PORTUGUESE SIG BUSINESS MEETING AT THE 2016
ACTFL CONFERENCE Boston, Massachusetts

Board Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2016.

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at pm by Cassia De Abreu, Chair of the PORT SIG.

Introductions:

Cassia De Abreu introduced herself and secretary Célia Bianconi. Cassia De Abreu also shared the PORT SIG virtual elections results with the attendees and introduced Silvia Ramos-Sollai as the incoming PORT SIG Vice Chair of PORT SIG secretary for the term of 2017-2019.

Attendees Introductions: Chair asked attendees to identify themselves

Opening:

Members were reminded of the importance of creating and maintaining a strong Portuguese teaching and learning community, through ACTFL SIG to share ideas and to support the work of our colleagues. Members were also invited to a short coffee and cookie break while interacting with the colleagues who were present in the meeting.

Feature Sessions:

This business meeting included a feature presentation by Lyris Weidemann from Stanford, CA, who presented “From Intermediate to Advanced: Reading the Right Way to Impact Production.” In addition, Dr. Robert Moser, Silvia Ramos-Sollai and Viviane Moore introduced data regarding their research on the Portuguese Acquisition Linkages (PAL) Project hosted by University of Georgia, home of the Portuguese Flagship Program.

Cassia De Abreu also invited Dr. Moser and his group of researchers to extend the discussion regarding the K-16 Pipeline into Portuguese language studies further by conducting a webinar for the PORT SIG members in February 2017. This webinar will be an opportunity for those interested in
learning how to align curriculum development, teacher training, student recruitment, and national program survey results in order to build proficiency-driven Portuguese World Language programs for late starts into university.

Reports:

- Information was shared about the changes for ACTFL 2017. The participants were reminded the call for proposal is open until January 13, 2017. The next annual conference will take place in Nashville, and its theme will be 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION AND WORLD LANGUAGES EXPO: Experience it!
- Session ideas and brainstorms were jotted down. Some of the recurring themes were Portuguese for different audiences such as bilingual programs, dual language immersion, sign language, distance learning and technology.
- A member volunteered to create a few options for the Portuguese SIG logo, and one was voted before the convention in Boston. However, ACTFL deliberated the logos were no longer be included in the meeting.
- Members present were reminded communication and posts ought to be made at ACTFL portal. No other social media such as Facebook, Snapchat, or Twitter is official and shall not be the Portuguese SIG channel.

Closing:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.