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Our elected national officers work with the JALT Execu-
tive Board to administer NPO JALT. They can be con-
tacted at <jalt.org/main/contact>.

- Acting President: ............... Nathan Furuya
- Acting Vice President: ............ Richmond Stroupe
- Auditor: ....................... Caroline Lloyd
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- Director of Records: .............. Roehl Sybing
- Director of Program: ............. Steve Cornwell
- Director of Membership: ......... Buzz Green
- Director of Public Relations: .... Ted O’Neill

This month’s JALT Notices is a full one,
with the focus on the upcoming National
Officers’ elections. We urge you to vote—
even for positions that are uncontested—as
a show of support for those individuals who
dedicate their time to keeping our organisation
running as smoothly as it does.

We also welcome our newest Associate Mem-
ber, Atama-ii Books, with their new range of
ebooks now available. Sadly, we also bid a fond
farewell to longtime JALT member, Tom And-
erson who passed away recently.

Lots of information! And don’t forget to vote.

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JALT2014 Tsukuba site preview

On a beautiful spring Friday, Sarah Birchley
from the Conference Planning Committee, JALT
Central Office Staff, members of the Board of
Directors, and several Associate Members met
at Akihabara Station in Tokyo and boarded the
Tsukuba Express for the 45-minute trip to the
JALT2014 conference venue. This was the second
site visit of the year and was very productive.
Having representatives from the Associate
Members Working Group and other publishers
along with us was helpful in making sure plans
for our 40th anniversary conference are the best
possible. Atama-ii Books, Cengage Learning,
Cambridge University Press, englishbooks.jp,
Lexxica, Macmillan LanguageHouse, and Oxford
University Press all joined us for an orientation,
tour, and discussion session.

EPOCHAL Tsukuba is an international
convention center dedicated to academic confer-
ences. We were warmly greeted by a facility
advisor, Mr. Akira Kobayashi, who explained the
center resources, led us on a tour, and answered
all our questions. He clearly loves his job and
was delighted to help us. Everyone agreed that
the JALT2014 site is one of the best we have ever
seen. The spaces are open and attractive. Seating
is comfortable. The design is modern with lots
of natural light. And best of all, everything is
under one roof. Conference sessions and exhibi-
tor spaces will be distributed throughout the
building on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, too.
Conference-goers can expect a warm, commu-
nity feeling all 4 days at Tsukuba, starting with
the workshops on Friday.

The high atrium opens to all floors and most exhibit spaces.
Beautiful main hall for plenary speakers with excellent visibility and comfortable seating.

This large multi-purpose room will provide space for SIGs and special events.

We’re hoping for nice weather so we can enjoy an autumn afternoon break in the roof garden.

After the tour, we all returned to a comfortable meeting room where Sarah, Conference Business Manager, reviewed the conference plans so far, took questions from Associate Members, and got a lot of valuable feedback regarding registration, booth placement, and traffic flow through the site. Some of the wide corridor spaces are perfect for exhibitor tables, but will still allow people to move freely, spot old friends, and easily find the next session on their schedules. For more frequent updates about our international conference, more photos, and plenty of restaurant suggestions, visit <jalt.org/conference> or follow JALT2014 on social media: Facebook <facebook.com/JALT.conference> and Twitter <twitter.com/JALTConference>.

Obituary: Tom Anderson

Long time JALT member, Tom Anderson, 58, passed away suddenly last April at his home in Yokohama. He is deeply mourned by his wife, his daughter, his family, his church, and his many friends. His wife said that Tom had set his alarm and had been looking forward to teaching that Thursday.

Tom went by several email “handles”; one was “Tutor Tom” a.k.a. “Tom Terrific.” He loved seeing his colleagues excited about their work. He’d often pass their classrooms with a cheerful word. Sometimes he used music with his students and he even sang with them. He did several JALT presentations on “Karaoke Day.” He started writing classes each term with his students, setting their learning goals in “A Letter to Tom.” To see him in a classroom was to watch him switched on.

His 30 years of teaching took Tom a long way from his hometown, Calgary, in Canada. He loved Japan, especially April with its cherry blossoms. He had his faults and made mistakes like any of us. But those who knew Tom’s work remember him as an inspirational teacher, urging us to our best efforts.

Positions available

JALT Journal Associate Editor

The JALT Publications Board invites applications for the position of Associate Editor of JALT Journal. The Associate Editor will work with the Editor to produce the journal. After being recommended by the Publications Board and approved by the JALT Executive Board, the successful applicant will serve as Associate Editor for one to two years before serving as Editor for a similar period. The successful applicant will have the following:

1. Previous editorial/referee experience.
2. Ability to meet deadlines and handle correspondence professionally.
3. A sound background in language education or a related field.
4. A master’s degree or higher in language education or related field.
5. Seven or more years of experience teaching language, at least two of which have been in Japan.
6. Current residency in Japan and definite intention to maintain such residency for the period of expected service to JALT Journal.
7. A record of publications in competitive and refereed journals (in-house university-bulletin articles will be considered as part of a publishing record on their merits, but some of the applicant’s publications should include recognized, reputable and anonymously-refereed journals at either the national or international levels). Information on either the impact factor or the acceptance rate for some of the journals in which the applicant has published would be helpful in determining the applicant’s own ability to publish in competitive forums.
8. Association with JALT through membership and previous participation in publications are valued, but meritorious applications from non-members will also be considered provided that such applicants meet or exceed the above requirements. The applicant must become a JALT member if selected by the Board for the position. 

Duties include processing submissions, sending them out for review, communicating with authors and reviewers, working with authors to help them improve promising manuscripts, editing the Perspectives section of JALT Journal, and assisting the Editor as required. As Editor, duties increase to include editing feature articles and the research forum submissions, overseeing all other sections, working with the Journal Production Editor and the layout company, and guiding the future of JALT Journal in accordance with JALT policies.

Candidates should submit the following application materials by email attachment. The deadline for applications is August 1, 2014. Recruiting will continue until the post is filled by a suitable candidate who is acceptable to the Board under the expectations elaborated above (Points 1 through 8).
1. A curriculum vitae, including a complete list of publications
2. A statement of purpose indicating both why you would like to become Associate Editor (and later advance to Editor) and your qualifications
3. Copies of five publications of which some should be recent

Application materials should be sent to both the Publications Board Chair, Darren Lingley <pubchair@jalt-publications.org>, and the current Editor, Melodie Cook <jj-editor@jalt-publications.org>.

Applicants will be notified if they have passed the screening stage. After that, the final Board decision, which is subject to approval by the JALT Executive Board, will be made.

TLT Associate Editor
The Language Teacher is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Associate Editor, with future advancement to the position of Coeditor. Applicants must be JALT members and must have the knowledge, skills, and leadership qualities to oversee the production of a regularly published academic publication. Previous experience in publications, especially at an editorial level, is an asset. Knowledge of JALT publications is desirable. Applicants must also have regular access to a computer with email and word processing capabilities.

Job details
This post requires several hours of concentrated work every week editing articles, liaising with the Publications Board, and, in conjunction with the Assistant Editor, overseeing production and proofreader training. Applicants should be prepared to make a minimum three-year commitment with an extension possible. The assumption of duties is tentatively scheduled for November, 2014. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae (including details of publication background and published works), a cover letter, and a statement of purpose indicating why they would like to become Associate Editor (and later advance to Coeditor) of The Language Teacher, to the TLT Coeditors <tlt-editors@jalt-publications.org> and Darren Lingley, JALT Publications Board Chair <pubchair@jalt-publications.org>. This position will remain open until filled.
New JALT Associate Members

Atama-ii Books

Atama-ii Books is a new Japan based publisher of easy-English graded readers. We are an independent publishing company created by series editor Marcos Benevides, and featuring titles by Andy Boon, James Broadbridge, Catriona Chalmers, Lesley Ito, Ann Mayeda, Paul Raine, and many more.

The Atama-ii series features multiple-path stories, which are suitable for both individual reading and classroom use. The term “multiple-path” refers to stories in which the reader him/herself is the main character. The reader must make decisions at crucial plot points, decisions which then lead to one of eight different endings.

The stories are aimed at the high-beginner 300-headword range. Each is about 2,500 words long, and—uniquely among graded readers—is restricted to 100-110 words per page. This makes them suitable for timed readings, classroom discussions, and more. Every facing page is illustrated in color to aid comprehension.

Many of our titles are launching internationally this year in a variety of ebook formats. You can find them on Amazon.com and Amazon.co.jp now, with more coming every month. By JALT 2014 in November, we plan to have several titles available in print as well as ebooks.

Please visit <atama-ii.com> to find out more!

NPO JALT Board of Directors Elections

Dear Members,

2014 is a JALT Board of Directors election year. The directors serve for a 2-year term and this year it is time for all JALT members to choose and support the Board of Directors. This year, we have some highly talented members running for positions on the Board. Each of the candidates has been involved in JALT in various ways and has shown commitment to JALT and to you. Now it is time for the all JALT members to do their part; read each candidates’ resume and statement of purpose and cast your ballot during the voting period. This year, voting will take place online. In fall, you will receive notice that online voting has started and a link to the ballot. I hope that all of you show your support for the candidates and the Board of Directors by casting your ballot when the voting begins.

Happy voting.

Bernadette Luyckx, NEC Chair
Candidate for President
Caroline Lloyd

Education: BA Education
Central Pacific College
Teaching Certificate Sheffield Hallam University

Employment
2005 –Vice Principal Hiroshima YMCA International Kindergarten
- West Japan YMCA Coordinator / Teacher trainer
- Bluestone Studio / JB Consulting
- Part-time teacher, Hiroshima Dental Hygienist College
- Chief Coordinator Hiroshima YMCA School of Languages

JALT Experience
- 2010-2014 National Auditor
- 2013 National Conference Co-Chair
- 2008-2010 National JALT President
- 1998-2008 Hiroshima Chapter President
- 2004 / 05 4 Corners Tour Coordinator
- Hiroshima Chapter Programme Chair 3 years between 1997-2003
- Hiroshima Chapter Web Editor 2002-2003
- 1996 National Conference Handout Center
- 2007 / 2008 National Conference EME

Statement of Purpose
The presidency is challenging, as I know from my own experience, but the work is so rewarding, especially when there is unity among our members. Therefore, I would request the support and blessing of each member as I focus on continuing the good work of JALT President Kevin Cleary, after his term was cut so tragically short this year. Kevin offered a clear vision of how JALT could collaborate locally and nationally, and worked tirelessly to genuinely accommodate the wishes of each member, striving to unify JALT, and lift English Language Education in Japan to unprecedented levels. If elected, I will honor Kevin’s memory while dedicating myself to realizing his dream.

Based on my experience, I know the complexities behind the running of JALT, and have contributed to several successful JALT conferences. Additionally, by participating in symposiums organized by other English Language Teaching Associations, I realize JALT must continue to cement alliances with organizations globally where the commitment to teaching is often inspirational.

As president, my aim will be to facilitate the smooth running of JALT, and further unite all members to the common cause of improving English language levels in Japan. After all, learning is a lifelong voyage!

International Presentations
- 11th Annual LaoTESOL Conference, Vientiane, Lao PDR, January 2014: Give Colour to your Classroom
- 30th Annual Thailand TESOL International Conference, Bangkok Thailand, January 2010
- Thailand TESOL Forums: Daring Projects in English Language
- 8th Far Eastern English Language Teachers’ Association (FEELTA), Khabarovsk Russia, June 2010: Phonics
- ETA-ROC, 18th International Symposium on English Teaching, Taipei, November 2009: Mini-Speeches-Getting Teenagers to Speak

ロイド キャロライン
最終学歴
- 教育学士号（セントラル・パシフィック大学）
- 教育資格（シェフィールド・ハラム大学）
職業
- 広島YMCA英語学院チーフコーディネーター
- 広島YMCA国際幼児園副園長
- 西日本YMCAコーディネーター・ティーチャーチャートレーナー
- ブルーストーン・スタジオ/JBコンサルティングオーナー
- 広島高等歯科衛生士専門学校非常勤講師

JALT 経歴
- 2010年-2014年 JALT全国監査
- 2008年-2010年 JALT全国会長
- 1998年-2008年 広島支部会長
- 2004年-2005年 4コーナーツアーコーディネーター
- 1997年-2003年 内3年間広島支部アドバイザーや担当役員
- 2002年-2003年 広島支部ホームページ管理担当
- 1996年 全国大会資料管理担当
立候補理由
会長職は、前回の会長としての経験から考えると、JALTメンバー間に協調が存在する時代、達成感のある職だと理解しています。特に今回は、ケビン・クリアリー会長を余りに突然に失い、彼らのJALTでの偉業を維持継続する為には会員の皆様のご理解とご支援を心よりお願いしたいと思います。

ケビンは、JALTが各地域、全国その両方において、日本の英語教育レベルを飛躍的に高める為の各会員の願いを協働する為のはっきりとしたビジョンを示しました。

私が選出された僕には、ケビンの記憶に敬意を表し、このビジョンの達成の為に働く所存です。

会長としての経験から、JALTを運営する事は簡単でないことは理解していますが、いくつかの学会を成功裏に収めることができました。

そして、他団体の学会に参加した中で、JALTは全世界の学会と綺麗に教育のプレゼンテーションを与えるものであるという責任を果たしていく大切さを認識しました。

会長としての私の目標は、日本の英語教育レベルを高いものとする為に、会員が協働できるJALTの運営をスムーズにすすめる事です。

Learning is a lifelong voyage!

Candidate for President
Roehl Sybing
Education: Master of Arts, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, New York University
Employment: Assistant Instructor, Nanzan Junior College
JALT Experience:

• 2007年-2008年 全国大会教材展示担当

Statement of Purpose
The President of JALT has an enormous responsibility in overseeing the premier professional development organization for language teaching in Asia. In this critical time, it is especially important that the President not only have the experience, but the energy to serve the best interests of our membership.

In running for JALT President, I feel I can make a significant contribution by building on what we have created together. The previous Boards of Directors should be applauded in making this organization stronger, more transparent and more stable. If elected JALT President, I pledge to continue their endeavors and grow this organization to be more dynamic and welcoming of all language educators.

I believe I have the experience within JALT at the local and national levels needed to sustain the current makeup of our organization. However, JALT must also reach out to other constituencies whose participation in JALT can serve our mutual interests. This can be achieved with a President who can devote their time and effort to both endeavors. In this election, I ask that you choose a President whom you believe has both the philosophy and energy to achieve these goals.

Presentations/Publications:

• May 2014: Strategies for fostering speech skills, 2014 PanSIG Conference

• April 2014: Evolving influences on language learners, Asian Conference on Language Learning

• March 2014: Learner preferences toward native-speaker English in Japanese EFL education, Bulletin of Toyo Gakuen University

• April 2013: Informing classroom objectives through learner preferences, Asian Conference on Language Learning

• March 2013: Exploring tensions between curricular goals and learner preferences in EFL education, Bulletin of Toyo Gakuen University

• October 2011: Assessing perspectives on culture in EFL education, ELT Journal

• May 2011: A response to criticism of TBLT in Japan’s language classrooms, JALT Journal

ザイビーン ロエル
最終学歴: 修士, 英語教育, ニューヨーク大学
職業: 外国人英語講師, 南山大学短期大学部
JALT 経験
活動
- 2012: 書記担当理事
- 2012: 企画担当, クリティカル・シンキング分野別研究部会
- 2010-2012: コーディネータ, クリティカル・シンキング分野別研究部会
- 2008-2012: 企画担当, 福井支部

Statement of Purpose

私自身, JALT内での経験は地域だけでなく全国であ り, JALTの理事長は現在の組織体制を支えていく必要が あると思っています。しかしながら, JALTはまた, JALTへ の参加が共通の利益となるような人たちにも広げていか なくてはいけません。これらの取り組みは, 時間と努力を 慎まない理事長によって成し遂げられることです。これら の目標を達成するために確固たる哲学と意欲を持ち合わ せていると思われる理事長を選ばれるようお願いします。

プレゼンテーション/出版
- 5月2014年: Strategies for fostering speech skills, 2014 PanSIG Conference
- 4月2014年: Evolving influences on language learners, Asian Conference on Language Learning
- 3月2014年: Learner preferences toward native-speaker English in Japanese EFL education, 東洋学園大学紀要
- 4月2013年: Informing classroom objectives through learner preferences, Asian Conference on Language Learning
- 3月2013年: Exploring tensions between curricular goals and learner preferences in EFL education, 東洋学園大学紀要
- 10月2011年: Assessing perspectives on culture in EFL education, ELT Journal
- 5月2011年: A response to criticism of TBLT in Japan’s language classrooms, JALT Journal
- 12月2010年: Identifying considerations for introducing L2 culture in Japanese EFL, NEAR Language Conference Proceedings

Candidate for Vice President
Richmond Stroupe
Education: Doctor of Philosophy, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, USA

Employment
- Soka University
- Graduate Program in International Language Education: TESOL Program Chair
- Graduate School of Letters / World Language Center

JALT Experience
- Vice President (Interim) 2014 - Present
- Business Manager 2013 - Present
- Chair of the International Affairs Committee 2008 - 2013
- Member of the International Affairs Committee 2007 - 2008
- Japan Association for Language Teaching, Member, 2001- Present

Statement of Purpose

A colleague in one of JALT’s partner organizations once shared that the only reason anyone should run for a Board of Directors position was “for the sake of teachers” who benefit from the organization: Teachers are always the foundation and focus of our efforts. Based on my JALT experiences, I couldn’t agree with her more. I see the dynamic local and regional programs, inspiring publications, and extensive outreach activities of our Chapters and SIGs and it’s clear the “heart” of JALT is dispersed throughout the country. The role of the Board of Directors has always been to support the activities of our members as they strive to meet their professional goals. The Vice President and other Directors are here to help the organization run smoothly so that individual teachers have a JALT community through which they can find support, develop expertise, and enjoy opportunities for professional growth. My volunteer experience with JALT has been personally and professionally rewarding, beyond what I could have imagined, and I believe that JALT has only begun to reach its potential. With the support of the membership, I hope to have the opportunity to continue to contribute to the development and effectiveness of our organization.

Presentations/Publications

Selected publications


• Integrating Skills in the EFL Classroom (with MacDonald, L., and Daugherty, D. M.) – In English Language Teaching Practice in Asia, Book Chapter, Stroupe, R., and Kimura, K. Eds., 2011, pages 86-108.


• The Language Educator and Globalization: How Do We Best Prepare Our Learners? Language Education in Asia, Volume 4, Number 2, (2013), pages 100-121.

• Perceptions of IELTS in Cambodia: A Case Study of Test Impact in a Small Developing Country (with Moore, S, and Mahony, P) – In IELTS 2012, Volume 13, pages 293-401.

Presentations

• 48th Annual International IATEFL Conference and Exhibition, Harrogate, United Kingdom, April 2014. Examining teachers’ purposes for code-switching in the Japanese EFL context

• TESOL International Convention and English Language Expo 2014, Portland, Oregon, USA, March 2014. TESOL Standards Publications as Practical Resources - How Using TESOL/NCATE Standards for P-12 Teacher Education Programs Guided the Development of the TESOL MA Degree at Soka University (with Standing Committee on Standards members)

• TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo, Dallas, Texas, USA, March 2013. Innovative and Practical Applications of TESOL Standards: An International Colloquium - A Practical Application of Language Learning and Teaching Standards Using TESOL/NCATE Standards for P-12 Teacher Education Programs to Guide the Development of the TESOL MA Degree at Soka University (with Standing Committee on Standards members)

• TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo, Dallas, Texas, USA, March 2013. How teachers, administrators, and institutions can facilitate teacher collaboration (with E. Fukuda)


• Joint International Conference of the Pan-Asian Consortium of Language Teaching Societies (PAC) and the Philippine Association for Language Teaching, Inc. (PALT) : Featured Speaker, Cebu City, The Philippines, December 2013. Beyond English: Developing Students’ Critical Thinking Skills Through an Integrated Institutional Approach

• 9th CamTESOL Conference: Opening Plenary Speaker, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, February, 2013. The language educator and globalization: How do we best prepare our learners?

• 9th CamTESOL Conference: Leadership Forum: Invited Speaker, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, February, 2013. Professional development through teacher collaboration: The roles of teachers and administrators


• NEAS 16th Annual ELT Management Conference: Workshop, Sydney, Australia, May, 2012. Identifying variables that facilitate teacher collaboration: Developing strategies and opportunities

Frederick Jay Carruth

Education: Master of Arts, Linguistics (TESOL), University of Surrey
Employment: Shinshu University

Statement of Purpose
My main focus as Director of Membership will be to help chapter and SIG membership chairs. I will do my best to communicate effectively so we can work together to take care of current JALT members and attract new/lapsed members. I will listen carefully to input from all quarters for new ideas and better ways of working.

Candidate for Director of Program

Steven Scott Cornwall
Education: Ed.D. Temple University
Employment: Osaka Jogakuin University
(Professor, English Coordinator)

JALT Experience
- JALT Director of Program 2010 – 2014
- THT Bangladesh Coordinator 2013
- Teacher Education SIG, Co-Coordinator, 2010
- Teachers Helping Teachers Delegate – Bangladesh, 2010, 2006, 2005
- JALT Conference Co-Chair, 2009
- JALT Journal Editor-in-Chief, 2008-2005
- Gender Awareness in Language Education SIG, Co-Coordinator, 2006-2004
- Learner Development SIG Newsletter Co-Editor, 1999-1997
- Publication Board Chair, 1997-1996
- Conference Proceedings Co-Editor, 1996, 1995

Statement of Purpose
In my JALT service column you can see that I have volunteered for a variety of positions since 1994 when I was asked to be conference handbook editor for the Nagoya Conference. I have enjoyed serving as Director of Program the past four years, and so when Kevin Cleary asked if I was going to run again, I replied, “Of course, if you are.” Now as we move from his leadership, JALT is faced with several challenges (budget and database to mention two). I hope be part of an experienced team to help work through these challenges while keeping on producing the best conferences possible—it is hard to believe this conference marks the 40th anniversary of JALT national conferences. Finally, I have not been able to host a Program Chairs’ Workshop at an Executive Board Meeting yet and so that is one thing I hope to accomplish in the coming two years as it will help us focus on the great programming happening at the local level.

Recent Presentations/Publications
- Answerless Riddles: Stories from Language Learning Classrooms, Keynote, Asian Conference on Language Learning, Osaka, April 2014
- Five-minute activities for motivation, BELTA / THT, Dhaka and Comila, Bangladesh,

September 2013
- What I learned from my students, Keynote, European Conference on Language Learning, Brighton, UK July 2013

Representative Publications
- Language Teachers as Language Learners, with Eiko Kato-Otani, Osaka Jogakuin College Kiyo, 43: 1-17.
- Making Interactive eBooks: More than Just Cutting and Pasting, with Tamara Swenson and David Bramley, Osaka Jogakuin University Kiyo, 10: 17-30
Recent Presentations
• Introduction to Simple English Wikipedia for Extensive Reading. September 2011. First
Extensive Reading World Conference.
- Why and how to adapt and publish texts as ebooks for Extensive Reading. September, 2011. First Extensive Reading World Conference.
- Workshop: Interactive reading to deepen learner engagement. JALT2012.
- Balancing input from software and educator expertise in creating graded readers for learners of English as a second or foreign language. March, 2013. INTED2013 (7th International Technology, Education and Development Conference).

Statement of Purpose
この12年間JALT支部での活動をはじめ主に出版部でJALTのさまざまな活動に携わってきました。また、大学の仕事を通じ多くのJALTビジネス会員とよりよい協力関係を確立することができました。これらの経験から広報担当理事として、JALTを代表するにふさわしい経験と視点を養ってきました。もし私が選任されたなら、JALTが引き続きメンバーの皆様のお役に立つように、そして、他の語学教育組織との連携の強化に取り組んでいく所存です。多くの熱心なメンバーを抱え、強力かつ支援的な組織であるJALTの皆様と仕事をする中でのことを学ぶことができました。理事会のメンバーとしての任務を務められますが、皆様のサポートをお願い申し上げます。

Candidate for Director of Records
Nathaniel DeWitt French
Education: M.S. Ed/TESOL
Employment
- Showa Women’s university (part-time)
- Nihon University (part-time)
- Tokyo International University (part-time)
JALT Experience
- Materials Writers Coordinator (October, 2012 - present)
- Shadow for Domestic Affairs Committee Chair (December, 2013 – present)
- PanSIG Planning Committee member (June, 2013 – present)

Statement of Purpose
As a candidate for Director of Records, I bring knowledge of JALT SIGs and their interactions with the Board of Directors, knowledge of how we connect with other affiliations, and the desire to make JALT the best organization that it can be. During my time in JALT, I have had experience resolving complicated issues with the Board of Directors, and I have also learned many important things during my time as a JALT officer. One of the things that I have learned is that we cannot forget what JALT has been and what JALT is now, when we think of where want to take JALT in the future. I believe that a crucial part of understanding JALT’s past and present is through the careful maintenance of the historical record.
of JALT conferences, meetings and discussions. If
given the chance, I would do my best to continue
the excellent work of the current Director of
Records, Roehl Sybing, so that JALT will have a
solid record on which to base its future decisions.
Under the tutelage of those before me, I hope
that I will be able to further contribute to JALT
and serve its members for the next 2 years.

Presentations/Publications

- Transfer Appropriate Processing in the SLA
  Classroom (JALT Pan-SIG 2011, Matsumoto,
  Nagano, Japan)
- Junior/Senior High School SIG Forum (JALT
  2011, Tokyo, Japan)
- Creating Generative Output with Beginning
  and Intermediate Learners (The Language
  Teacher, 36(3), 29-30)
- From Multiple Assessments to Assigning a
  Grade (JALT Pan-SIG 2013, Nagoya, Japan)
- Variable Sentence Response (JALT Pan-SIG
  2013, Nagoya, Japan)
- To what extent do we use conversation textbooks?
  (JALT 2013, Kobe, Japan)

フレンチ ナサニエル ディウィット
最終学歴: 修士（教育学 専攻TESOL）
職業
- 昭和女子大学 （非常勤講師）
- 日本大学 （非常勤講師）
- 東京国際大学 （非常勤講師）

JALT 経験
Statement of Purpose

Director of Recordsの候補者として私は、JALT SIGで得
たものの、役員の先生方との関わり合い、また、どのように
その他の学会と関わりを持っていくのか、そしてまたJALT
を最も学問的意味で有するにすることは必要なのか、
といったことにつき、考えを述べたいと考えている。これま
でのJALTでの活動において私は、役員の先生方と様々
な問題を解決してきた。さらに、役員として多くの重要な
ことを学んできた。その中の一つとして、例を挙げるとす
ると、これらのJALTの方向性である。そのためには、私
は、JALTのこれまでの道のり、そしてまた現在の姿を考え
ことなくして、未来は無いかと考えている。今までのJALT
の大会や討論などの記録を精査することで、JALTのこれ
までと現在を知ることが出来ると感じている。

この機会を与えられるなら、私は全力で現
在のDirector of RecordsであるRoehl Sybing氏の功績を引
き継ぐ所存である。更に、以前に携わったいずれの先生方
のご指導の下で、これらの2年間において、さらにJALT
に貢献することを願ってやまない。

プレゼンテーション/出版

- Transfer Appropriate Processing in the SLA
  Classroom (JALT Pan-SIG 2011年, 松本市, 長野県)

Candidate for Director of Treasury
Kevin Ryan

Education: MA in Linguistics,
University of Chicago, Illinois

Employment: Showa
Women’s University
(Professor)

JALT Experience

- SIG Representative
  Liaison
- Financial Steering
  Committee Chair

Statement of Purpose

As a member of JALT for almost 30 years, I have
come to consider it my principal personal learning
network. As a Tokyo Chapter Officer, I helped
organize the first mini-conference. I was an officer
and founding member of the CALL SIG early
1990's. I worked on the Annual Conference in the
publisher’s area, went on to Business Manager and
then to Director of Treasury, then FSC Chair, and
then SRL, while doing 3 stints as CALL Coordina-
tor. No positions this year, but am volunteering
through THT to train teachers in Myanmar.

I recruited both Oana, and before that, KevinC
to the Treasury. I took over at a time of relative
confusion, and worked on streamlining many
processes for ChapSIG Treasurers. KevinC and
Oana have accelerated those changes to a point
where I feel comfortable managing the books
for JALT again. They have made it a much more
manageable task.
One final political note. I am strongly in favor of elevating SIGs to a more central role in JALT, one on parity with Chapters. I see this as the way of the future.

I am looking forward to working with you all, if you will have me.

**Presentations/Publications**

- Developing Autonomous Language Learning through Classroom Projects, Badges and Online Technology (2014)
- Attention and Technology in the Language Classroom (2013)

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**Statement of Purpose**

Although I have experience in many sections of JALT, Auditor is a position I never thought I would want to hold. However, when it became apparent that JALT needed an Auditor, I decided to step up to the plate. I knew I would be helped by both my background in all aspects of JALT’s finances and my knowledge of the constitution from my years as Director of Records.

Those who serve JALT at the national level are doing a necessary job. Meetings must be planned, minutes kept, reports made to JALT members and to others outside of JALT, the JALT Central Office overseen and assisted, the national conference planned... but why do it all? So that the dynamism and energy of the JALT regional and special interest groups have an organization they can work within for the professional development of all of us. Without the chapters and SIGs, there is no JALT—but without the work and dedication of the national board, there is also no JALT.

I am proud to be a member of JALT. I am willing to dedicate the next 2 years to helping JALT continue to be an organization we can all be proud of.

Thank you.

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**Presentation/Publication**

- Author of two textbook series for children
- Many presentations and teacher training sessions all over Japan and internationally

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**Candidate for Auditor**

**Aleda Krause**

**Education:** MA in Linguistics, University of Michigan

**Employment:** Instructor, Seigakuin University

**Relevant JALT Experience**

- Director of Records (4 years)
- National Treasurer (6 years)
- Financial Steering Committee Chair (4 years)
- Conference Treasurer (5 years)
- Chapter Treasurer Liaison (6 years)
- Internal Examining Committee Member (4 years)
- SIG Treasurer (10 years), Chapter Treasurer (1 year)
- Editor of JALT Conference Proceedings (8 years)
- JALT Journal Production Editor (5 years)
- TLT Column Editor (10 years)
In this issue of Showcase, the executive committee of the Japan Association of Self-Access Learning introduces the association and its activities.

JASAL
Katherine Thornton
Dirk MacKenzie
Hisako Yamashita

JASAL: Who we are
In 2005, with Garold Murray and Lucy Cooker as initiators, a group of 15 educators across Japan got together to form the Japan Association of Self-Access Learning (JASAL). Interest in the field of self-access has steadily grown, and JASAL now has over 150 members nationwide, from Hokkaido to Kyushu, in a variety of educational settings such as schools, universities, and private companies. In 2011, the current committee was elected, with Katherine Thornton (Otemon Gakuin University, Osaka) and Dirk MacKenzie (Konan Women’s University, Kobe) as president and vice-president respectively, and Hisako Yamashita (Kanda Institute of Foreign Languages, Tokyo) staying on as membership chair and webmaster, providing vital continuity. The organization charges no membership fees and therefore has no funds and works entirely on a volunteer basis.