

OHIO FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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To: President, OFLA
Fr: Barry Thomas, Chair, By-laws Committee
Re: Annual Report

The By-laws of the OFLA charge this committee with the following duties and responsibilities:

Article VII

(f) (i) The By-Laws Committee shall regularly review the By-Laws of the Association and shall notify the Executive Board when provisions of the By-Laws fail to be observed.

(ii) The By-Laws shall accept and consider suggested revisions from members and/or shall originate suggested revisions, and shall submit these suggested revisions with appropriate recommendations to the Executive Board no later than the regularly scheduled and announced Executive Board meeting prior to the Annual Conference.

(iii) A Past-President of the Association shall serve as Chairperson of the By-Laws Committee.

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This year the committee prepared amendments to the By-laws 1) to correct inconsistencies in the document; and 2) to simplify the By-laws so that the Board can respond more expeditiously to the needs of the membership. The changes are not quite ready for a vote at this year's conference, but will be presented for a vote in 2011.

The study of the Policies Document revisions, which necessarily had to wait upon the By-laws revisions, continues. It is a complex process that deserves much consultation on the board among the various committees affected. This will be a task for the new chair of the By-laws Comm., since I am stepping down after several enjoyable years on the job.

It has been a pleasure working with the committee members and I wish to thank them for their time and contributions: Mark Himmelein, Mary

Goodwin, Marian Walters and Lori Winne.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Thomas
Chair