

2009 WCTE Annual Business Meeting
3:30 p.m., October 23, 2009
Hyatt Regency Downtown Hotel
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Emily Ihrke called the meeting to order at 3:40 before commending Donna Pasternak on a great conference. Donna modestly shared the credit with the committee. Agenda and minutes from last year's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report--Referenced budget as proposed at previous night's board meeting. After a brief discussion of District Directors' needs and positive outlook, the budget was approved.

Pooley Foundation Annual Report will be online with last night's minutes. Emily shared that Board had recommended the Pooley trustees increase amounts of awards.

Officer Reports:

- Director at Large – Emily reported on behalf of JoAnne. Discussion of Fall 2009 Election results. Thanks to John, Lynn, and JoAnne.
President--Emily gave thanks to all and alerted us of the need for updating by-laws. Barbara Dixson moved a resolution thanking Emily for her leadership and rejuvenation. Seconded by Lynn Aprill. The resolution passed unanimously.
- First Vice President -- Donna reported that first impression was that it was a successful conference especially noteworthy: numbers at luncheon and impressive student volunteers' impact on the registration process. She reminded board members of the winter meeting to be held this Feb. 12-13 in Stevens Point. Barbara will pursue preliminary arrangements. Summer meeting will be held in conjunction with Festa Italiana.
- Second Vice President -- Eau Claire site announced to membership and Lynn issued a call for program proposals at lunch today. Keynote speaker is secured and luncheon and pre-conference workshop are possibilities. Lynn asked for conference committee members to continue.

Committees:

- *Wisconsin English Journal* --Jen Scott Curwood was introduced as part of the new editorial team.
- Awards--Carol thanked board for her service award as she was surprised by this morning's announcement that she had won the Chisholm award. She shared that WCTE has been relevant to all steps of her life's journey.
- District Directors--Report of a loosely organized early morning meeting where it was decided regional CESA meetings will occur.
- WCEE-- Today the group officially decided to become an affiliate of the national CEE. Sue

Fondrie of UW-Oshkosh was elected secretary of WCEE.

- Poetry Out Loud--Jacki reported satisfaction with the exhibit table and the need for an upstate coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

The Pooley Award for Research went to Erin Schwane. She is studying female English teachers' use of technology--what has shaped their attitude towards technology and its impact on their teaching.

NEW BUSINESS

John Zbikowski moved an amendment to Article 4, Section 1 of the by-laws to make the District Director Liaison an elected, at-large, and voting board position with a 2-year term. The motion further empowers the president to appoint a member to fill this position until the next election. Seconded by Tom Scott. Motion passed and Emily Ihrke appointed Jacki Martindale.

No other new business so Emily handed the imaginary gavel over to Donna Pasternak and adjourned the meeting.