

Message From the Chair of the Board



What a pleasure it is to invite you to the 2014 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Hosted by the Foreign Language Association of Missouri, this year's conference theme is Unlock the Gateway to Communication and proves to give us something to talk about! As a veteran conference attendee, I always appreciate the variety of sessions, speakers, exhibits and opportunities for networking that CSCTFL has to offer. I am excited that our conference is being held in St. Louis and hope you have begun to make your plans to attend.

Are you an Advisory Council member? It's not too late to join our Advisory Council for the 2013-2014 academic year. The Advisory Council fee includes the conference registration fee (although you still have to register online so that we can make your name tag and count you in our preconference numbers). Furthermore,

Advisory Council membership entitles you to vote in our elections, submit nominations, and attend the Advisory Council reception on Thursday evening. A great place to nibble and network!

Consider applying for some of our special programs: the Delegate Assembly (representing your state), the Extension Workshop (receiving training and conducting the workshop in your own state), and several scholarships for study abroad. Check out the www.csctfl.org website for details.

The Awards Ceremony right before the keynote speaker on Friday lets us applaud our colleagues for exemplary work in the field of foreign languages. I hope your state has selected and submitted a candidate for the Teacher of the Year award! The CSCTFL winner competes for the Teacher of the Year at the annual ACTFL conference.

Have you booked your hotel? The newly renovated Hilton St. Louis at the Ball Park in downtown St. Louis eagerly awaits us! Staying at our conference hotel provides you the convenience of being in the heart of the action and helps us offer you some perks as you attend the conference.

Have you marked March 20-22, 2014 on your calendar? Registered? Included workshops? Booked your room? Then you've done your part and we are ready to do the rest to make this year's conference memorable! See you in St. Louis!

Lori Winne, Chair of the Board