

**Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English Language Arts  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 14, 2005  
Sheraton, Madison, WI**

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**I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

President Bill Schang called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. John Zbikowski moved to approve the agenda as presented; Cindy Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Penny Parsons moved to accept the minutes from the April 22, 2005, Annual Business meeting. Bonnie Frechette seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**III. Treasurer's Report-Scott Oates (via written report)**

Scott Oates proposed a budget anticipating total revenues of \$46,100 and total expenses of \$22,200, leaving a balance of \$23,900. Scott mentioned that mailing to all 300 level license holders is costly, so the group may want to consider other options in the future. Carol Conway-Gerhardt moved to approve the budget as presented, Tom Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IV. 1st Vice President's Report-Convention Debriefing**

President Bill Schang congratulated and thanked Lynn Aprill, Marti Matyska, and Cindy Johnson for a great convention. The evaluations seemed to favor the move to a fall convention. Exhibitors liked the way their area was set up; it gave them traffic all day long. There were many positive comments about the speakers, noting that Terry Trueman was especially enjoyable and well-timed. Although the "First Time Attendees Breakfast" was not well attended, Lynn would recommend doing it again.

**V. 2nd Vice President's Report-Fall Convention Preview**

John reported the following plans for the 2006 convention: the date is Nov. 3, 2006; the place is the Madison Marriot West; the theme is "Popular Culture"; and the keynote speaker has not been decided.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Elections**

Joann Katzmarek was elected 2nd Vice President. Jacki Martindale is still looking for district directors to fill currently vacant positions. Directors can be appointed by the president to fill the vacancies until the next election.

**B. Pooley Trustees Election**

After a ballot vote, Mark Heike was elected to fill the vacant position. Bonnie Frechette will notify Mark Heike, and Bill Schang will notify Marty Wood.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Change in By-Laws**

Cindy Johnson made a motion to amend Article II, section 3 which reads: “The membership year of each Council member shall begin on May 1 and end on May1” to read “The one-year Council membership shall begin upon receipt of membership dues.” Chris Van Hoof seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **B. WCA Liaison**

Tom Scott moved to sponsor Kathy Nelson as a WCTELA liaison by paying her registration for the WCA convention. Bonnie Frechette seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Kathy Nelson agreed to represent WCTELA at the next WCA convention.

### **C. Announcements-Professional Issues**

- A group of interested members will meet at 8:00 a.m. to write articles for the next *Update*. Articles can be emailed to Trista Dauk at [jared.dauk@plantpioneer.com](mailto:jared.dauk@plantpioneer.com).
- Carol Conway-Gerhardt offered the following resolution: “Be it resolved that WCTELA expresses deep appreciation to Bill Schang for his dedication and professionalism on behalf of English Language Arts educators and the students of WI.” John Zbikowski seconded the resolution and everyone approved.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Penny Parsons moved to adjourn and Trista Dauk seconded the motion. The motion carried, and President Bill Schang adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.