**Spanish for Heritage Learners (SHL) SIG Business Meeting**

Saturday, November 19, 2016; 2:00-3:00PM  
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 261  
ACTFL 2016- Boston, MA

Meeting opened by Cynthia M. Ducar, Chair.

**Welcome and Introductions**

- **SHL SIG Officers:**
  - Chair: Dr. Cynthia Ducar
    - Bowling Green State University – Bowling Green, OH
  - Vice-Chair: Dr. Greg Thompson
    - Brigham Young University – Provo, UT
  - Secretary: Dr. Laura Valentín-Rivera
    - Kansas State University – Manhattan, Kansas
  - Past-Chair: Dr. Michael Tallon
    - University of the Incarnate Word – San Antonio, TX

**Announcements**

- **Mission**
- **Membership**
  - Instructions on how to sign up
  - Update regarding the current number of members (800)
  - Benefits of being a member. Access to: the online community, library and announcements, scholarships, sessions and webinars.
- **Scholarship announcement**
  - Three different categories were awarded:
    - Teacher/Practitioner (2):
      - Blakely Hay (Dillon Elementary)
      - Michelle Huaman (Worcester Public Schools)
    - Graduate Student:
      - Gloria Pérez Cejudo (Boston College)
- **SIG News**
  - Newsletter; national upcoming conferences; Facebook page deletion; recent webinars; SHL specific resources
  - New officers:
    - Chair: Dr. Greg Thompson
      - Brigham Young University – Provo, UT
    - Vice Chair: Maira Flores
      - Prince George’s County Public Schools
    - Secretary: Dr. Maria Luisa Ruiz
      - Saint Mary’s College of California
    - Past Chair: Dr. Cynthia Ducar
      - Bowling Green State University – Bowling Green, OH
• ACTFL 2017
  o Music City Center; Nashville, TN; November 17-19, 2017; Deadline for Proposals: January 13, 2017 (11:59 PM EST)

• Three raffle prizes given to three attendees

• Presentation of Invited Guest Speaker
  o Dr. Diego Pascual y Cabo – “Embracing heritage Spanish and its place in the US language education system: Where to Now?”
  o Q&A

Meeting adjourned.

Number in attendance: 152
  o First session: 23 people
  o Second session: 63 people
  o Business meeting (and final session): 66 people

Minutes submitted by Laura Valentín-Rivera (SHL SIG Secretary): 12/31/16