

2012 Planning Team

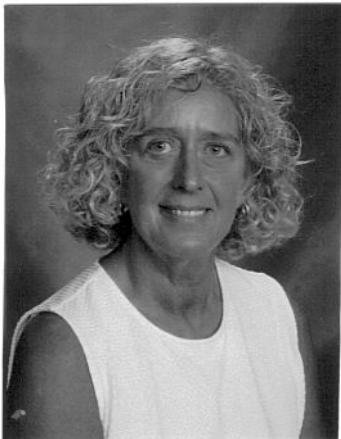


Jill Woerner, Program Chair, earned a B.A. in Secondary Spanish Education from Purdue University and an M.A. in Educational Administration and Leadership from Anderson University in Indiana. She teaches Spanish and World Language at Pendleton Heights Middle School. She was named the 2010 Teacher of the Year by the Indiana Network for Early Language Learning and the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association. In 2006-2007, Jill represented the high school level during the development of the Indiana Academic Standards. She has been a reviewer for FLAP grants and teacher education programs in Indiana. Jill created a four week home-stay immersion study abroad experience in Costa Rica for high school students and accompanied the students from 2006-2009. She has been an active volunteer for the American Field Service (AFS) sending students all over the world for short and long term language immersion programs. Through her affiliation with AFS, Jill has taken middle school students on a home-stay, immersion program in Panama and has recently traveled to Cairo, Egypt as a flight chaperon. Jill has served as the Indiana AATSP Treasurer and Webmaster as well as a leader of the revision of the Concurso Académico, the annual Spanish Competition. Jill has been an active presenter at CSCTFL and IFLTA throughout her career. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for CSCTFL as well as being a member of AATSP, ACTFL, NNELL and the CSCTFL Advisory Council.



Leann Wilcoxon, Assistant Program Chair, is Foreign Language Department Chair and a Spanish teacher at St. Bede Academy, Peru, IL. She holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Illinois State University. She has served in the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages as Secretary, 1st Vice-president, and Conference Coordinator. She was President in 1996.

She received the Illinois Lieutenant Governor's Award in 1994 and the Presidents Award for Building I.C.T.F.L. in 1998. She was Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for ACTFL 2004 in Chicago. Leann was Local Arrangements Chair for CSCTFL in Chicago in 2009 and Assistant Local Arrangements Chair in 2006 and served on the CSCTFL Board 2005-2009. Leann has served on the 2001 CSCTFL Program Committee, three years on the CSCTFL Awards and Advocacy committees, the Leadership Committee and has chaired the Conference Workshop/Extension Workshop and the Finance Committees.



Bette Brandenburg, Local Arrangements Chair, earned her B.A. in French and Political Science at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, and her M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She taught all levels of French and served as World Language Department Chair at Oconomowoc High School, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin until her recent retirement after 33 years of teaching. She organized and led student exchanges with a French lycée and traveled extensively with students. She served on the French Placement Exam committee at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for eight years. Since retiring, Bette has been supervising student teachers in World Languages

and ESL at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Over the course of her professional career, she has presented sessions and workshops at the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers (WAFLT) conferences and at CSCTFL. She was chosen as a CSCTFL Leadership Fellow in 1997-98 and served on the CSCTFL Board of Directors from 2002 to 2006. She has served on the WAFLT Executive Board since 2000, first as Secretary and currently as Chair of Professional Development. Bette received a Kohl Fellowship in 2004, and was named Wisconsin's Distinguished French Educator in 2009.