





As the New Year approaches, it's once again time to add a NYSA-Resolution to your list.

Please consider one of the following:

- Register to attend NYSAFLT's three major events.
  - ✓ Colloquium: **April 27 – 28**, Binghamton
  - ✓ Summer Institute: **August 7 – 10**, SUNY Oneonta
  - ✓ Annual Conference: **October 5 – 6**, Saratoga
- Apply for one of our travel scholarships or grants.
- Submit a proposal to our Speakers Bureau or Annual Conference.
- Attend one of our very informative webinars.
- Recruit a new member to our NYSAFLT family.
- Participate in our Website of the Year or Videocast Contests.
- Nominate a deserving colleague for a NYSAFLT award.
- Use our website as a resource for tools to promote language study and to advocate for your programs.

My final kudos of the year go to:

☺ **Deb Carlson** for chairing an amazing Annual Conference, as well as to all the Conference Committee chairs and volunteers for their generous contribution to the event, to the many presenters who informed and enlightened their audiences, and to **Ginny Levine** and the past presidents who joined Deb in creating a memorable tribute to **Bob Ludwig**.

☺ **Ken Hughes** for making NYSAFLT a leader among the social media and technologies.

☺ You, the LOTE teachers, professors, and supervisors, who provide the best possible opportunities for our students to become truly global citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I'd also like to add a special thank you to **Sue Hochmuth** for five years of leadership on the NYSAFLT Executive Committee, to **Roseann Lorefice** for providing new definition to the role of Assistant Director over the past three years, and to **AnnMarie Rudin** for all her diligent work and cheerful assistance at headquarters. I invite you all to welcome **Francesco Fratto** as our incoming Second Vice President, and **Barb Patterson** as our new Assistant Director.

As the New Year begins, many of us are feeling the pressures of New York's new initiatives directed from the Race to the Top and correlation to the new Common Core Standards. It is important to know that NYSAFLT provides a constant source of information and resources to help respond to these changes. Stay positive, and even more importantly, stay proactive.

I wish you all a New Year filled with love, joy, and accomplishment. My best wishes to **Mary Holmes** as she steps to the helm of NYSAFLT leadership as the 2012 President.

Sincerely,

*Nancy H. Ketz*



## Conferences

Save the dates for all three 2012 conferences! [Registration details and more information](#) will be available in the new year.

### NYS AFLT 2012 Colloquium

The NYS AFLT 2012 Colloquium, "*Expectations for Language Learning: Looking through the Lens of Assessment*", will be held **April 27-28** at the Riverwalk in Binghamton. This year's event will be in collaboration with ACTFL and the Language Resource Center at Cornell University. Paul Sandrock, ACTFL Associate Director of Professional Development, will be the Colloquium keynote speaker and will present a pre-conference workshop. Paul will also speak at the Language Resource Center at Cornell University on **Thursday** evening, **April 26**. Attendees will be encouraged to participate in both events. This year's Colloquium Chairperson, **Deb Carlson**, looks forward to seeing you there. Without a doubt, this timely topic of assessment is guaranteed to generate interesting, lively discussion and ideas. Stay tuned for details!

### NYS AFLT 2012 Summer Institute

The NYS AFLT 2012 Summer Institute, "*A K-16 Seamless Program: Inspiring Our Language Learners*", will be held **August 7-10** in Oneonta, NY. This year's Summer Institute Chairperson is **Francesco Fratto** of Half Hollow Hills CSD.

### NYS AFLT 2012 Annual Conference

The NYS AFLT 2012 Conference, "*Many Cultures, One World: A Celebration of Diversity*", will be held **October 5-6**. This year's Annual Conference Chairperson is **Bill Anderson** of Massapequa CSD.

## Regional News

### Buffalo Region

WNYFLEC recently held its Fall Meeting to kick off the 2011-2012 school year. WNYFLEC and NYS AFLT member **Bill Heller** spoke on "The New York State of LOTE: Danger and Opportunity. Bill's presentation focused on LOTE and the Common Core, and how we as LOTE teachers can promote the Common Core requirements in our own curriculum.

In addition, WNYFLEC is currently accepting workshop proposals for the 2012 Regional Conference. The conference will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2012** at West Seneca West Middle School and this year's theme is "*Get Inspired by Foreign Language*". The WNYFLEC/NYS AFLT conference has traditionally been one of the largest language gatherings in New York State, drawing from as far east as Rochester and as far south as the state border. The conference will include approximately 15 workshops for foreign language teachers. In addition, the conference design allows ample opportunity for participants to browse exhibitor displays and shop for materials to enhance their students' learning and achievement. **Please consider presenting a workshop at our conference this year.** You are sure to have an eager audience of foreign language educators spanning from elementary levels to college. Foreign language teachers are known for continuously seeking the best and most captivating materials and ideas to create the optimum learning environment for their students. Please share your experience, enthusiasm and expertise with us; you will have a



highly interested audience and we are sure that it will be well worth your time to join us! If you are interested in presenting, please [click here](#) to contact **JoAnn Thomasson**, Regional Conference Co-Chair.

Finally, the deadline for the WNYFLEC Poster Contest is January 13, 2012. [Click here](#) to check the “Awards and Contests” page.

## Capital Region

Congratulations to **Mike Mitchell** of Bethlehem Central School District as he completes his three-year term as director for NYSAFLT’s Capital Region. **Maureen Geagan** of Mohonasen School District will begin her term in **January**. We send good thoughts to them both.

The Capital Region was well represented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Rochester. COLT Treasurer, **Lisa Serafini - Alonzi**, presented a workshop. Active member, **Lizette Liebold**, assembled a troupe of TPRS experts to create a weekend-long strand of workshops on Comprehensible Input. **Jeff Brown** pumped us up with a presentation on *Le Petit Prince*.

COLT is planning its fall meeting. It will take place at TOPS Diner in November. We plan to discuss The Common Core as well as other issues arising in our field. Please [click here](#) for more information.

The 2012 COLT/NYSAFLT Regional Conference will be **Saturday, March 24, 2012** at Mohonasen School District. As the planning committee gets more information, it will be posted [here](#).

If you are interested in planning a workshop or being a member of the conference planning committee, please [click here](#) to contact COLT president, **Maureen Geagan**.



Capital Region members (left to right): **Al Martino**, **Mike Mitchell**, and **Leslie Kudlack**.

Regional Directors: [Mike Mitchell](#) and [Leslie Kudlack](#)

## Long Island Region

AATSP Fall Workshops were held on **Saturday, October 22** at Jericho Middle School. Presenters included Lisa Dunn, **Janice Kincaid**, Lisa Silveri, **Anahí Walton-Schafer** and Araceli Vidal. For a summary of events of the morning, as well as information on upcoming events, [click here](#) to see the new website.

Amelie Czekaj (MHS-Ames Campus) and her students were chosen to present a segment as part of the “Día De Los Muertos” videoconference event through an organizing group in Texas. This live event, which took place on **November 2**, was part of a collaborative effort by classes from around the country that led presentations and activities throughout the day.

LILT organized a field trip to SUNY College at Old Westbury on **November 17** to attend a concert by “Eco del Sur.” Over 700 students from five school districts from both Nassau and Suffolk counties participated in this event.



Over 450 LILT members registered to attend the 2011 LILT Annual Conference on **November 5** at SUNY College at Old Westbury.

LILT will offer Professional Development Workshops from February to April. Details will be posted in January.

### Mid-Hudson Region

ALoud, the Association of Language Teachers of Orange, Ulster, Dutchess and Surrounding Counties, provides over fifteen hours of professional development workshops throughout the school year. We would like to extend a special thank you to **Mary Holmes** for her October presentation of “*LOTE Teacher Input to Student Output*” and for providing a Q & A regarding LOTE exams.

On **November 3** various ALoud members shared “*The Best of NYSAFLT 2011: The Summer Institute and the Annual Conference.*”

Future meeting dates include **Wednesday, December 7** and **Wednesday, February 1** (snow date **Thursday, February 2**) for “*Making the Most of Foreign Films*” and **Thursday, April 26**. All workshops are from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at SUNY Ulster. Save the date for the **ALoud/NYSAFLT** Annual Conference on **Saturday, March 17** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



**Mary Holmes** presenting “*LOTE Teacher Input to Student Output*” and ALoud participants.



Mid-Hudson members at the NYSAFLT Conference: (from top left to bottom right) **Diana Zuckerman, Mary Holmes, Geraldine Popko, Teresa Schirmer, Leslie Kudlack, Virginia Cambareri, Ana Gatta** and **Jeanne Blank**.



Mid-Hudson members at the NYSAFLT Conference: (from left to right) **Paula Kloufas, Jim Sullivan, Diana Zuckerman, Mary Holmes, Jennifer Pizzarello, Jenny Delfini** and **Jennifer Hunt**.

If you would like more information about **ALoud** and the full 2011-2012 **ALoud** calendar, please contact [Ana Gatta](#) or [Diana Zuckerman](#).



The Ulster BOCES World Languages Work Group provides collaborative workshops throughout the school year. The Work Group will be meeting on **Thursday, December 1** (snow date **Tuesday, December 6**) for “*Cultural Interactive Activities*.” Bring international food to share. On **Wednesday, February 22** (snow date **Thursday, February 23**) teachers will share “*Music and Motion for LOTE*,” on **Wednesday, March 21** (snow date **Thursday, March 22**) the topic will be “*Podcasting*” and on **Thursday, May 3** the topic will be “*Creating and Sharing Final Projects*.” All workshops are from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Work Group meets at Ulster BOCES in New Paltz.

If you know of any events of interest to LOTE teachers in the Mid-Hudson Valley, please let us know. You can contact the NYSAFLT Mid-Hudson Regional Directors, [Geraldine Popko](#) or [Diana Zuckerman](#).

We would like to thank [Geraldine Popko](#) and [Diana Zuckerman](#) for their terms as the Mid-Hudson Regional Directors. As of **January 2012** your NYSAFLT regional directors will be [Leslie Kudlack](#), [Enzina Zaino](#), and [Roxanne Franquelli](#). Please [click here](#) to check the NYSAFLT Regional News webpage for information about what’s going on in our region and other regions. We hope to see you at all or some of our regional events!

### New York City Region

On **October 29, 2011**, 331 LOTE Teachers dedicated their Saturday to attend the NYCAFLT/UFT-NYSAFLT 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Conference themed, “*LOTE Education: New Solutions for New Challenges*” at the UFT Headquarters in Manhattan.

Welcomed by Workshop Chairperson, Karen Cooper, participants were introduced to distinguished guests. George Altomare, the UFT Professional Committees’ Liaison, spoke about solidarity and the importance of uniting foreign language teachers.

During the plenary session, [Irma Evangelista](#), President of NYCAFLT, honored [Rosa Riccio-Pietanza](#) with the first Robert J. Ludwig Award for dedication and service to the foreign language teaching profession. NYSAFLT Webmaster [Ken Hughes](#) offered insights into the current state of foreign languages in NYS and spoke to teachers about making foreign language programs relevant. “Creating an irresistible foreign language program will ensure that it will not be cut.”

LOTE teachers braved the early arrival of the first snowstorm of the year to enjoy breakfast and lunch, raffle awards, as well as the opportunity to meet with publishers and vendors. Throughout the day participants shared best practices and had the opportunity to network with other foreign language educators. Participants were able to attend any three of 25 workshops on various topics such as “*Foreign Language in the Elementary Setting*”, “*Technology and Music in the Foreign Language Classroom*”, “*Looking at Teacher Effectiveness*”, “*Learning Styles*”, and “*Creating an International Language and Cultural Exchange for Students*”.

The Planning Committee is looking forward to next year’s conference to invite fellow LOTE educators to take advantage of professional development opportunities here in New York City. The next conference sponsored by the NYC-Long Island committee will take place in **April 2012**.

Regional Directors: [Robin Thompson](#) and [Anahi Walton-Schafer](#)

### Northern-East Region

In January of this year, the Friday Night Spanish Conversation Group was begun by NYSAFLT member, [Mary Lou Leavitt](#), Spanish teacher at Northern Adirondack Central High School in Ellenburg Depot,



NY and at Clinton Community College in Plattsburgh. The group meets on Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Koffee Kat Café, 130 Margaret Street in Plattsburgh, to converse in Spanish and to discuss Latino culture. Members include area language teachers, high school and university students, and other community citizens. The group is currently planning its celebration of one year in existence.

### Northern-West Region

The fall meeting of the Northern-West region was held on **October 29** with 26 people in attendance, including several students from SUNY Potsdam and from St. Lawrence University, where the meeting was held. We were honored by the presence of **Sue Hochmuth** who gave an excellent presentation on NYSAFLT and an update on the Regents situation in New York State. The other presentations were on Web 2.0, with information about many applications and examples of actual class use, and on the AP program. The hot topics of the day were definitely advocacy for LOTE programs and the creation of local assessments.



NYSAFLT Northern-West Regional Conference presenters (left to right): **Rita Goldberg**, **Sue Hochmuth**, and **Gisele El Khoury**.

### Rochester Region

Students from Honeoye Central School hosted students from Lycée Bréquigny in Rennes, France for 10 days this **October**. Students stayed with families and toured the Rochester and Finger Lakes area. One of their favorite field trips was a visit with the students in School 36. This is the first part of our exchange.

In **March of 2012**, 35 students from Honeoye will travel to France and will be welcomed by their pen pals. They will spend a week with families touring Brittany and Normandy before ending their visit with a day and half stay in Paris. This is the fourth time Honeoye has hosted students from Lycée Bréquigny. This exchange benefits not only the students, but also their families and the entire community. It is through this exchange that long-lasting friendships have formed. Former students often write to tell about visiting their pen pals they met through the exchange. The Rennes/Rochester Sister Committee was instrumental in helping to set up this exchange and is looking for other interested schools. What a wonderful way to open eyes up to the world!



## Southern Tier Region

The Southern Tier Regional Conference in Watkins Glen was a success, thanks to all its dedicated members. Teachers from across the Southern Tier met on **October 24** to share ideas and gain new ones. The conference theme was "*LOTE in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning*". **Nancy Ketz** presented our keynote address and offered great advice to our members. The conference would not have been a success without the help of our presenters: **Maria Chedzoy**, **Christy Frembes-Boise**, **Marisol Marcin**, **Katherine Meierjurgen**, **Molly Pioch**, **Elizabeth Russell** and **Nancy Wallace**. Thank you very much for everything you do!

## Syracuse Region

There has been so much going on in the Syracuse Region that it will be difficult to fit everything into this article. Language learning is so highly represented in this region that I am proud to write the happenings in our area.

First of all, there was the AATF meeting in Syracuse in the Onondaga Free Public Library on **October 29**. **Françoise Piron** and Mary Ellen Shevalier of South Jefferson High School discussed the topic, "*Voice and Choice: intégration culturelle: The power of language and media to engage 21st century learners.*" Throughout the workshop, they gave their audience ways of pushing our students into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with language and media. It was fascinating and really inspirational to see the future of language and learning as a whole. This was then followed up by two different workshops. **Denise Mahns** from Fayetteville Manlius HS presented "*Meeting the Challenge of Checkpoint C*" and **Michael Day** from Hamilton Central School presented "*Higher Level Language Learning with Technology.*" Both were excellent and we thank everyone for volunteering their time to promote French and different techniques for teaching language!

There was also an amazing workshop through LECNY at the Syracuse Zoo! This was a great new approach for meeting and discussing ways to promote and teach language. In the end, there was a tour of the zoo, which was a splendid touch to a very informative day. For those of you who were there, don't forget about the power outage and then the fire alarm, leaving the workshop attendees out in the cold for a few minutes. It was a workshop to remember and everyone seemed to have a really great time.

The keynote speaker was **Marie Campanaro** from Cosgrove Middle School in the Spencerport School District. She was inspirational and discussed how all of us can take the next step and write to our representatives to express how important it is to advocate for languages and support our programs. She was great!

Thank you to our presenters: **Harry Tuttle**, who presented "*Increasing Language Fluency Through Formative Assessment*" and "*Cells/Mobile Learning improves Language Learning*"; **Regina Kekis** and Virginia Vaughan who presented "*Exploring Humanitarian Law: A Tool for Teaching and Learning*"; and **Nathan Lutz** who presented "*Beyond Flashcards: Using Images to Encode Language*".

Thank you to everyone who participated. It was an absolutely fantastic day!



## Westchester Region

PoWeRFuL kicked off the year with a great swap and shop style workshop on music. Each attendee left with a variety of user-friendly materials. At the **November 5** workshop, attendees had the opportunity to watch and reflect on various NYS AFLT webinars.

The regional meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 5** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Details will follow. There is also a scholarship essay contest that is due on **February 1**. All seniors whose teachers are members of PoWeRFuL may apply. Please [click here](#) to contact us.

## AATF of Central NY



Presenters **Swaz Piron** and Mary Alice Shevalier stand by the poster that summarizes their unique work with students in the classroom.



AATF of Central NY President **Alice Manning** welcomed participants to the Fall Workshop.

On **October 29, 2011** AATF/CNY began the year with its annual Fall Workshop entitled “*Curriculum, Cooperation, Collaboration, Cuisine*”. Forty area French educators met at the Onondaga Free Library in Syracuse and started the morning with a chapter business meeting. Dates of upcoming events, advocacy initiatives, and local issues were all discussed.

The keynote presentation “*Voice and Choice: Intégration Culturelle. The Power of Language and Media to Engage 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners*” by the authors of *World Class - The Re-education of America*, **Françoise Piron**, French Teacher and Mary Ellen Shevalier, Art Teacher from South Jefferson High School was well-received and inspired many to collaborate with teachers of other curricula to further inspire, engage and prepare their students for the global world in which they live.

After a short “pause-café”, teachers chose between two workshops. **Denise Mahns** from Fayetteville Manlius High School facilitated the workshop “*Meeting the Challenge of Checkpoint C*”, where upper-level French 4 and 5 teachers shared thematic ideas in a swapshop format. In his workshop entitled “*Higher Level Language Learning with Technology*” **Michael Day** from Hamilton High School shared new ways to use simple technology to expand students’ language skills.



The morning ended with a luncheon and collegial conversation. The meal, prepared by a newly formed group of retired French teachers called Les Chefs d'Or, was a pleasant ending to a productive morning. Upcoming chapter events are shown below with details available in the next edition of *Le Cocorico*, our newsletter.

**December 1, 2011** Film Night at the Manlius Library - *Joyeux Noël*; Manlius, New York

**March 8, 2012** The National French Exam

**April 28, 2012** Spring Workshop

[Click here](#) to contact AATF/CNY President **Alice N. Manning**.



**Michael Day**, NYSAFLT Director, and **Denise Mahns**, French teacher at Fayetteville-Manlius HS, were the mini-session presenters.



Retiree chefs, "Les Chefs d'Or," provided the meal for the workshop: (from left to right) **Alice Manning**, **Roseann Loreface**, **Betty O'Hara**, **Donyce McCloskey**, **MaryAnne Cooper** and **Georgette Schmidt**.

## National Network for Early Language Learning

# NNELL

It was great to see many of our NY NNELL members at the NYSAFLT Annual Conference in Rochester. There was a variety of FLES workshops including "*Actively Engaging Early Language Learners from Day One*", "*Integrating FLES with Other Disciplines*" and "*FLESSing Along*."

NNELL recently held the Northeast Regional Workshop, "*Language Communities: Engaging Digital Natives*" in Glastonbury, Connecticut. Sessions included "*Building Community Through Children's Literature*", "*The Digital Storybooks*" and "*Traveling to Mexico with the Monarch Butterfly*."

We would love for NYSAFLT members to also become members of NNELL. NNELL membership runs from **September** through **August**, so now is the perfect time to renew or to become a new member. Some reasons to become a NNELL member include:



- NNELL is the primary national organization in the US that promotes, supports, advocates for and is specifically geared towards early language education, birth through Grade 8.
- NNELL provides professional development opportunities at NNELL's annual Summer Institute, NNELL's Northeast regional conference, at ACTFL, NECTFL, NYSAFLT and NYSAFLT regional conferences.
- NNELL provides members with updated early language-related news in the spring and fall issues of the publication *Learning Languages*, three issues of the electronic newsletter *E-NNELL Notes*, and three issues of the *NNELL National Networking Newsletter*. NNELL members are also invited to share news about their programs in the newsletters and to submit entries for *Learning Languages*.
- NNELL members have access to the "Members only section" of the [NNELL website](#), which has many invaluable resources available for early language educators and advocates.
- NNELL's commitment to early foreign language learning supports our children and our profession!

NY NNELL members have their own Google Group. This group provides a forum for NY NNELL members to communicate, share and request information, post questions and comments, collaborate and connect with other NY NNELL members throughout NY State regarding world languages.



NY NNELL members **Diana Zuckerman** (left) and **Melissa Stahl** (right) at the NNELL Northeast Regional Workshop.



NY NNELL members at the NYSAFLT Annual Conference in Rochester: (left to right) **John Carlino**, **Bill Anderson**, **Diana Zuckerman**, **Sue Hochmuth**, **Toni Johnson**, **Leslie Kudlack** and **Joanne O'Toole**.

For more information about NNELL, [click here](#) or contact your state representative. Thank you!

[Diana Zuckerman](#), NYS NNELL Representative

## Public Advocacy

The struggle to maintain our programs and LOTE graduation requirements has made many positive forward strides, most notably with the recent visits of **Roseann Lorefice** and **Alice Manning** to the offices of State Senators John DeFrancisco (chairman of the Senate Finance Committee) and David Valesky. Both Senators wrote to Commissioner King urging the reinstatement of foreign language Regents exams.

This is the most critical time for NYSAFLT members to make personal visits to their state legislators. They will be in their home offices through January. Review the documents and speaking points on NYSAFLT's Public Advocacy web pages. Make a folder with some of the articles to leave with your Senator or Representative. Ask them to write a letter on behalf of LOTE education programs.



November's Election Day often means new members have been elected to your school district's school board. Write to your new members to thank them for their dedication to promoting effective programs in your district. Send along a copy of documents or portions of documents that advocate for our programs. The National Education Associations "*The Benefits of Second Language Study*," **Therese Sullivan Caccavale's** "*Foreign Language Education: The Great Equalizer*," and ACTFL's "*Are Students Prepared for a Global Society*," are some excellent documents to pass along.

Please share your positive news! When you get a response from a legislator, Regent or school board member, we need to know. When your program events or editorial submissions are featured in area publications, we need to share the information. Please send your good news to [Marie Campanaro](#).

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following members on being elected to NYSAFLT leadership positions:

### OFFICERS

President Elect

**Deborah Carlson**

First Vice-President

**William Anderson**

Second Vice-President

**Francesco L. Fratto**

### REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Capital-East 2012-13 and 2012-14

**Kathryn Inhelder** – Two-year term

**Maureen Geagan** – Three-year term

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Susan T. Barnes**

**Nathan D. Lutz**

**Rosemary Fry**

**Candace R. Black**

**Bruno Bernardino**

**Frank Rossi**

**Kate Stewart**

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**Robin Thompson**

**Anahi Walton-Schafer**

NYSAFLT congratulates **Marty Abbott** on her appointment to the position of Executive Director of ACTFL! Among her many accomplishments, Marty was the 2001 winner of the NYSAFLT Robert J. Ludwig National Distinguished Leadership Award. Please accept our best wishes for a smooth transition and great accomplishments in the years to come!

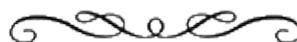
## From the Assistant Director

It has been my good fortune for the past three years to serve as your Assistant Director. In that time, I have worked with wonderful, cooperative, dedicated and hard-working committee chairpersons, directors, editors and officers of NYSAFLT. I thank you all!

For me, the position was challenging, interesting, rewarding and sometimes frustrating, but never boring. Although I will miss the interaction with the NYSAFLT membership, old NYSAFLTers never fade away; they are just appointed to other committees!!!

I wish my successor, **Barbara Patterson**, equally good fortune and a rewarding experience.

*-Roseann Lorefice*





## Mark Your Calendars!

### December

- 1 **Deadline:** Mead Scholar Award Applications
- 12-13 **Board of Regents Meeting, Albany**
- 15 **Webinar:** [Parents as Language Partners](#) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 15 **Deadline:** Final Standing Committee Reports to President; Expense Vouchers to Headquarters
- 31 **Membership Year Ends**

### January

- 1 **Membership Year Begins**
- 9-10 **Board of Regents Meeting, Albany**
- 15 **Deadline:** "Best of State" (Annual Conference) to NECTFL
- 15 **Deadline:** France Teacher Travel Award (varies - see application)
- 15 **Deadline:** Gertrude Rossin Cultural Grant Application
- 15 **Deadline:** Undergraduate and Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Student Scholarship Applications
- 15 **Deadline:** Zimmerman Travel Award Application
- 15 **Deadline:** James E. Allen Award Applications
- 15 **Deadline:** Hahn Outstanding FLES Program Award
- 15 **Deadline:** Hahn Teacher Award
- 19-21 **NYS AFLT Meetings:** Executive Committee; Board of Directors; Financial Management
- 19 **Webinar:** [Using Interactive Whiteboards in the Language Classroom](#) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

### February

- 1 **Deadline:** March Newsletter Submissions
- 1 **Deadline:** Journal Issue #1 Submissions
- 1 **Deadline:** Workshop Proposals for the Annual Conference
- 9 **Webinar:** [7 Strategies that Help Keep You in the Target Language](#) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 11 **NYS AFLT Meeting:** Executive Committee
- 13-14 **Board of Regents Meeting, Albany**

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