



Election of officers for NADSFL, 2008- 2010

As per the present NADSFL bylaws, the association must hold elections every two years for the four elected positions on the Executive Board. Each term is for two years and the candidates garnering the majority of the votes cast will begin serving their terms at the end of the 2008 NADSFL annual meeting in Orlando.

On August 26 NADSFL issued both by email and on the association website a call for nominations announcing the elections and inviting the membership to either nominate a candidate or to self-nominate for one of the elected positions on the Executive Board. The nominating period ended September 12. Voting will take place between September 30 and October 17, 2008. As per our current bylaws, the membership will record their votes via ballot received in the mail and returned to Priscilla Russel, the Nominations Chair.

If you have not received a ballot by October 5, 2008, and are a current member of NADSFL, please contact Greta Lundgaard Greta.Lundgaard@pisd.edu to confirm your preferred mailing address.

If you have other questions please contact Priscilla Russel, Nominations Committee Chair, Priscilla_Russel@monet.prs.k12.nj.us

- Ballots will be mailed on September 30, 2008
- If you are a member in good standing and have not received a ballot (home or work) by end of day on October 5, 2008, please contact Greta Lundgaard at the e-mail above
- Returned ballots must be postmarked by October 17, 2008. Ballots are pre-stamped and addressed.

Informational Summaries of Candidates for Elected Positions, NADSFL Executive Board

Candidates for President:

Jennifer Eddy

Assistant Professor, World Language Education/Secondary Education and Youth Services,
Queens College, New York, New York

Member of NADSFL since 1999

Jennifer has served as the NADSFL regional representative to the Northeast Conference and is editor of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYS AFLT) Journal. She is active in various professional organizations and works with school districts to strengthen their world languages programs. Elected vice president of NADSFL in 2006, she became President in 2007 when the position became open and is completing that term.

Rita Oleksak

Director of Foreign Languages and ELL, Glastonbury Public Schools, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Member of NADSFL since 1998

Prior to Glastonbury, Rita was District Supervisor for the West Hartford (CT) and the Springfield (MA) Public Schools. She served as President of ACTFL for 2007, chairing the San Antonio national meeting, and representing ACTFL around the country at state and regional conferences and meeting and on the floor of the U.S. Senate. Rita is currently Past-President of ACTFL and has held leadership positions at the state and regional level.

Candidates for Vice President:

Greta Lundgaard

Coordinator, Languages Other Than English, Plano ISD, Plano, Texas

Member of NADSFL since 2001

Greta has served as coordinator for two large Texas districts. Before moving to the Plano ISD she served as the Lewisville ISD foreign language coordinator. Greta is Past President of the Texas Association of Language Supervision (TALS), a member of SWCOLT Executive Board and the current NADSFL treasurer. She has presented at state and regional conferences and has served on the planning committee for the 2008 NADSFL Summer Leadership Academy, co-facilitating the Advocacy & Articulation strand.

Candidates for Secretary:

Janet Newberry

Supervisor of World Languages, Baltimore County Public Schools, Baltimore, Maryland

Member of NADSFL since 1998

Janet has been district supervisor at Baltimore CPS for ten years. She serves on the Executive Board of the Maryland Foreign Language Association and presents at MFLA, the Northeast Conference and ACTFL. Formerly a foreign language methods professor at Towson University and Loyola College, Janet served on the committee that wrote the "Voluntary State Curriculum for Foreign Language."

Dawn Samples

Coordinator of World Languages, Lexington One District, Columbia, South Carolina

Member of NADSFL since 2004

Dawn has served as district coordinator for five years. Building on her Model Program curriculum development in Georgia, Dawn has initiated and implemented a district immersion program in Columbia. Dawn has attended both the 2006 and 2008 NADSFL Summer Leadership Academy.

Candidates for Treasurer:

Diane DeNoon

Foreign Language District Coordinator, Blue Valley Schools, Blue Valley, Kansas

Member of NADSFL since 1998

Diane has been district coordinator since 1996, directing her department's FLAP grant on K-12 Articulation and earning the 2002 Kansas World Language Educator of the Year Award. Active in the Kansas Foreign Language Association (KFLA), Diane served as Co-Chair of the Kansas State Standards Project in 2000 and on the recent Kansas State Standards Revision Committee. She is a frequent attendee of NADSFL meetings.

Valerie DiPaola

Coordinator of World Languages and Title V Programs for Williamsburg James City County Public Schools, Williamsburg, Virginia

Member of NADSFL since 2001

Valerie has served as curriculum leader and then in the newly created position of district coordinator for Williamsburg. She has worked with The College Board as an AP Spanish exam reviewer and presents on various topics at ACTFL and other state and regional organizations. A member of several state and national professional organizations and a frequent attendee at NADSFL meetings, she has recently become active in NADSFL, serving on the Supervisor of the Year Selection Committee.