

Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English
Annual Business Meeting
Friday, October 22, 2010
3:40-4:45 p.m.
Ramada Inn, Eau Claire, WI
Minutes

1. Donna Pasternak congratulated Lynn Aprill on organizing a great 2010 conference.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of October 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Annual Report
 - a. Tom Scott distributed report of finances prior to convention
 - b. Proposed budget. Annual budget will be sent electronically to all members present. Reply "yes" or "no" to that e-mail. Budget amounts will be the same as Barbara Dixson moved to suspend by-laws and approve process to vote on annual budget electronically. Jackie Martindale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Pooley Foundation Annual Report
 - a. Marty Wood submitted an abbreviated report on the health of the Pooley Foundation.
 - b. Current balance = \$61,410.54
 - c. Awards were increased beginning in 2010: Jarvis \$500; Pooley for teaching \$500; Pooley for research \$2000;
 - d. Pooley research award will increase to up to \$5000 for the 2011-2012 school year.
 - e. Pooley Board requesting one new member. John Zbikowski nominated Emily Tymus Ihrke; Tom Scott second. Motion passed unanimously. John Zbikowski nominated Ellen Last; Tom Scott second. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Officer Reports
 - a. Director at Large – (Past President) – Emily Tmymus Ihrke
 - i. None
 - b. Second Vice President – Kathy Nelson
 - i. 2010 Planning a joint workshop with Minnesota and Michigan on rural education
 - ii. Coordinate coach bus transportation and accommodations to 2011 NCTE in Chicago
 - iii. One-day workshop in spring 2012 on Common Core Standards. Will work with District Directors to increase attendance at this workshop
 - c. First Vice President – Lynn April
 - i. 2010 Convention is complete!
 - ii. Will be forming a committee to compile an online literary map in conjunction with NCTE
 - d. Presidents Report – Donna Pasternak
 - i. By-laws – Revision still in progress. Forward any edits to revised by-laws to Donna as soon as possible.

7. Committee Annual Reports
 - a. Publications
 - i. WEJ – Currently accepting manuscripts for next edition.
 - ii. Update – Linda Barrington. Several pages in next update will be dedicated to convention highlights.
 - iii. Website – John Zbikowski. Donna Pasternak commended John Zbikowski for his work on the website and for recognition by NCTE. 693 page loads. 20,000 page loads since 2000 when we started keeping track.
 - b. Awards – Carol Conway-Gerhart
 - i. Many people within WCTE work to identify annual award winners.
 - c. District Directors – Jacki Martindale
 - i. District Directors met 7:30 a.m. to brainstorm ways to get DD involved in work on roll out of Common Core Standards.
 - d. WCEE – Barbara Dixson
 - i. Met 10/21/2010 to discuss Common Core Standards
 - ii. Next meeting will be schedule via doodle poll sometime in February
 - e. WCEL – Tom Scott & Linda Barrington
 - i. Linda and Tom held a session at today’s conference that well attended. Many in attendance didn’t know CEL and WCEL existed. Donna will work to find a way to contact attendees.
 - f. Professional Issues – Tom Pamperin
 - i. Today’s conference session had ~20 attendees. Many concerns focused on the implementation of the Common Core Standards.
 - ii. Committee working to develop curriculum. Need reviewers and teachers to submit curriculum to broaden scope of recommendations found in Common Core Standards. Encourage teachers to contact Tom Pamperin.
 - g. Archives – Emily Tymus Ihrke
 - i. Emily is continuing to looking for a place to house WCTE archives after UWM said they were not interested.
 - h. Intellectual Freedom – John Pruitt
 - i. 3 nominees for Buris Award. 1 award winner will be recognized. Margaret Hankenson from UW – Waukesha.
 - i. Election – Emily Tymus Ihrke
 - i. Results will be sent out electronically.
 - ii. Lynn April and Emily Ihrke will congratulate new district directors
8. New Business
 - a. Resolution: Whereas the Donna Pasternak has served WCTE with imagination, tenacity, and conscientiousness; whereas she has run Board meetings with efficiency and an eye on the clock; and whereas she has fed us well and encouraged us to enjoy the occasional libation; the members of the Council wish to express their gratitude and their desire that she continue to exert her positive influence on our organization. Resolution passed unanimously.
9. Old Business

- a. Revision of Bylaws – Work will continue. Donna Pasternak will continue this initiative.
10. For the Good of the Order
- a. Jackie Martindale wishes to recognize the incoming president, Lynn Aprill, for the fine work on the 2010 Convention.
11. Kudos!
- a. 2010 NCTE Affiliation Website Award Honorable Mention
12. Adjournment at 4:31