Minutes for Business Meeting 2016

SIG chair, Mary Reed, called the Cinema/Film SIG business meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on November 18th, 2016 at the Westin Hotel in Boston, MA. Those in attendance were invited to move freely during the meeting to serve themselves from the snacks provided by the SIG. The minutes from the 2015 meeting were read. Mary announced the newly elected officers for 2017-2019: Oscar Guzman, vice-chair, and Israel Herrera, secretary. Israel, who was present, was introduced to the audience. Vice-chair Lynn Purkey and secretary Lisa Calvin were thanked for their two years of service to the SIG. Leasa Lutes will continue in her role as immediate past president.

Chair Mary Reed reviewed the activities of the SIG during 2016. Ten people applied for the conference attendance scholarship, with Mary Ann Dellinge receiving the award. The SIG’s first webinar, “Lights, Camera, Assessment: Utilizing Cinema in Assessment,” was held on April 13th, 2016, and is still available through the ACTFL SIG community. Over 100 people attended the first webinar. The SIG began an active outreach campaign, starting a Facebook page and Pinterest page. The SIG sponsored three sessions at the conference: 1) “Using Film in the French Classroom: A Vehicle Towards Proficiency,” 2) “Hispanic Cinema: Thematic Units with Films from the Spanish-Speaking World,” and 3) the business meeting, followed by presentation. The officers were pleased to announce what is hoped will be a new tradition: A Night at the Movies. On Saturday evening the SIG will present the Argentine film La película del Rey. Lisa Calvin will introduce “The Story Behind the Story” of the film and will lead a brief discussion afterward, and popcorn will be provided.

In upcoming news, Mary announced that plans for 2017 include continuing the conference scholarship, continuing A Night at the Movies, and holding another webinar.

Secretary Lisa Calvin led the annual raffle at the close of the meeting, when four $25 ACTFL certificates awarded, plus a grand prize of $50 in the form of an ACTFL certificate. The meeting was adjourned and the presentation “In the Director’s Chair Creating Short Films to Learn About Culture” immediately followed.

Respectfully submitted,
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