

# Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English

October Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 21, 2010  
Ramada Inn, Eau Claire, WI

## Agenda

October 21, 2010, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

I. WCEE – Barbara Dixson

October 21, 2010, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

II. Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Present: Karen Rigoni, Donna Pasternak, Tom Scott, Jacalyn Mabon, Emily Tymus Ihrke, Marty Wood, John Pruitt, Penny Parsons, Barbara Dixson, Jen Scott Curwood, Jessica Gallo, Jacki Martindale, Emilie Amundson, Lynn Frick, Katherine Nelson, Lynn Aprill, Marti Matyska, Linda Barrington.

- a. Approval of the Agenda (1 minutes)
  - i. Added Online Literacy Map under new business – 5 minutes
- b. Approval of July's Board Meeting Minutes (2 minutes)
  - i. Motion: Kathy; Second: April. Motion approved.
- c. DPI Liaison – Emilie Amundson (20 minutes)
  - i. Emilie reported on the content and organization of the Common Core Standards. This year is a year to build an understanding of the Standards. CESAs across the state are collaborating to roll out the Standards. CESAs are conducting 4-hour workshops with literacy leadership teams to develop that understanding of the content of the CCS.
  - ii. WKCE will be phased out. Wisconsin has joined the SMARTER Balance Consortium. New summative test expected 2014. Important to get involved in the development of the test. SMARTER is about an assessment system that marries curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
  - iii. Common Core curriculum – Warning that this is not associated to Common Core Standards. It is completely free, but very canonical in nature.
  - iv. Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant from ED – If WI is awarded the planning grant, DPI will forming a team to write the full grant. WCTE requests some input into the selection
- d. Treasurer's Annual Report – Tom Scott (15 minutes)
  - i. Most recent itemized categories and balances were presented. All income and expenses from convention have not yet been posted. 2/1/2010-10-12/2010 Income \$12,470; Expenses-\$3,168
  - ii. Kathy Nelson commended Tom Scott for the diligence he has given the office and the detail provided in the reports to the board.
- e. Pooley Foundation Annual Report – Marty Wood (5 minutes)
  - i. Current balance \$61,410.54. Now considered a fully endowed fund which means that it is almost certain at this point that the fund will earn more than it awards annually.
  - ii. Motion to increase the Pooley Award to read, "up to \$5,000" for 2011-2012. Motion: Tom Pamprin; Second:

Emily Ihrke. Discussion-Can the award be divided between two applicants? Can the Pooley Board decide to award the Pooley to more than one awardee? Question called. Motion passed with one “ney” vote.

- iii. Marty suggested that new membership is needed on the Pooley Board. Anyone interested in serving or nominating for this Board should give names to Donna Pasternak for election at Annual Meeting on 10/22/2010.
  - iv. Marty requested automatic signatory authority for someone on the WCTE Board. Would like this issue addressed at February meeting. Kathy Nelson volunteered legal services to create this signatory authority.
- f. Committee Reports (33 minutes)
- i. Awards – Carol Conway-Gerhardt (5 minutes) All awards will be honored at 10/22/2010 Convention.
  - ii. Election – Emily Tymus Ihrke (5 minutes)
    1. Voting ends at midnight 10/21/2010. We have a candidate for second vice president and 11 out of 12 CESAs.
  - iii. District Directors – Jacki Martindale (5 minutes)
    1. Jacki would like to begin sending regular communication to District Directors. Forward any information that you’d like communicated to Directors to Jacki. District Directors will be meeting 7:30 a.m. at Annual Convention. Donna Pasternak encouraged all District Directors to contact their CESA in order to build a partnership with CESA around the roll out of Common Core Standard roll out.
  - iv. Membership – Tom Scott (5 minutes)
    1. No report
  - v. WCEE – Barbara Dixson (5 minutes)
    1. Met 10/21/2010. Topic was the Common Core Standards. Next meeting will be separate from WCTE board meetings.
  - vi. WCEL – Tom Scott and Linda Barrington (5 minutes)
    1. New initiative to serve as WI state liaison to CEL. Linda Barrington will serve a 2-year term to end spring, 2012. Going to do a session at WCTE Annual Meeting around English Leadership. Tom and Linda are working to encourage membership.
  - vii. Professional Issues - Tom Pamperin (5minutes)
    1. Would like to create resources to support Common Core Standards around issues not addressed, such as LGBT. This would emphasize that there is no one way to enact the CCS. What authority does this committee have to approve materials to come out under the WCTE name. Suggestion made to assemble a peer review group. Anyone interested contact Tom Pamperin. Suggestion made that those interested provide a CV or resume. Tom would match expertise to content of material submitted.
    2. Tom contacted Kent at NCTE and is supportive of local state efforts in this area.
    3. This is a new committee that is working to develop

- focus. First topic is curriculum. In the future, this focus will evolve as interest of WCTE Board and Committee emerge. Committee in need of membership.
- viii. Publications (15 minutes )
    - 1. Website – John Zbikowski (5 minutes)
      - a. John submitted report.
      - b. WCTE website is to be commended for acknowledgement as 2010 Affiliate Website Award Honorable Mention. Donna Pasternak commended John for his dedication to the upkeep of the website!
    - 2. Update – Linda Barrington (5 minutes)
      - a. Give ideas for Update to Linda Barrington-several pages in next update will be about Convention. Emilie Amundson will do a page on Common Core Standards. Profile of a Board Member each issue so that we can start seeing what issues are being addressed in all parts of the state. Then and Now in conjunction with NCTE effort to celebrate 100 years. Started a column last issue to get conversations going...didn't get responses. Keep or drop? Those in attendance recommended keeping it, but change topics and have it go to the discussion board on WCTE website. Put interactive map of Wisconsin with names of District Directors and newly elected positions.
      - b. Donna Pasternak commended Linda for her work to make the Update current and relevant to teachers in WI.
    - 3. WEJ – Jess Gallo and Jen Scott Curwood (5 minutes)
      - a. Wisconsin English Journal distributes 2 issues a year. All online, full access. All articles are peer-reviewed by at least 2 reviewers, one editor and one editorial board member.
      - b. NCTE Connected Community-This a free initiative through NCTE that we may be moving the WCTE website to.
      - c. Donna Pasternak commended the quality of the WEJ!
  - ix. Convention – Lynn Aprill (15 minutes)
    - 1. Pre-conference Workshop 10/21/2010.
    - 2. Current registration for 10/22/2010 Convention is ~180.
  - x. Archives – Emily Tymus Ihrke (5 minutes)
    - 1. Archive at UWM is not interested in WCTE materials. Now contacting WI Historical Society to see if they might be interested in a partnership.
  - xi. Intellectual Freedom – John Pruitt (5 minutes)
    - 1. Named after Lee Buris who was an advocate of intellectual Freedom. 3 nominations-1 winner: Margaret Hankenson. Began the Campus Common

- Read on UW-Waukesha Political Science Dept.
2. Emily Ihrke volunteered to serve on this committee with John.
- xii. Other (5 minutes)
    1. None.
- g. Officer Reports
- i. Director at large (Past President) – Emily Tymus Ihrke (1 minutes)
    1. Election candidates identified. Also called for Chairperson of Diversity Committee. 10 names have come forward. Recommendation: Contact all 10 to confirm membership. Allow group to select chairperson. Possibly attend next Board meeting to meet and begin to form priorities.
  - ii. Second Vice President – Kathy Nelson (2 minutes)
    1. Scott Oats was working on a workshop on rural education in conjunction with Michigan affiliate. This is still in the works.
    2. Coordinating coach buses to attend Chicago NCTE in 2011.
    3. We've been working hard to build membership. If we go for 1.5 years with out a convention. We might loose some people. Emilie Amundson suggested that we host a one-day workshop on strategy alignment to Common Core Standards. Arrowhead would be happy to host an event at the high school. Possible date: spring, 2012. Gathering of WI English Teachers. Challenge District Directors to be responsible to bring people from their CESA area to the "Gathering" and help with membership. Since we won't have a conference next year we need to think income for next year. UW-Madison could offer 1-grad credit for attending and an additional credit for writing a reflection paper. Summary-spring 2012 will be a trial for the "Gathering" in the southern part of the state. If it flies next vice president can think about carrying it on.
  - iii. First Vice President – Lynn Aprill (3 minutes)
    1. Winter meting will be in February. Stevens Point or Madison.
  - iv. President – Donna Pasternak (1 minutes)
    1. No report.
- h. New Business
- i. Co-sponsorship ENSJ Anti-racist Anti-bias Conference – Last year we did \$250. Possible levels: \$250, \$49-249. Motion: Kathy Nelson; Second: Emily. Motion passed unanimously.
  - ii. On-line Literary Map: Lynn proposed WCTE form a committee to complete this week. West Virginia has a well-developed one. NCTE would like all affiliates in all states to have one up to coincide with 100 anniversary of NCTE. Need someone tech savy. Anyone interested in getting involved in this project should e-mail Lynn Aprill.
- i. Old Business (1 minute)
- i. Revision of Bylaws – Work was continued on the revision

of the bylaws. Some information seems to be inappropriate content for by-laws and more likely belongs in something like a handbook. Example of this type of information would be detailed job descriptions. Members were directed to edit document and submit edits to Donna before leaving Convention.

- j. For the Good of the Order (1 minute)
- k. Kudos!
  - i. 2010 NCTE Affiliate Website Award Honorable Mention
- l. Adjournment