

WCTE Annual Meeting

Friday, October 16, 2015

UW-Milwaukee Continuing Educ Conference Center, 161 Wisconsin Ave. #6000, Milwaukee WI 53203

Congratulations to Denise Meyer (1st VP), Marti Matyska (convention chair) and Linda Barrington (program) on a successful convention.

1. President John Pruitt opened the meeting at 3:20 p.m. and presented the agenda.
2. Treasurer's Report (Tom Scott)
 1. We are in better shape than we've been in for a while.
3. Pooley Foundation Report
 1. Lynn Aprill will be contacting Marty Wood about the Pooley Funds and the Pooley Charter/By-laws
4. Officer Reports
 1. President (John Pruitt)
 1. John continues to foster the connection with the state writing projects
 2. First Vice President (Denise Meyer)
 1. The convention seems to have been a success—good comments from attendees.
 3. Second Vice President (Marianne Potter)
 1. Marianne will contact her group about ideas for the convention opposite the Kelly Gallagher Friday. Pearson approached her to collaborate on next year's convention.
 4. District Director Liaison (Lynn Aprill)
 1. Kelly Seefeldt will be taking over as the DDL and she will be working with John Pruitt on next year's elections.
 5. NCTE Affiliate Liaison Officer (Tom Scott)
5. Committee Reports
 1. (W)CEL (Tom Scott)
 2. Intellectual Freedom (John Schad)
 1. John put in a plug before the keynote for teachers to nominate for this award.
 3. Wisconsin Authors (Marti Matyska)
 1. Marti thinks this committee has served its purpose and can be "disbanded."
 4. NCTE Awards for Student Literary Magazine (vacant)
 1. John Pruitt has a possible nominee for this position.
 5. Web Site (Lynn Aprill)

1. We are ready to go live tomorrow. The website committee will continue to work with Sandy to get things up and running. The convention handouts are all connected online. A reminder that an RSS feed is needed.
6. Professional Issues
 1. We want to be able to allow the Professional issues chair to vote at board meetings, which will involve a change in the By-laws. Marianne will work on making by-laws changes to reflect this.
7. *Wisconsin English Journal* (John Pruitt)
 1. The newest EJ will be out tomorrow. The next issue will concentrate on teaching English in the technical colleges. John is recruiting heavily for more editors.
6. Old Business
 1. Informal gathering of Wisconsin teachers at NCTE in Minneapolis on Friday after the annual meeting will be coordinated by Justine Plemon.
7. New Business
 1. Resolution: Whereas John Pruitt has served WCTE with everlasting patience and tenacity; whereas he has run Board meetings with an eye to our dwindling budget; and whereas he has encouraged our professional friendship and collaboration with groups such as the Madison Writer's Project; the members of the Council wish to express their gratitude and their desire that he continue to exert his positive influence on our organization.
 2. The spring board meeting will probably be in Stevens Point again sometime in February. The exact specifics will be determined through
8. Adjourn – Motion made by Lynn Aprill, second by John Schad. Motion passed.