

**Minutes of the Wisconsin Council Teachers of English Language Arts
Annual Business Meeting
April 27, 2001
Pyle Center, Madison, WI**

- I. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order by President Claire Martin at 10:35 a.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
It was moved by Mari Sue Bethke and seconded by Bonnie Frechette to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2000 Business Meeting**
There was clarification of the trust officer's report. (The issue of whether Marty Wood was voted trustee or just announced was taken care of in the morning's Executive Board meeting.) Mark Heike's name should not have a "d" in it. A motion was made by Bonnie Frechette and seconded by John Zbikowski to approve the minutes as edited.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report (See notes from Executive Board Meeting)**
A motion was made by Debbie Kinder to approve the treasurer's report as amended in the Executive Board Meeting. Seconded by Carol Conway-Gerhardt. Motion carried.
- V. **President's Report (Claire Martin)**
Claire Martin expressed the need to consider rewriting the by-laws pertaining to the way in which presidents are elected by grade level. John Zbikowski moved that incoming President Carol Conway-Gerhardt appoint a committee to examine the by-laws and present a proposal at the fall board meeting. Mary Graber seconded the motion. In discussion it was mentioned that without the current procedure, there is a fear that the elementary voice will disappear. It was also noted that NCTE is committed to elementary inclusion. After discussion, the motion carried.
- VI. **First Vice President's Report (Carol Conway-Gerhardt)**
The summer retreat will be August 2-3. The retreat will begin at 1:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Center in Madison. Plans include attending an APT performance of *As You Like It* on Thursday evening. On Friday, the day will begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m.

In the coming year, the plan is to work on presenting the new DPI Language Arts Curriculum Guide throughout the state.

Executive Board meeting dates for next year are the following: Sept. 21-22,
Feb. 8-9, April 25 (prior to the convention-Thursday night, 6:00 p.m. at the Paper Valley Hotel).
- VII. **2nd Vice President's Report (Debbie Kinder)**
Details for the 2002 WCTELA Spring Convention are coming along. Jean Feraca has agreed to be the keynote speaker for \$1,000. Debbie continues to coordinate things with WCA, and we need to encourage others to submit proposals. A contract with the Paper Valley Hotel is being negotiated for 2003 as well (However, if things do not go well in 2002, we can get out of the contract.)
- VIII. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Trust Officer's Report**
It was officially noted that we have voted for Marty Wood to replace Jack Kean in a previous meeting. Claire Martin will fill out the proper forms and Jack Kean will forward them to the appropriate people.

B. Professional Issues

John Zbikowski moved that the council delegate Debbie Kinder to draft a resolution supporting the continued use of federal funds to continue consultation services from the DPI. The resolution would be shared with the President for approval. Carol Conway-Gerhardt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Other Committee Reports

Refer to Executive Board Meeting minutes.

A recess was declared at 11:10 a.m. so a presentation could be given. The annual business meeting resumed at 2:20 p.m.

IX. Old Business

For the NCTE Distinguished Service Award, we nominated Jack Kean. Ellen Last wrote a nomination letter last year, and it was resubmitted with a cover letter from Claire Martin.

Other awards such as the Pooley, Chislom, etc. were discussed. It was decided that if there were nominations/ winners, they would be announced in the fall *Update* and officially awarded with next year's winners at the WCTELA 2002 Spring Convention.

X. New Business

Election results reveal that Tom Scott is the 2nd Vice-President; Chris Van Hoof, Secretary; and Stacey Swanson, District Director. Marti Matyska nominated Lynn April as a District 8 Director. Chris Van Hoof seconded the nomination. All members of District 8 cast a unanimous vote.

Mary Hoppe made a resolution of commendation on behalf of the WCTELA executive board to Ruth Wood and Annie Stinson for their enthusiastic, capable, past and future work nurturing and preparing the *Wisconsin English Journal*. Scott Oates seconded the resolution and it passed unanimously.

Carol Conway-Gerhardt offered the following resolution: Be it resolved that WCTELA recognizes President Claire Martin for her outstanding work on behalf of the organization. Seconded by Mari Sue Bethke and passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.