This year the theme of the MIWLA conference is “Engage: Celebrating World Languages.” Dates of the conference are October 23 and 24. For more information see www.miwla.org.

**German Sessions at MIWLA in Lansing**

**THURSDAY**

**Workshop:** The Power of Multi-Media: Strengthening World Language Learning through Comics. Thursday, 1:00 – 4:30, Banquet 6, Kari Richards, Kim Bowen, Charlotte Steiner

*Learning with Stations: Engaging Young Learners with all Skills.*
Thursday, 1:00 – 1:50, Room 104, Leonie Hintze

*Geteiltes Deutschland: Ideenaustauschbörse.*
Thursday, 2:00 – 2:50, Room 104, Amy Firtl, Michelle Arndt, Erin Stepek

*German Conversation Room*
Thursday, 2:00 – 2:50, Room 202

*Best of Mason—Part 2*
Thursday, 3:30 – 4:20, Banquet 7, Monica Norton and colleagues

**Movie Night:** Vincent will Meer
Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30, Room 101

**FRIDAY**

**Workshop:** Nur ‘raus mit der Sprache: Einsatz spielpädagogischer Strategien und engagierter Konversationstechniken im kommunikativen DaF Unterricht.
Friday, 8:00 – 11:30, Banquet 8, Katharina Häusler-Gross, Susan Hojnacki

“Connect to Multilingual, Multicultural Switzerland” and Engage in Eight Languages!
Friday 8:00 – 8:50, Banquet 7, Margrit Zinggeler

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AATG Michigan Chapter Business Meeting
April 26, 2014
Aquinas College
Board Room AB 251
10:00am - 11:30am

AATG Members present: Monica Norton, President
Katharina Häusler-Gross, VP
Kathy Tosa, Newsletter Co-Editor
Mitchell Place, Newsletter Co-Editor, Testing Chair
Judy Cooper, Treasurer (via Skype)
Kara Stutzman, Secretary (via Skype)

1. Minutes from November 2013 meeting were approved

2. **Newsletter** (Kathy/Mitch)
   - Problems: Membership List is not up-to-date (contact Lee Forester), Hosted on Muskegon CC website - but have been asked to move hosting site (contact Kathy Tosa)
   - All info, updates, and newsletter should be posted on the AATG Michigan Wordpress website and updated frequently -- check every two months
   - Question: WHO is the contact person? Someone from MSU
   - Digital format of Newsletter would allow all AATG-MI officers to edit or update info
   - Ask Angelika Kraemer who will be AATG-MI Tech Liaison

3. **Testing Chair** (Mitch)
   - Successful 2013 season: 15 applicants were interviewed for the trip to Germany
   - 2 finalists for German Study Abroad program (Alexandra Merrill, Viktoria Potapenko)
   - Budget is very tight (less books, pencils etc. if we want to give more prizes)
   - 3 Senior Applicants were recommended (all men and seniors)
   - Discussion about banquet awards

Motion (Kathy): Spend $200 to cover expenses for 15 students
Print gold certificates
Wrap and deliver gifts to schools
Must have CORRECT database w/ teacher/ school names (contact Lee Forrester – Hope College)

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4. **Membership Chair** (Lee Forester)
   - Contact Angelika Kraemer for correct job description of AATG MI officers (president, VP, treasurer, secretary, testing chair, membership chair)

5. **Advocacy** (Responsible officer?)
   - Check out National’s Website

6. **New Business**
   - Chapter Immersion PD Opportunity: Broad Museum Visit (Docent: German Speaker)
   - AATG Table during MIWLA 2014 Exhibition (Who?)
   - Check w/ Angelika Kraemer re: scheduling of AATG MI Table
   - Mini-Grants?

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**President’s Corner…**

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen!

Fall is here once again. It is one of my favorite times of year. I look forward to meeting the new students eager to learn German for the first time as well as returning students grow their talents in the language. Their energy and enthusiasm is as invigorating as the fall air.

The MIWLA Fall Conference will be held at the Lansing Center this October 23 and 24, 2014. Please join us on Friday, October 24 at 1 p.m. for the Swap and Share: Technology in the German Classroom and the AATG-MI Business meeting from 2:30 to 4 p.m. There are other great German workshops and sessions to attend; check out the conference preview online.

With sincerest appreciation, I would like to thank Angelika Kraemer for her years of service as vice-president and president. It was through her hard work and dedication that many improvements were brought to our chapter. Herzlichen Dank Angelika! I would also like to welcome Katharina Häusler-Gross from Aquinas College as our new vice-president. Katharina was elected after the fall business meeting and serves a two-year term. She then continues as president for two more years. Willkommen Katharina!

I am very excited to serve as chapter president for AATG Michigan. I hope to support German learning communities at all levels. I would also like to thank all of you for the hard work you do every day to advance and improve the teaching of language, literature, and culture of the German-speaking countries!

- Monica Norton
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_Going Green: Nachhaltige Ernährung._
Friday 10:30 – 11:20, Room 101, Bettina Hoops

_Prepositions Their Way_
Friday, 11:30 – 12:20, Banquet 8, Diane Bell

_German Conversation Table_
Friday 12:20 – 1:00, Banquet 7

_AATG – MI Swap and Share: Technology in the German Classroom_
Friday 1:00 – 1:50, Banquet 7, Monica Norton

_AATG – MI Fall Business Meeting_
Friday, 2:30 – 4:00, Banquet 7, Monica Norton, Katharina Häusler-Gross

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

Mitchell Place and Katherine Tosa, Co-Editors