

## Welcome from the Chair of the Board of Directors

As Chair of the Board, it is my privilege to invite you to the 2016 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages to be held in Columbus, Ohio, March 10-12, 2016. The theme for this conference is *Fostering Connections, Empowering Communities, Celebrating the World*. Whether you are a first time attendee or a veteran conference goer, will find a variety of sessions and workshops regarding this theme. There will be countless opportunities to network though out the conference. The exhibit hall is not to be missed. We are pleased that our conference is being held in Columbus and that this is a true joint conference with the Ohio Foreign Language Association. We hope you have begun to make plans to attend. Are you an Advisory Council Member? If not, it's not too late to join for the 2015-2016 academic year. Membership includes the conference registration fee, however, you still have to register online so that we can make your name tag and count you in our preconference numbers. AC membership entitles you to vote in our elections, submit nominations, and attend the Advisory Council annual meeting and reception on Thursday evening. A great place to nibble and network! Don't miss it!

We are very fortunate to offer so many options at the conference. Please consider applying for and participating in one of our special CSCTFL programs. You can represent your state at the Delegate Assembly. Apply for the CW/EW during which you receive training and then conduct the workshop in your home state. Take a look at the scholarship offerings for study abroad. New this year is the renaissance of the CSCTFL Leadership Program. The details and deadlines for all these programs can be found on our website, [www.csctfl.org](http://www.csctfl.org). You don't want to miss the Awards Ceremony right before the keynote speaker on Friday. We will honor our colleagues for exemplary contributions to teaching and learning foreign languages. We hope your state has selected and submitted a candidate for the Teacher of the Year award. The CSCTFL winner competes with other regional winners for the Teacher of the Year at the annual ACTFL conference. Have you booked your room at the Hilton Columbus Downtown, the conference hotel? You will be in the center of all conference action. Have you marked March 10-12, 2016, on your calendar? Applied for special programs? Have you 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 Columbus!

Mary Goodwin, Chair of the Board