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## Annual Board Meeting Minutes

**October 1, 2022, 12:00-2:30 PM at The Halle Foundation Estate**

*Executive Board members present:* Jonas Strecker, President; Hyoun-A Joo, Vice-President; Janet Ward, Testing Chair; Sarah Richards, Membership Chair; Daniel Walter, Immediate Past President

*Executive Board member(s) absent:* Stefani Legall-Riddle, Secretary; Justin Fox, Treasurer

*Guest:* Sabine Smith

### **1) The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.**

### **2) Budget Update**

- a) Wells Fargo checking account has three signatories now (treasurer, president, vice-president), each with their own login, making future transitions to new officers easier.
- b) End-of-year balance: \$6,205.82

### **3) Membership Update**

- a) The old AAT-Listserv email list, run by Horst Kurz, will be discontinued and merged with the new AATG Gmail contact list.
- b) Non-members will be contacted and informed about membership benefits (SGC, professional development, scholarships, awards, etc.).
- c) German programs/teachers who are not in our contact list will be invited to join.
- d) Members will receive small gifts during the school year.

### **4) Testing & Awards**

- a) Update from national AATG: National German Exam will be administered on a new platform (Lingco instead of Quia). The registration fee will be raised from \$6 to \$8.
- b) 2023 SOTY/TOTY/CSOTY/POTY selection:
  - i) Selection criteria will be updated on website since all awards now come with significant prizes. The criteria will be modeled after Gwinnett County's PEAK awards. The recommendation/application deadline will be January 13, 2023.
  - ii) Award finalists will be interviewed during SGC.

**5) 2023 State German Convention**

- a) Theme: UMWELT
- b) SGC will move back to overnight camp at the FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington on February 10-11, 2023.
- c) Cost per student: \$90 (The camp raised its fee per participant due to recent renovations and expansions of the camp.)
- d) SGC Competition update:
  - i) *Supertalent* will consist of only two competitions: lip sync and poetry slam (no skit and 3x3x3).
  - ii) *Tanzfest* will be replaced by Karaoke, immediately following the *Supertalent* show.
- e) Baking will be limited to two categories and two entries per school.
- f) If middle schools can't attend Friday night, they can submit videos as *Supertalent* entries and perform live at the award ceremony on Saturday.
- g) The award ceremony will no longer end in a school ranking; school rankings will be emailed to teachers after the event.
- h) Each participating school will be asked to take the stage for a team picture at the conclusion of the award ceremony. Programs attending for the first time will be recognized.

**6) Funding for SGC and AATG Scholarships**

The Halle Foundation will provide SGC travel and registration scholarship funds. The Halle Foundation will also fund all SGC awards.

**7) AATG-GA Events**

- a) AATG-GA Workshop at UGA needs a new sponsor after Inge DiBella retired.
- b) AATG-GA will plan a *Sprachbad* together with AATG-SC at Tucker Brewery in September 2023.

**8) The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.**