



## ACTFL Assembly of Delegates

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Convention Center | Room 113abc

### Agenda

#### **ADVOCACY: It's Everybody's Business**

The 2024 Assembly of Delegates will focus on the current status of the language profession and our role as leaders in not only the development and sustainability of high-quality language programs, but also the individual and collective power we have as language educators to shape the future of our field.

1:00 pm - 1:10 pm      **Welcome and Introduction** – *L.J. Randolph, ACTFL President*

1:10 pm - 2:00 pm      **Advocacy for Language Education**

1:10 pm - 1:25 pm      **The Collective Power!** – *Amanda Seewald, JNCL Executive Director*

Amanda Seewald will share both the current status of federal legislation and actions that our organizations can take to advocate for language education at the national level, and also the results of a survey of higher education institutions regarding sustainability of language programs.

1:25 pm - 1:40 pm      **The Power of One!** – *Alicia Dallman Shoemaker, ACTFL 2024 National Teacher of the Year*

The 2024 ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year will focus on her advocacy efforts throughout this year and the power that we have as individuals to influence policies at the local, state and federal levels.

1:40 pm-2:00 pm      **Organizational Power!** – *Larry Paska, ACTFL Executive Director*

Will describe ACTFL's efforts to coordinate language data from the Department of Education into powerful advocacy tools for the profession.

#### **Advocating for the Language Profession in the Age of AI**

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm      **Keynote Speaker:** *Richard Culatta, CEO, ISTE and ASCD*

Richard Culatta will present a forward-thinking discussion about how classrooms will evolve over the next 1-3 years. The session will cover how educators need to teach and learn to stay relevant in an AI-driven world. He will also discuss AI innovations and the ethical considerations of using AI in education.

2:45-3:00 pm

**BREAK** (Sponsored by Carnegie Learning)

3:00 pm

**Remarks** – Carnegie Learning

3:10 pm – 3:45 pm

**Advocacy Toolkit** - Cynthia Chalupa and Amanda Ramirez, Co-chairs, ACTFL  
Advocacy and Outreach Committee

**Interactive Group Session**

Hands-on activity where delegates break into small groups to examine an advocacy toolkit presented by the ACTFL Advocacy and Outreach Committee in collaboration with MLA and JNCL. This toolkit is designed to help educators engage their communities, parents, and administrators to support and maintain educational programs. The session will conclude with a 10-minute Q&A, giving delegates the opportunity to share their feedback and ask questions about the toolkit and the advocacy process.

3:45-4:00 pm

**Seal of Biliteracy 2024 National Report**

Sam Aguirre, Senior Director of Consortium and State Relations at WIDA  
Arthur Chou, Seal of Biliteracy.org  
Sam and Arthur will present the results of the 2024 Seal of Biliteracy National Report

4:00-4:45 pm

**Small Group Discussions**

Participants will provide input into a position statement for the language profession promoting ethical use of AI in teaching and learning, the unique aspects of language learning that cannot be duplicated by AI and the role of the instructor in an AI-centered classroom of the future.

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

**Closing Remarks** – Milton Alan Turner, ACTFL President-elect