

**Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English Language Arts
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 22, 2005
Marriott, Madison, WI**

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

President Jacki Martindale called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. John Zbikowski moved to approve the agenda as presented; Cindy Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

II. Approval Annual Business Meeting Minutes

John Zbikowski moved to accept the minutes from the May 1, 2004, Annual Business meeting with the following corrections: Change “No awards at lunch went well” to “The decision not to have awards at lunch worked well”; change all references to “Mary Sue” to “Mari Sue”; and change the maturation date of the \$10,000 CD to 2005 rather than 2006. Bonnie Frechette seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

III. Treasurer’s Report-Scott Oates

Scott Oates proposed an interim budget for July 1-Oct. 1, 2005. The budget anticipates total revenues being \$39,408 and total expenses being \$15,400, leaving a balance of \$24,008. Penny Parsons moved to approve the budget as presented, Trista Dauk seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Scott Oates also shared a budget overview for October 15-October 14, 2005 to be acted upon at the October 2005 Business Meeting.

IV. Convention Debriefing

President Jacki Martindale congratulated and thanked Bill Schang, Marti Matyska, and Tom Scott for a great convention. Many positive comments were made about the single day convention.

V. Pooley Trust Vacancies

- A. Scott Oates nominated Tom Scott for one of the vacancies. John Zbikowski seconded the nomination, and the nomination was approved.
- B. Bonnie Frechett nominated Mark Heike, pending his acceptance. Trista seconded the nomination, and it was approved. (Bonnie will contact Mark to determine if he is willing to accept the position.)

VI. Suspension of By-Laws

John Zbikowski proposed suspending the by-law to:

- A. Allow Lynn Aprill, current First Vice President, to take office as President at the Business Meeting in October, 2005.
- B. Extend the current terms of the Secretary and the District Directors by

six months, with new terms to begin after the Business Meeting in October, 2005.

Tom Scott moved to accept John Zbikowski's proposal to suspend the by-laws, Scott Oates seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

VII. Nomination for Vacancies

WCTELA plans to have a slate of candidates for 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and District Directors sent to membership before the October, 2005 Business Meeting so those elected can take office in October, 2005.

VIII. Fall Convention Preview

The keynote and luncheon speakers have been confirmed. There was brief discussion of possible authors to invite. Great Source will be hosting a continental breakfast. There was a suggestion to move the awards to earlier in the day.

IX. Announcements-Professional Issues

- A. A group of interested members will meet at 9:00 a.m. to write articles for the next *Update*.
- B. A group will meet at 10:00 a.m. to discuss PI-34 with representatives from the Foreign Language Association and the Reading Association.
- C. Carol Conway-Gerhardt offered the following resolution: "Be it resolved that WCTELA expresses deep appreciation to Jacki Martindale for her leadership and work on behalf of English Language Arts educators and the students of WI." John Zbikowski seconded the resolution and everyone approved.
- D. President Jacki Martindale thanked everyone for the support she has received throughout the year. Then she handed the meeting and her box of materials to Bill Schang.

X. Adjournment

Bill Schang adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.