

Welcome from the Chair of the Board of Directors

As Chair of the Board, it is my privilege to invite you to the 2018 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages to be held in Chicago, Illinois, March 9-11, 2017. The theme for this conference is *CSCTFL: The Power of Language. The Power of People. Celebrating 50 Years*. Whether you are a first-time attendee or a veteran conference goer, you will find a variety of sessions and workshops regarding this theme. You will not want to miss the special events planned for the 50th anniversary. There will be countless opportunities to network though out the conference. The exhibit hall is a must see.

We are pleased that our conference is being held in Milwaukee with the support of the Wisconsin Association For Language Teachers. 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 2017-2018 academic year. Membership includes the conference registration, 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. Be sure to consider the newly revised CSCTFL Leadership Program. 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. The details and deadlines for all these programs can be found on our website, www.csctfl.org.

Be an active part of our [50th celebration](#) by attending the 50th Anniversary reception Friday evening and donating to the 50th Anniversary Fund. Be sure to look for both on your conference registration form. Have you booked your room at the [Hilton City Center](#), the conference hotel? You will be in the center of all conference action. Your check list: mark March 8-10, 2018, on your calendar, apply for special programs, register, include workshops, observe deadlines. Once your part is done, we are ready to do the rest to make this year's conference memorable! See you in Milwaukee to celebrate fifty years of quality professional development with CSCTFL!

Mary Goodwin, Chair of the Board