

MINUTES
WCTE Convention Executive Board Meeting
Madison Marriot West
Thursday November 8, 2007

Members present: Erin Olkowski, Emilie Amundson, Donna Pasternak, Karen Kelley, Bill Schang, Penny Parsons, Peggy Ryan, Marti Matyska, Carol Conway-Gerhardt, Marty Wood, JoAnne Katzmarek, John Zbikowski, Lynn Aprill, Greg Koelker

7:03 John opened the meeting and the agenda was approved, followed by introductions of new and returning members.

- New Board members: Karen Kelley – UWM, Peggy Ryan – St. Croix Falls High School
- Review of committee calendar

Trust Officer report- Marty Wood:

- Pooley fund has approximately \$52,000 in it now (This is approx. a \$20,000 increase)
- Need to replace three people on the Trust Fund Board due to retirements – contact Marty if interested.

Treasurer Report (Unofficial):

- Membership- historically low but about 40 new members since July - membership increase due to Lynn.
- Who goes to NCTE next year? (This year it is Emily Ihrke - \$800 budgeted for the year.)
 - § Only 1 voting member @ NCTE due to affiliate size
 - § Donna nominated for '08 - \$800
- NCTE regional conference in July (unknown place but in this region)
 - § NCTE regional covers 2/3, affiliate 1/3
 - § Past experience positive- esp. for newer leaders.
 - § Two members TBD in Feb. meeting - \$500 to fund two people
- Council will continue to pay hotel for student teacher and first year teacher awards to attend WCTE convention
- Motion to support funding Eng. Teacher of Excellence State Nominee registration to attend NCTE – seconded (Currently only lunch is covered.)

Council News:

- Tom Scott volunteered to take over treasurer & membership secretary
 - § When will Tom take over? Discussion: Scott should stay until this year is out
 - § By next Jan./Feb. we need to decide on delineating roles between treasurer and membership secretary

Today's WCEE/CEL meeting (Emilie):

- Late/no notice of meeting: sparse attendance
- Good timing -1 day prior to WCTE Convention
- Today's participants brainstormed questions to send to English Education Departments. (Some trouble with Listserv communications – multiple lists: DPI English K16, WSRA, WCTE membership list-private)

Other initiatives:

- ELA Standards Design Team – Tom, Scott and Erin on DPI committee to suggest revisions for standards. They're using the Partnership for 21st Century Skills and American Diploma Project frameworks. - CESA admins on collaborative council among other DPI reps.
- Adolescent Literacy Task Force – JoAnne, Emilie A., and Erin on DPI task force, working on strengthening awareness of and strategies for improving adolescent literacy.

Trista's report:

- Positive feedback to Emilie A's article
- Trista considering moving on from Update -- Donna & Karen interested in working on it
- Need to provide Trista with articles for December Update by November 17.

Wisconsin English Journal:

- Should be out before holiday
- Theme of writing – tie to Convention
- Ruth has school to feature in spring issue - looking for guest editor for '09 fall
- Kathy next guest editor?

Website:

- Needs updating to keep up with 2.0 literacies
- Lynn has a student willing to redesign the site
- Journal archive needs updating
- New name: WCTEonline.org
- In future form a committee to work on website revision
 - § Need chair with strong technology skills

Awards:

- Given before lunch at convention – 8 given tomorrow
- Go over order of awards
- Marty will present Pooley and Chisholm Awards
- Suggestion to move student teacher award nominee deadline to June 1st with decision soon after to benefit winner as they apply for jobs

Lynn's Report:

- Director in every CESA now – e.g., Tom Pamperin, Chippewa Falls
- PDF from Lynn to share with preservice teachers and others about WCTE

Emily Ihrke's Report:

- Thanks to Emily for hard work to change next convention date from October 10 to October 3rd at the Pyle Center in Madison

Joanne's Report:

- 205 registered for this year's convention, up from last year
- Two speaker cancellations – notice with registration
- John & Donna will relieve Marty @ registration before lunch

John's Report:

- Thanks for all the help!

Other News:

Poetry Out Loud:

- Expanding, regional competitions

Convention Sites

- 2009 in Milwaukee
- 2010 in Eau Claire?

Successes

- Carol & Karen earned NWP site @ UWM for summer '08

How to get more proposals

- Need to meet needs of pre and early teachers

Motion to adjourn 8:34 - Lynn and seconded by Marti