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Dear Language Colleague,

My name is Alice Nation, and I am the President of the Montana Association of Language Teachers (MALT). I teach Spanish at Billings Senior High, and I have been active in the organization since I first began teaching 23 years ago. I have always enjoyed the great sense of collegiality that exists among the language teachers in our state, who are so committed to sharing their language skills with students. Every year MALT brings in a nationally recognized speaker for the MEA-MFT Teachers' Convention in October, and we hold a spring conference with another speaker to promote best practices in our classrooms. At these conferences I have seen presentations by both Blaine Ray, Jason Fritz, as well and Kara Parker and Megan Smith who have developed the Creative Language Class website.

I am writing to you today for three reasons. First, I would like to invite you to explore our website: [www.montanalanguageteachers.org](http://www.montanalanguageteachers.org). The website was completely renovated by our current Vice-President, Blakely Hay of Dillon and is maintained by our current Secretary, Beth Janney of Superior. We add new information to the site on a monthly basis, so check it out and let us know what you think.

Second, we also have a Facebook group that our members are using to share useful websites, teaching tips and inspirational ideas. If you would like to join that feed, it is simply called, "MALT Group."

Finally, we are trying to build our membership and reach out to our colleagues across the state who are often the only World Language teacher in their district. Attached you will find an application for a scholarship that will pay your dues to our organization for two years, the conference fee for our spring conference in Great Falls on April 20th and 21st, and pay for two nights of lodging for two lucky educators. Completed applications can be e-mailed to me at [nationa@billingssschools.org](mailto:nationa@billingssschools.org), or mailed to my school address, 425 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59101 before March 5, 2017. At our March board meeting we will select the two winners. Our presenter will be Craig Sheehy, who was a student of Blaine Ray's. He has been giving TPRS presentations since 2011 and presenting at the National TPRS Conference since 2014.

The members of the board and I are very excited to be able to share this opportunity with you. We hope to see you in Great Falls!

Sincerely,

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