excellent German sessions. You can check out the conference program on page 1 of this newsletter and at [http://mwla.camp9.org/preview](http://mwla.camp9.org/preview).

I look forward to seeing you all at the MIWLA conference in October!

Bis dahin alles Gute,
Angelika Kraemer

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**Important Information for AATG-MI Members!**

Mitchell Place and Katherine Tosa, Co-editors