



Dear Language Colleague,

My name is Alice Nation, and I am a Past-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 over 25 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 as Kara Parker and Megan Smith who have developed the Creative Language Class website. Along with some big names from ACTFL and PNCFL.

I am writing to you for three reasons. First, I would like to invite you to explore our website: www.montanalanguageteachers.org. The website was completely renovated a couple of years ago by Blakey Hay when she was our secretary, and she then went on to be our President. 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 one spring conference along with two nights of lodging for two lucky educators. Completed applications can be e-mailed to the MALT Board at maltboard@gmail.com by March 1st, and the scholarship winners will be selected at our March board meeting.

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 Helena!

Sincerely,
M. Alice Nation
MALT Past-President