Language Learning for Children (LLC) SIG
Business Meeting
Friday, November 20
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

1. Introduction of LLC SIG Officers:
Dr. Patricia Davis-Wiley called the meeting to order and introduced each of the officers to attendees. Beginning in January 2016, we welcome two new LLC SIG Co-chairs, Dr. Kelly Davidson Devall and Mrs. Talia Block, who will replace Drs. Patricia Davis-Wiley and Dr. Teresa Kennedy as they complete their terms. Dr. Davidson Devall is Assistant Professor in French and Foreign Language Education at Valdosta State University and Assistant Director of Foreign Language Education. She teaches a Foreign Languages in the Elementary School course and is Journal Editor for Learning Languages, the journal for the National Network for Early Language Learning. She works with local elementary teachers and collaborates with community members to strengthen opportunities for early language learning at schools. For the past five years, Ms. Talia Block has taught 3rd-5th grade Spanish in the northern suburbs of Chicago. She wrote and piloted the district-wide curriculum and leads elementary teachers in re-working curriculum.

Dr. Kelly Moser will begin her second term as secretary/treasurer for the LLC SIG Chair, and Dr. Patricia Davis-Wiley will serve as our Technology Specialist.

2. Exciting news:
Website: Our new team of SIG officers has brainstormed and proposed several exciting ideas to benefit SIG members. Dr. Davis-Wiley has been working hard on our new website. She gave us all a sneak peak of the site and discussed components of the site including teacher videos, lessons and materials, etc.

Twitter (#LLCSIG) and Facebook (Language Learning for Children SIG): Our new co-chairs have created spaces for members to share ideas that might interest SIG members.

3. Proposal submissions:

4. Budget ideas: SIG members have decided that they would prefer to use the budget to assist SIG members. Members brainstormed to identify the following ways that we could use funds:

   LLC SIG Teacher of the Year—Members could apply for a Teacher of the Year award. Members discussed how we could identify the teacher of the year and how this might differ from the NNELL and ACTFL teachers of year.

   Webinars—Members would like webinars related to a variety of topics including curriculum development and assessment.
Professional Development Vouchers—Members would like for SIG members to be able to apply for funds to support travel to ACTFL and/or participate in other professional development. It was suggested that those awarded would be required to submit materials related to the experience to be uploaded to the website and shared with other members.

New Teacher of the Year/Student teacher of the year—Members suggested creating an award to reward and encourage new language teachers.

5. Raffles: Attendees had the opportunity to win a raffle ticket to be used at ACTFL or online.