

WCTE Board Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015, 5:45p
UW-Milwaukee Continuing Educ Conference Center, 161 Wisconsin Ave. #6000,
Milwaukee WI 53203

Meeting called to order at 5:53 P.M.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting began by introductions: John Pruitt, Martha Handrick, Denise Meyer, Tom Scott, Shelly Moore Krajacic, Jennifer Kieren, Marianne Potter, Kara Sommerfelt, Marci Glaus, Kathy Nelson, Linda Barrington, Lynn Aprill, Wendy Kropid, Lynn Frick, Marti Matyska, Jacalyn Mabon, and Kelly Seefeldt
2. Approval of Agenda. Barrington/Aprill approved
3. Approval of July 2015 board meeting minutes. Meyer/Handrick approved
4. Treasurer's Report, including Membership (Tom Scott) - we have not yet gotten payments from Reg Online, so not a clear picture of where we are at at this time. It appears that we have total revenues for this convention between \$15,100 and \$15,800. Expenses appear to be a little under \$5,000. Jeff's expenses will run about \$6,000. Thereby a total of \$11,000 in expenses with a profit of upwards of \$4,000. As of September 22, checking at \$9400, \$15,000 in money market account, \$14,000 in cd, \$1800 in savings. Tom thinks we are in pretty good shape at this point. There will be exact figures at the later board meeting after January 31.

Registrations are coming in late, but Reg Online does appear to be convenient for people who wish to pay by credit card.

Membership. Current members or very recent expirations we have 205 members. It is higher than it has been the last couple of years.

Challenge with getting into the Milwaukee Public Schools. Some brainstorming about next year's conference and possible presenters and challenges to the conference. Discussion about having a Saturday convention.

5. DPI Report (Marci Glaus) - Marci passed out a document with her report. Wisconsin Writes has launched. Marci also updated the board on state assessment, the new licensure laws and requirements, a few other updates. She is working on an evaluation/survey of ELA educators in Wisconsin. She shared the survey with the board which was then discussed.
6. Officer Reports
 - a. President (John Pruitt)

- i. The bylaws (ugh!), inc. writing in MASA - Lynn went through proposed changes to the by-laws. With some discussion, they seem was no objection to the proposed changes.
- ii. Affiliate plans for Literacy Education Advocacy Day/Month, March 2016 - John asked what our plans are for this. Various ideas were bantered about. Possibility of doing a "book club" with a Kelly Gallagher book that ties into next year's conference.
- iii. Message from Linda Barrington regarding the Student Freedom of Expression Act: "This past April the North Dakota legislature (heavily Republican) unanimously passed the New Voices Act, giving freedom of expression protection to student journalists in high schools and colleges. Wisconsin college and high school advisers have formed a coalition to propose similar legislation in Madison. In our early stages, we are drafting the bill and looking for a broad base of support within the state and beyond. We would like the endorsement of WCTE. Do you know how to go about doing this? Should I present a statement of endorsement to the board? Or should I just ask for endorsement and let someone else on the board prepare the statement? How should I proceed?"

Linda presented on this concept. Idea was that the board needs to read the actual bill before agreeing on endorsement.

- iv. Collaboration with Greater Madison Writing Project on High School/College symposium referenced in July 2015 minutes. Message from Mark Dziedzic: "We just met with the [UW Madison] English department on Friday [October 9] for the first time. It looks like we are going to have two days - tentatively Friday, January 29th and either the last Friday in February or first Friday in March. The first day would be similar to last year, with panel discussions followed by table group discussions. The second day would have people going to either half day or full day workshops on a particular focus area - argumentative, persuasive, digital literacy, etc. I'd love for you to put it out to the group, but it is just starting to come together. I told everyone at the meeting that I need to have firm plans in hand by November 13th so I can present it to the area school district directors of instruction meeting.

(Would like to see this collaboration with the state's other NWP sites).

b. First Vice President (Denise Meyer) - Marti would like people to be sectional chairs to encourage evaluations. Also, Linda would like folks to collect write-ups from the presentations that people thought were REALLY good for the WCTE Update. Also, take photos with your phones. Next year we need a committee to run the convention. Some advice for Marianne.

- c. Second Vice President (Marianne Potter) - Marianne has updated about next year's conference throughout the meeting.
- d. Director at Large (Lynn Frick)
- e. District Director Liaison (Lynn Aprill): elections in districts 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 12 - elections were reviewed
- f. NCTE Affiliate Liaison Officer (Tom Scott) - will be attending the NCTE meeting on the Friday night of the NCTE conference in Minneapolis

7. Committee Reports

- a. WCEE (David Roloff): no report
- b. (W)CEL (Tom Scott and Kathy Nelson) - having a meeting of CEL
- c. Intellectual Freedom (John Schad) - need to do something to encourage people to make nominations.
- d. SCOA Region 4 Report (Kathy Nelson) - will have sessions on how to run a conference
- e. Standing Committee on Diversity (Justina Plemon) - Submitted by Justina via email: "Proposed Diversity Chair Position Description. Standing Committee on Diversity Chair: The Standing Committee on Diversity chair is an appointed, unpaid position for a term of three years. The Standing Committee on Diversity chair is charged to promote and support ongoing dialogues about diversity and difference in all aspects of teaching. To carry out this general charge, the Standing Committee on Diversity chair shall form a committee which is particularly charged: to gather data about underrepresentation of people of color and other minorities in our membership including surveys of the membership that better identify the organization's level of diversity, including members' rank and institutional affiliation; to poll the membership regarding the effectiveness of WCTE in meeting the needs of our many different constituents, as defined by race, ethnicity, gender, disabilities, and sexual orientation; to develop resources that will support our members in teaching for diverse student bodies, ~~such as a conference demonstrating culturally responsive practices as addressed in the RtI model~~; and practical resources about teaching writing in diversity-rich environments; and to propose position statements on diversity in the profession and teaching for consideration by NCTE. The Standing Committee on Diversity chair shall maintain affiliation with other NCTE/CCCC committees where possible to improve efficiency, including the Committee on Diversity, the Committee on Disability Issues and the Committee on LGBT/Q Issues." Also - anyone interested in joining a committee can email me at jplemon@newrichmond.k12.wi.us**

f. Wisconsin Authors (Marti Matyska): follow-up on Marti's suggestion that we need space on the web site for the growing number of Wisconsin authors - Still alive and well and writing. Nothing to report.

g. Professional Issues (Lynn Frick) - looking forward to what we can do. Also, Lynn needs a committee. She is right now a committee of one. There is information on this committee in the bylaws. Where should our voice be? As issues come up, let's get those out to members. Not necessarily have an opinion, but just to get the information out there. Please email Lynn.

h. Awards (Jacalyn Mabon) - Awards are ready to go. Jacalyn will be making the presentation. Needs someone to take pictures of the awards winners. Marti will do that. The presentations of the awards are after session one.

i. NCTE Awards for Student Literary Magazine (Becky Donlin) - We have a vacancy now in this position. Becky has not fulfilled this post for awhile. John has an idea of someone to ask.

j. Web Site (Denise Meyer, Shelly Moore, Kelly Seefeldt, Linda Barrington)

i. We're going live! - nevermind. We are not going live tomorrow, but after the convention on Saturday, we will be going live. We can show the "staging" pages of the website to show people where things are. Went through the new website. Linda wants to add an RSS feed to the website as well,

ii. Message from John Zbikowski: "I normally receive email from [Network Solutions] almost daily, but it's almost always advertising for some product or service. If it's an individual message to me about backups I'll forward it to you [Sandy Jacoby]. One of these days WCTE needs to put the account into someone else's name. Denise and I tried to schedule a meeting for that once, but it didn't work out."

This is still the host for the website.

iii. Literary Map web site - Lynn showed all of the awesome work that has gone into creating this useful and Wisconsin-based tool.

k. *Update* (Linda Barrington) - Linda passed on information on her deadlines and who is working on different parts of the Update. She also reviewed all of the parts planned for the next Update. She plans to go to print in December shortly after Thanksgiving. Jennifer Kieren will be the next featured WCTE Board member.

l. *Wisconsin English Journal* (John Pruitt)

i. Fall 2015 issue almost ready. Out next week.

- ii. Spring 2016 special issue on writing instruction in the technical colleges, guest editor Gregg Nelson, Chippewa Valley Technical College. Sending out national call for papers.
- iii. Fall 2016 special issue on “Linguistically and Culturally Different Students who are Twice Exceptional – Gifted and Learning dis(Abled),” guest editors Shawn Robinson, Cardinal Stritch, and Donna Ford, Vanderbilt University
- iv. NCTE roundtable “Does Anyone Read the Affiliate Journals? A Conversation toward Energizing a Potential Readership,” Saturday, November 21, 2:45p-4p
- v. Would like representation on editorial board from middle and secondary teachers

m. WELA (Kathy Nelson)- Coming back. Renewing. WI Educational Leaders Association. Invitations were sent out.

n. Pooley committee (Kathy Nelson, John Zbikowski, Linda Barrington, Tom Scott): Marty Wood looking to step down as trust officer so must seek out a replacement. Where are Pooley bylaws? John called for nominations for Trust Officer. Shelly Krajacic motioned to suspend rules and cast unanimous vote for Lynn Aprill. Motion passed.

8. Old Business-

a. Informal gathering of Wisconsin teachers at NCTE in Minneapolis: follow-up with Justina Plemon. Meeting in the lobby of the convention center.

9. New Business- Site for next year’s convention? Booked for Milwaukee right now. Committee may be formed for this. Looking at what works and doesn’t work with this convention. Decide within a week on what to do for next year? Marti will look at other venues as options.

10. Adjourn: Motion by John Pruitt. Second by Marianne Potter. 8:48

respectfully submitted by Shelly Moore Krajacic