

## Fall 2017 CALICO President's Letter

Dear CALICO members,

Now that a new academic year is underway for many of us, we would like to provide you with an update on the behind-the-scenes activities of CALICO. Please join me in welcoming the following new members to the executive board, Merica McNeil, Sébastien Dubreil, Vice President Gillian Lord and Secretary Kathryn Murphy-Judy.

On behalf of CALICO, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Bonnie Youngs for her many years of service as the Board Secretary. Bonnie stepped down as executive board secretary following the Flagstaff conference in June. With very little fuss or bother, Bonnie took over secretarial duties after Willard Daetsch, another wonderful record keeper for CALICO, stepped down from the duty in 2007. Bonnie as secretary was the epitome of efficiency, producing easily readable minutes in record time, sometimes the same day as the meeting. She also had the almost magical ability of refocusing the board onto pertinent issues. Although she had no official vote during board meetings, she was many times the voice of reason on issues before the board. After ten years of amazing service to the board and CALICO, for no recompense besides sometimes a <keep it small> bag of M & Ms, we'd like to send out many, many thanks to Bonnie. We know she will continue to contribute good things to the field of CALL in her position at Carnegie Mellon University and of course we hope we'll see her at many more CALICO conferences, in a less official capacity. Thank you Bonnie!

We are also pleased to announce that the executive committee awarded Robert Fischer (CALICO executive director 1997-2011), CALICO's lifetime achievement award, an award presented to an individual who has made significant contributions not only to CALICO but to the field of CALL. It is with great sadness that we inform you that Dr. Frank Otto, one of CALICO's founders, first executive director and founding editor of the Journal passed away July 26. [Read more about him.](#)

The [CALICO website](#) has been redesigned and is now available. We have partnered with CASLS (the Center for Applied Second Language Studies at the University of Oregon under the direction of Julie Sykes), for its redesign. An exciting feature of the newly updated website is that it offers more space for interaction with CALICO's 8 SIGs. If you are interested in joining a SIG, please visit the SIG pages for contact information, planned events, and links to SIG resources.

As far as conference news, the 2017 CALICO conference hosted by Northern Arizona University brought together 325 attendees in Flagstaff, Arizona for wonderful exchange and discussions about CALL. We are looking forward to an equally enthusiastic turn-out at next year's CALICO in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois (May 29-June 2, 2018). This year's conference theme is Connecting CALL's Past to its Future and we are pleased to announce that [Brian Dear](#) will be this year's keynote. He has just finished a [book](#) on the history of the PLATO project. Remember to submit your proposals for CALICO 2018 by October 28. Conference chairs Randy Saddler and Lawrence Williams, CALICO manager Esther Horn, and others have been working hard at organizing the conference details for us! We also hope to promote graduate student sessions and networking.

CALICO is also looking forward to a strong presence at ACTFL (November 16-19) in Nashville. Vice President, Gillian Lord will be hosting a CALICO social at ACTFL (details coming soon), and we will co-presenting the jointly sponsored award with ACTFL's Distance Learning SIG. Two awards will be given out to recognize excellence in online teaching (K-12 / Higher Ed). The prizes include a plaque and free one-year memberships in both ACTFL and CALICO. In addition, the awardees receive a spot in CALICO's Technology Showcase and Poster Session and waived registration to the conference.

CALICO Journal 34.3 appeared in September leading with Lourdes Ortega's review article "New CALL-SLA research interfaces," based on her CALICO 2017 keynote. The first issue of 2018 will be a regular issue and is currently in production. We were not planning to publish a special issue in 2018 to eliminate a backlog of accepted manuscripts. Currently the average time between submission and publication for accepted manuscripts is about one year (80% of accepted manuscripts are published within 15 months). These time periods have decreasing steadily and compare well with other journals in Applied Linguistics and CALL. The current acceptance rate has been stable at 19%. We are encouraging all CALICO members to submit research articles. Our society's journal needs more high-quality submissions. We are also strongly encouraging all members to check with their institution's library whether they have a current subscription, and if not to persuade the relevant librarian to make sure the library subscribes. Both quality and price of the journal are very competitive and as a resource for research, development, and pedagogic innovation, the CALICO Journal is invaluable.

Looking ahead, please keep your eye out for emails regarding nominations for the CALICO executive board and the next Vice President in the coming weeks. The vote will take place in the early part of the Spring 2018 semester, so please be sure to cast your vote.

All the best,

Lara Lomicka Anderson  
CALICO President, 2017-2018

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