

November 2022 President's Message

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Dear MaFLA members,

As we approach one of the professional highlights of the year, ACTFL Convention, I know you are busy creating your diverse schedule of presenters from all over the country who will challenge your thinking, expand your toolbox, and offer practices that support your work. Your networks will grow, your bucket will fill, and time will feel short! After attending 4 regional conferences last year, my biggest tip is: tap out when you need to. Sometimes, the person you meet in line for coffee or sitting next to you on the only bench is the one who will make the biggest impact. After ACTFL last year, I reached out to a presenter whose topic was the same as mine and lives the next state over. We found we shared passions in swing dancing, summer days on the beach, and social justice lessons for communities outside of France's *métropole*. We've since shared our travel experiences, research, and now authorship on a series of articles!

In the spirit of community, we can't wait to see you at the MaFLA luncheon on Friday during the Convention where we will vote on the slate of Officers and Directors and announce our proposed bylaw changes to make MAFLA a more inclusive and supportive organization. Please stop by our table in the Expo Hall to see what raffles and prizes our advocacy and membership committees have.

During this busy month, MaFLA is thinking about you:

We see you.

We support you.

We are rooting for you.

We stand with teachers fighting for respect.

We share your delight when your students climb the proficiency ladder.

As always, stay tuned to Social Media for conversation, news, and ideas. Don't forget to tag @MaFLAonline when posting on Twitter!

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