



TOFA / MLTAWA affiliation

To merge or not to merge? That is the question!

At the AGM on Friday 17 February 2012, TOFA will be asking its members to vote on whether or not TOFA should affiliate with MLTAWA.

TOFA has never been officially affiliated with MLTAWA. It appeared in our original constitution as: 'The Association will affiliate with the *Modern Language Teachers' Association of Western Australia*' because we had intended to affiliate at the time. The constitution was changed at the AGM in 2009 so as to reflect the reality of the situation.

TOFA has always encouraged its members to maintain their MLTAWA membership.

Many members may not be aware of the history between TOFA and MLTAWA and we know that there may be some confusion surrounding the issue. We want you to make an informed decision at the AGM.

So here it is...

The historical reasons why TOFA is not affiliated with MLTAWA:

- MLTAWA would not allow TOFA to collect capitation fees on their behalf. *Still stands.*
- TOFA needed an ABN to run events for its members. MLTAWA did not have one and at the time had no desire to obtain one, so TOFA incorporated to obtain its own ABN. *No longer an issue.*
- MLTAWA had rolling memberships whereas TOFA had calendar year memberships. *Situation changed.*
- MLTAWA was paying a sum of money per member to an organisation to keep their membership details. TOFA was already doing this successfully within the TOFA committee. *No longer an issue.*

The issues now:

- TOFA membership is \$55/year/member. After affiliation with MLTAWA, TOFA would receive \$23/year/member. (ie: TOFA income would be halved)
- TOFA has an annual subscription. MLTAWA has 2 subscription periods.



The possibilities:

TOFA remaining as its own entity	TOFA / MLTAWA affiliation
TOFA would retain affiliation with FATFA / FIPF / FIPLV and pay capitation fee of \$1/member/year to the Federation of Associations of Teachers of French in Australia for this.	
TOFA would still need a treasurer.	
TOFA would still aim to organise the regular TOFA events.	
In WA you would still need be a TOFA member to receive TOFA talk.	
Members pay TOFA (\$55) & MLTAWA (\$75) subscriptions separately.	Members pay TOFA & MLTAWA subscriptions together to MLTAWA. (\$75)
TOFA responsible for collecting membership fees.	MLTAWA responsible for collecting membership fees.
TOFA retains control over subscription fee.	MLTAWA controls TOFA income via subscription fee.
TOFA retains the calendar year subscription.	TOFA would adjust to the 2 membership periods.

What to do:

At the next TOFA AGM, on Friday 17 February, you will be asked to vote on a motion that makes a change to the current TOFA constitution:

Motion: *“That TOFA affiliates with the Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia and the wording at item 3 in the TOFA Constitution revert to ‘3. The Association will affiliate with the Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Western Australia.’ “*

Please think about this carefully, make your decision and come to the AGM to cast your vote.