

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL TEACHER STANDARDS

The commission continues work on its projects: (1) helping French teachers work toward National Professional Teaching Standards, (2) a research project to examine the perceptions of AATF members with regard to their teacher efficacy through the pursuit of national Standard, (3) promotion the study of French and Francophone cultures, and (4) new business: supporting the development of a Graduate Teaching Assistants' group.

Helping French teachers work toward National Professional Teaching Standards

One area in which we have been consistent is in creating opportunities for French teachers to learn more about the National Board Certification. This was accomplished through several session presentations:

- Todd Bowen and Samantha Godden-Chmielowicz presented "All About National Board Certification" at the AATF Conference in Quebec City (2005).
- Mariane Sandberg presented at the Iowa World Language Association Conference (2005) with two NBC colleagues—one who teaches Spanish and one who teaches German—and put together a presentation tying together the NBC Standards and the Iowa Teacher Quality Initiative Standards.
- Susan Colville-Hall, Andea La Combe, and Davara Potel presented "Questions about the NBC Process: National Board Certified Teachers Tell Their Story" at the ACTFL Conference (2005).
- Susan Colville-Hall also presented at the Ohio Foreign Language Association (2006), "What you need to know about National Board Certification," and wrote an article for the *OFLA Cardinal*, "National Board Certification: You Can Do It! "Many examples were in French and most attendees were French teachers.
- Susan Colville-Hall and Anne Jensen presented at the Commission session at the AATF Convention (2006).

The Commission's goal is to keep a list of all those who want to promote French teachers' pursuit of National Board certification and to promote the study of French along the way. The Commission intends to move forward with research and a publication to promote National Board Certification.

Todd Bowen has been asked to serve as Commission Co-Chair beginning at the 2006 AATF Convention to bring more issues and concerns of teachers to the attention of this Committee.

Promotion of the study of French and Francophone cultures. It is hoped that the Commission will receive a Fulbright-Hays Grant to take French teachers to Senegal.

This study abroad project would be open to AATF members.

New Business. In addition, the commission supported the birth of a new and very important group to AATF, the Graduate Teaching Assistants. Thanks to Tina Hargaden from the Portland State University, AATF was able to sponsor the first meeting of this group of young professionals at the 2005 AATF Montreal meeting. This Commission was proud to launch the future of AATF.

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