

October 12, 2018

To the WAFLT Board,

On behalf of teachers of Slavic and East European languages in Washington state, we ask the WAFLT board to recognize that we now have at least 10 members of WAFLT representing Slavic and East European languages, and we request to name a representative on behalf of our group. We are pursuing an affiliation with AATSEEL (American Association for Slavic and East European Languages), but for the time being we have established a Slavic/East European Teachers Association (SEETA), representing Washington and the Pacific NW region.

We have agreed to put forward the name of Vince Eberly, long-time WAFLT member, to represent our group on the WAFLT board. If possible, please approve this request in time for Vince to represent our association at the annual WAFLT board retreat in Leavenworth.

Some of our priority goals include:

- Promotion and expansion of Slavic and East European languages in K-12 and higher education.
- Outreach to Slavic and East European language communities in our state about World Language Competency-Based Credit Testing and the Seal of Biliteracy.
- Support for heritage language learners and community-based language schools.
- Professional development for teachers of Slavic and East European languages in our region and integration into the world language teaching profession.

Present:

Vince Eberly

Svetlana Abramova

Michele Anciaux Aoki

Paul Aoki

Tatiana Zaripova

Natalya Torvik

Anna Shatrova

Russell Hugo

Maria Lavelle

Tatyana Maharry

Bridget Yaden