Minutes of 2005 NATSP Meeting
(Fall NILA Conference)
October 15, 2005
At Nebraska Wesleyan University

The meeting was called to order by President Lila Brock at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes
Previous minutes from October 1, 2005 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report (Nancy Reese)
- $30 in checking
- $1012 in Savings
  - We are currently earning more interest by keeping a majority of funds in savings
  - Funds are only removed to pay bills as they arrive
- Expenses
  - $50 for immersion's dance instructor
  - $392 paid to Mazatlan (immersion dinner)
  - Remaining bills needing to be paid are from Friday's immersion activities (Aprox. $800)
- Treasurer’s report was approved

Website
- Lila encourage all to submit:
  - Teaching ideas and to share these with others
  - “Charlas” that are occurring in one's area
  - Travel information of groups planning trips
    - It was noted that if you are heading a trip and need other participants, one might include this as well
- There was also discussion on incorporating a forum for discussion and questions on the current website.
  - This question will be directed toward Vickie Scow.

National Spanish Exam
- Judy Blakeman is currently overseeing the exam.
- The exam will now be given on-line and can currently be visited at the following address:
- National testing cost: $2.00
- Current cost being requested from student: $2.50
- Judy explained the need for an increase in the cost of the exam and asked to increase the students’ cost to $3.00 to accommodate for the rise in postage
- This increase was approved by all present and will fluctuate with the continual rise in postage
• Testing should be given no later than April 1st
• Tests should be given to students at the same level on the same day
• Last year’s testing resulted in:
  ✓ 6 national winners
  ✓ 147 local trophies
  ✓ 200+ medals

Immersion Update (from Friday, October 14, 2005)
• 33 registered
• 31 attended
• A HUGE thank you was given to Linda Mieras, Tricia Suchsland, Marlene Knobbe, and Stephanie Iwan Flamme
  ✓ These volunteers stressed their hesitance to organize this for the third year in a row unless others were filling to help plan and participate
• 9 volunteered to provide 9 activities to aid next year’s activity and keep the event alive
• Questions were raised in regards to the location of the next immersion activity at the Schuyler conference:
  ✓ Do we need to get a room at the conference site and is there a cost in doing so?
  ✓ Is loudness on site an issue?
  ✓ Can we bring in authenticate food from a local business or must be purchase from the site?
  ✓ Can we keep the registration cost at $25 to keep growing number of participants?

New Business
• A Spanish immersion during the spring was brought up for discussion
  ✓ March was suggested, but after the Central States Conference
    o Grand Island Central Community College was offered as a possible site host
    o It was suggested that if doing so, the immersion should take place on a Saturday
    o Officers volunteered to form such a committee and oversee the process
• A student immersion day or Spanish language fair was also suggested
  ✓ Officers will also look at this suggestion and discuss possibilities, as there was a great deal of interest
  ✓ Justo will be visiting the state and teachers are reminded to contact the following individuals if interested in attending a conciert:
    o Pat McGill at Waverly for the December 2, 2005 concert or
    o June Strohmeyer in Omaha for the December 3, 2005 concert if at all interested in attending

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Gill.