



MISSISSIPPI FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Foreign Language Colleague,

I hope that you are well and that this will be a happy and productive school year for you.

The Mississippi Foreign Language Association will host its Annual Conference on Friday - Saturday, October 27-28 at Lake Tiak O'Khata Resort in Louisville, MS. Please make plans to attend and to encourage a colleague who is not a member to join and to come to the annual meeting. Dues and registration for first-time members, students, and first-year teachers are only \$10.

MFLA would especially like to encourage all second language teachers to participate in our organization and conference. If you are aware of any second language teachers who might be interested, please share the following information with them.

- Officer's letters pages 2-4.
- Call for nominations page 5.
- Call for proposals page 6.
- The 2006 - 2007 MFLA Membership Application and Conference Registration Form is on page 7.
- Information about making a reservation at Lake Tiak O'Khata Resort is on page 8.
- Present a session and share your good ideas with your colleagues at MFLA's 2006 Annual Conference. Complete the Conference Program Proposal Form on page 9 and return it to Katrina Howard-Reeves, Vice-President for Programs.
- Use the News Notes form on page 10 to send information before September 15 for publication in the *Mississippi Language Crusader* to Dr. Felice Coles or Dr. Don Dyer.
- Exhibit application page 11.
- First-year teachers and graduate students are eligible to apply for the Helen T. Sharp Memorial Fellowship. Information is on page 12.

Please contact me if you would like to recommend a colleague for the 2006 MFLA Distinguished Service Award. The form is found on page 13 of this mailout.

All conference forms and information are available at www.msfla.org

ALL THE ABOVE FORMS ARE DUE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PLACES BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NEWS NOTES.

I look forward to seeing you at Lake Tiak O'Khata.

Best regards,

Vernon LaCour

Dear MFLA members,

The "Summit on Less Commonly Taught Languages" held here in Oxford on July 17th was highly successful. There were around attending Louis Janus' talk on the issues and possibilities for teaching "LCTLs" (pronounced *lik-tuls*), and almost the same registered for the day and half-long summit. never seen such positive evaluation forms fully one hundred percent of those turning in after his talk responded to his talk "enthusiastically" and gave the highest "excellent," to the overall program.



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The executive board meeting (held immediately afterward on the 18th) was not attended by all the members, unfortunately, but important business was accomplished. You'll hear in more detail in the next CRUSADER, but I wanted to give you some of the highlights here. First, we voted on amounts for the two new categories of membership, as was mandated in the business meeting held at the 2005 conference. (The categories themselves were approved but no amounts had been set, since that is the job of the executive board.) For the category of institutional member (primarily schools, colleges and universities), the amount is \$50. For the second new category of patron or sponsor, the amount of \$100 will be used for now. Second, we discussed the need to have a list of candidates for the 2006 slate of officers ready for the October Crusader. Third, we discussed our progress toward non-profit status, and fourth, we discussed "special situations" related to the 2006 conference (where to house exhibits and donations, how to buy meals if Lake Tiak-O'Khata fills up its rooms, etc.). On these third and fourth items, it was decided that the officers and those board members who were able, would meet at the resort in August to finalize details. Finally, we discussed the various non-elective positions in the organization, how they are to be reviewed, and when. There will be motion for your discussion and for a vote at the business meeting at the 2006 conference. We will publicize the exact motion to be discussed ASAP.

I have taken the suggestion of an attendee at the summit, and in addition to our normal "Conference Proposal Form," I have made (and Vernon has enclosed) a "Call for Proposals" for our annual meeting. Please consider it a special invitation to propose a session this year. We have some exhibitors already planning to attend and the hope of two keynote speakers (we are waiting to hear on both counts). There will be a swap meet, but the TIPS session is held only every other year. Come and make this conference the best ever.

Most of our members like the Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort and some bring their families to the conference. Make your reservation early to be sure of a space. But if you cannot and the Resort runs out of rooms before you reserve yours, please contact us for further information BEFORE THE CONFERENCE and we may be able to help. If you simply arrive without a reservation, it may be more difficult for us to provide assistance.

I look forward to seeing you all in Louisville! Diane Marting, President, 2004-2006



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31 July 2006

Dear Friends:

¡Saludos!

It is my pleasure to serve as program chair for the Mississippi Foreign Language Association. A regular attendee since my college years, I consider it a privilege to have been brought to this place of distinction.

The 2006 gathering of the MFLA promises to continue a tradition of excellence that has characterized this event since its inception. Lake Tiak-O-Khata will once again provide a scenic atmosphere that will enable us to share a productive and enjoyable time together.

One of the most rewarding experiences is coming together with others who share common interests. To ensure that our annual conference continues to foster camaraderie, academic growth, and subject-matter enrichment, I urge you to continue to submit proposals for programs and/or papers that will be useful and interesting to all delegates.

This year's conference is sure to be an exciting one. We hope that not only will the participants gain new insights into the role of languages in our society, but also leave with a renewed vigor to impart gained insights into our future multi-linguists.

Sincerely,

Katrina

Katrina F. Howard-Reeves

Vice President for Programs, MFLA

Dear MFLA friends,

It has been an honor to be your Second Vice-President for the last two years. I appreciate each of you and your dedication to MFLA. As my time in office dwindles, I am asking you for help. Your outreach and participation is needed to help us become a better organization. Please help us grow by reaching out to those non-members around you. Just think: we have the potential to grow 100% this year if each of us recruits just one new member.



Secondly, you can help by participating during the conference, by presenting during workshops, and by taking on leadership roles in the MFLA and in your community. Nothing is greater than the sum of its parts. Each of you is a vital member. Your talents and strengths are important and needed.

Our annual conference is fast approaching. If you have not already done so, I urge you to send in your MFLA membership dues and conference registration form now. Please note that your meals are included *only* if you are staying at Lake Tiak-O'Khata. If you are not staying at the conference center you will need to purchase your meals as taken. Please note as well that membership in the MFLA and the memberships in the teachers' organizations are not one and the same. We do encourage you to join your AAT group, but we do not offer an inclusive membership package. (For the AATF, please contact Deborah Powell at dpowell@ossd.k12.ms.us; for the AATG, please contact Geoffrey Acker at geofacker@yahoo.com; and for the AATSP, please contact Felice Coles at fcoles@olemiss.edu).

I look forward to seeing you at the conference in October. I am even more excited to hear your presentations (HINT! HINT!). Remember, all forms are due no later than September 30.

We need YOU! See you soon,

Nikki Musgrove



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This fall, MFLA Board Members will be accepting nominations for the positions of **President**, **First Vice-President**, and **Second Vice-President** of the Mississippi Foreign Language Association. The nominations are open for members-at-large of the MFLA. For information about the duties of each office, visit the official website at www.msfla.org. After the Board has approved the nominations, members will vote during the annual meeting of MFLA.

Please remember that the MFLA is *our* organization. We exist for the advancement of learning and teaching of languages other than English in Mississippi. Therefore, *every* member is important to this organization's survival. We need you to volunteer, regardless of the language you teach, the level you teach, or the number of years you have taught.

If you would like to be considered for the nomination of either of these positions, please contact Debi Honnoll or Nikki Musgrove as soon as possible.

Debi Honnoll
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dhonnoll@hotmail.com
662-563-3656

Nikki Musgrove
anryals@yahoo.com

Call for Proposals

Mississippi Foreign Language Association 2006 Annual Conference

**Friday and Saturday
October 27-28, 2006**

**Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort
Near Louisville, MS**

_ Please consider submitting a proposal for our next annual conference. You may give a workshop, a presentation, or read a formal paper. You may propose a session or part of a session (in TIPS for instance), to present alone or with others. We want to hear from people who teach in all languages, including TESOL, the less commonly taught languages, and the usual Spanish and French. We do not have themes or limitations on your subject matter, so feel free to share items you feel have worked in the classroom or your thoughts on literatures and cultures.

_ To submit a proposal, please fill out a "Conference Proposal Form," which is available on the web, at www.msfla.org. On this web page, click on "Conferences and Forms" in the banner across the top. Next click on the link for the "conference proposal form" and then print a copy. You may make multiple copies and give them to your colleagues and friends. Submit it by September 30th, please!

_ We offer free registration for those who present from out-of-state. Please don't hesitate to pass this along to your friends in neighboring states!

_ For reservations or maps of Lake Tiak-O'Khata resort, please contact them directly on the web at: <http://www.ltok.com/>, by phone: (662) 773-7853, Toll-Free (888)-845-6151, fax (662) 773-4555, or by email at LTOK@LTOK.COM. Directions: From Memphis: Take I-55 South to Winona. Left on Hwy.82 to Eupora. Take the Eupora exit and then right on Hwy 9 to Ackerman. At end of Hwy. 9, take left and then the next right (Hwy. 15 S.) at the 4-way stop. As you come close to Louisville follow billboards to Lake Tiak O'Khata; approximately 180 miles from Memphis. From Jackson: Take Hwy. 25 N., (Lakeland Drive turns into Hwy. 25). Look for billboards, approximately 85-90 miles from Jackson.

**2006 MFLA Membership Application (November 1, 2006 – October 31, 2007)
2006 MFLA Conference Registration Form (Oct. 27-28, 2006, Lake Tiak O'Khata)**

MAILING INFORMATION Is this a change of address? YES _____ NO _____
 Title (Check one) Dr. _____ Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ Other _____

PERSONAL	PROFESSIONAL
Name _____	School _____
Address _____	School Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Fax _____	Fax _____
E-mail _____	E-mail _____

Preferred Mailing Address: ___ School ___ Home
 May we include you in our include Membership Directory: ___ School ___ Home ___ do not include
 Would you be willing to receive the *Crusader* electronically? ___ Yes ___ No
 What languages do you teach? _____
 What is your current assignment? ___ teacher ___ administrator ___ methods instructor ___ student
 At what level do you teach/administer?
 ___ elementary ___ middle/junior high ___ high school ___ community college ___ undergraduate ___ graduate
 May we contact you regarding your participation in a MFLA committee? ___ Yes ___ No

MFLA BASIC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (Select one)

- ___ Regular \$ 20
- ___ First-year teacher \$ 5
- ___ Graduate student \$ 5
- ___ Institutional \$ 50
- ___ Patron/Sponsor \$ 100

Basic Annual Membership Fee

\$ _____

MFLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (Select one)

- ___ Regular Pre-Registration \$ 20
 (Must be postmarked before September 30, 2006)
- ___ On-site Registration \$ 25
- ___ First-year teacher conference registration \$ 5
- ___ Graduate student conference registration \$ 5
- ___ Non-member (Attends meetings but does not join MFLA) \$ 40

Annual Conference Registration=

\$ _____

Total (Basic Annual Membership Fee + Conference Registration)

\$ _____

Graduate students must include a letter certifying student status from Director of Graduate Studies. First-year teachers must submit a letter from their principal certifying new teacher status.

Make checks payable to MFLA.

Return to: Vernon LaCour, P. O. Box 7507, Gulfport, MS 39506-7507

For office use: Check # _____
 Personal _____ School _____
 P. O. # _____

Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort
P. O. Box 160, Smyth Lake Road
Louisville, Mississippi 39339
Phone 662-773-7853 Fax 662-773-4455
Toll Free 1-888-845-6151

Mississippi Foreign Language Association Annual Conference
October 27-28

Room Reservations at Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort

Please mail form to the resort or contact them by telephone to reserve a room. MFLA is not responsible for lodging.

Prices include Friday's night lodging (October 27), lunch and supper Friday, Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch. Please contact Lake O'Khata Resort to make your lodging arrangements before October 2, 2006.

***** please check one*****

Rates:	_____ Single	\$101.28
	_____ Double	\$ 77.19 per person
	_____ Triple	\$ 67.08 per person
	_____ Quad	\$ 62.27 per person

Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

Credit Card _____

Expiration Date _____

Roommate (s) _____

Be sure to list roommate(s)

Check in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out is 11:00 a.m. Anyone arriving prior to that time will be roomed as soon as possible, but a short wait may be necessary. When making reservations, a certain motel room may be requested, but the Resort cannot promise any specific room. (Non-smoking rooms available.)

Mississippi Foreign Language Association - 2006 Conference Proposal Form

October 27-28

Friday 9:00 a.m. - Saturday 12:00 p.m.

Please type or print legibly.

Session Title _____

Name of Presenter or Chair _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Street Address _____

School _____

Department _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type of Session ___Paper ___Roundtable ___Workshop _____Other

Time Needed ___20 minutes ___one hour ___1 1/2 hours _____Other

Description of session content: (Include another page if you need more room.)

Language Focus:
___All languages ___French ___German ___Latin ___ESL ___Spanish _____Other

Level Focus: ___Elementary ___Middle ___Secondary ___College/University _____Other

Audio-Visual Equipment Needed: _____

We can provide only overhead projector/screen, TV/VCR, cassette recorder or CD player. If you need other equipment, we cannot promise we will be able to supply it. You may bring the equipment yourself, or contact the hotel and make arrangements. You will be charged the additional cost. Please inquire early, because arrangements will not be possible at the last minute.

Please return before September 30 to:

Katrina Howard-Reeves, Vice-President for Programs, MFLA
309 Sycamore Drive
Brandon, MS 39402

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News Notes for the *Mississippi Language Crusader*

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
October	September 15
February	January 15
May	April 15

Name _____

School _____

News of Interest: Year of Languages activities, study, travel, new courses or programs, innovations in existing programs, publications, ideas, comments, etc.

Department Chairs: Please indicate faculty changes, new department programs or updates on existing programs, etc.

Include another page if you need more room.

Send information to:
Dr. Felice Coles or Dr. Donald L. Dyer, Co-Editors
Mississippi Language Crusader
Department of Modern Languages
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The University of Mississippi
University, MS 38677

Phone: 662-915-7702 Fax: 662-915-1086 E-mail: fcoles@olemiss.edu

Preference is for electronic submission. thank you!

MISSISSIPPI FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

October 27-28, 2006

Lake Tiak O'Khata Resort
P.O. Box 160
Louisville, Mississippi 39339

EXHIBIT APPLICATION

NAME OF COMPANY/FIRM _____

ADDRESS _____
street state zip

PHONE _____ FAX _____ E-MAIL _____

PERSON AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR EXHIBIT _____
printed name

signature

NAME OF PERSON(S) WHO WILL BE PRESENT AT EXHIBIT _____

Will you need electrical outlets for your exhibit? Yes _____ no _____

Indicate any other special set-up that you need. _____

(There may be a charge for unusual set-up requests.)

Note your time and preference if you would like to sponsor a coffee break or reception.

FEE FOR EXHIBITING AT THE 2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION:

	Table	Half-table	Specify day/date
One day	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	Friday, October 27, 2006
	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	Saturday, October 28, 2006
Two days	\$150.00	\$100.00	Friday/Saturday, Oct. 27 th and 28 th
Total due			

If an exhibitor is unable to attend but donates or offers free display materials to MFLA and its members, display space will be provided at no cost to the exhibitor.

Make check payable to **MFLA** and return with this form to:

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2006 Helen T. Sharp Memorial Fellowship

The Helen T. Sharp Memorial Fellowship was established by the Mississippi Foreign Language Association in 2001 to help us remember Helen and her exemplary life and to encourage new teachers in their professional development. The Fellowship will pay membership dues and the annual conference registration fees for two first-year teachers and for two graduate students each year. Selection of the recipients will be based on 1) completion of the application form, 2) a letter of recommendation from a colleague, principal, or department head, and 3) a one-page statement written by the applicant about his/her philosophy of teaching a second language. Send the completed application, letter of recommendation, and statement of philosophy on or before September 30 to:

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Name of applicant _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Are you: a first-year teacher? _____ a graduate student? _____

Name and contact information of person making recommendation: _____

Date recommendation was requested: _____

Note: It is the obligation of the applicant to ask for the recommendation. This information is requested for our records.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR MFLA 2006 AWARD OF DISTINCTION

In 1995, Teresa Arrington received the first Award of Distinction from MFLA for outstanding service and dedication. Subsequent recipients are: 1996 – Elizabeth Anglin, University of Southern Mississippi; Dr. Giovanni Fontecchio, University of Southern Mississippi; Solange Frappier – Gulfport High School; Dr. Hans Gaycken, University of Mississippi; Josefina Rayburn, Tupelo High School; 1997 – Dr. Sarah Banks, Jackson State University; Dr. Ben Blaney, Mississippi State University; Dr. Jack Brown, University of Mississippi; Dr. Charles Martin, Mississippi College; Jeanne Wells Cook, Foreign Language Consultant, Mississippi Department of Education; 1998 – Dr. Elaine Coney, Southwest Mississippi Community College; 1999 – Gail Buzhardt, Millsaps College; Dr. Barbara Dease, Tougaloo College; Dr. Richard Klein, University of Mississippi; Louis Rowles, Nettleton Schools; Helen Sharp, Mississippi State University; 2000 – Brenda Batey, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Lauren Bearden, Columbus High School; 2004 – Dr. George Everett, University of Mississippi, Dr. Robert Kahn, Millsaps College; 2005 Dr. Robert Quinn, Jackson State University.

Considering the number of loyal MFLA members who have retired and are approaching retirement, the Board will again recognize up to five distinguished members. The awards will be presented at the 2006 MFLA Annual Meeting. All MFLA members in good standing may submit nominees who exhibit the following qualities:

- Excellence in foreign language teaching
- Active participation in MFLA (member, registrant, presenter, officer, committee member, officer, etc.)
- Evidence of leadership and promotion of foreign language teaching and learning
- Professional involvement in one or more foreign language organization other than MFLA.

An individual may not submit a nomination on behalf of himself or herself.

To nominate a member, please send the following:

1. a letter of nomination that includes the nominee's name and address, present position, role in the foreign language profession and MFLA, capacity in which the nominator has known the candidate, and detailed evidence of the ways in which the candidate meets the criteria for the award (not to exceed one page),
2. evidence of the nominee's acceptance of the nomination,
3. a biographical profile which may include education, employment, professional memberships/activities, honors (not to exceed three pages),
4. one letter of recommendation (may submit up to three letters) by someone other than the nominating individual (each letter not to exceed one page).

All above documentation must be typed and should be submitted in a sealed envelope by September 30, 2006 to:

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