



2019 Service Award Justification

At the Jan. 28, 2019 board of directors meeting, Ms. Marian Graham, President, moved that Dr. Amanda Sheffer, her immediate predecessor, receive the AATG Maryland-DC Metro Chapter Service Award at the annual Awards Ceremony. The motion was seconded immediately and approved unanimously without discussion.

When Marian advised Amanda of her award, Amanda emphasized that she did not want a plaque; she preferred the funds be used for chapter events on the promotion, teaching and learning of German language and culture in order to sustain German heritage in the mid-Atlantic region. We therefore have issued the 2019 Service Award as a certificate for Dr. Sheffer's work as:

- **President (2016-8)**
During her term as President, Dr. Sheffer managed all board tasks except those of Chapter Testing Chair and Treasurer, with which she assisted. In addition, she did so professionally and cheerfully. She wrote all grant applications and established new procedures to ensure the Chapter receives its full dues reimbursement from the AATG National office, duties which have now been assumed by the Vice President/Membership Chair.
- **Webmaster and Newsletter Editor (2016-8)**
Along with a colleague, Dr. Sheffer designed the new Chapter website and maintained it during her tenure as president. She wrote all copy for the website and the newsletter. Furthermore, she established Chapter social media accounts and used them to promote events and activities related to German.
- **Vice President (2014-6)**
Dr. Sheffer supported the President, Dr. Claudia Bornholdt, learned the ropes of being president and began writing grant applications. Dr. Sheffer also continued her work on the Chapter's annual German Immersion Day for High School and College Students of German, coordinating program support with the Goethe-Institut Washington.
- **Immersion Program Designer (2012-8)**
As soon as she moved into the area, Dr. Sheffer became actively involved with the Chapter and volunteered to work on the immersion program. This program includes the immersion day mentioned above and the immersion weekend program for teachers of German. Soon she was single-handedly designing, organizing and teaching the student immersion day and working with colleagues on the board to design and teach activities for the teacher immersion weekend.

The Board of Directors commends Dr. Sheffer for her dedication to the teaching and learning of German, thanks her for her tireless service to the Chapter and wishes her well in her future career endeavors.

Marian Graham
Chapter President
May 3, 2019