

GCTE Executive Board Meeting

Date: November 8, 2008

Members Present: Jim Cope, Diana Poore, Gerald Boyd, Dawn Kirby, Brenda Logan, Jean Copland, Julie Rucker, Merrill Davies,

Agenda:

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 10:00.

Minutes of last board meeting

A motion was made by Dawn Kirby to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Brenda Logan seconded it. The minutes were accepted unanimously. It was announced that we received the Affiliate of Excellence award.

Treasurers Report: Dawn made the motion that the treasurer's report be accepted. Jean seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Director's Reports:

Director 1 (Diversity): Jim Hill and Brenda Logan

Brenda Logan mailed 120 applications and criteria for the GCTE Conference Award for Future English Teachers of Color to Departments of English and Colleges of Education at all Georgia colleges and universities. The GCTE application for the National Council of Teachers of English 2008 Affiliate Multicultural Award was submitted in June, 2008.

Kathleen will send out on the list-serv information about the Dream Award for a vote.

Director 2 (Publications): Jean Copland

The November/December issue of Scribbles will be due out soon. We need KUDOS and news. We need to include information about Julie and the awards GCTE has won. Jim Cope will send information about the awards to Jean Copland.

Scribbles won the first place NCTE newsletter award for 2007-2008 for the second time. Jim will set up the technology so that KUDOS will be sent automatically to Jean from the web.

Director 3 (Membership): Patti McWhorter.

Absent

Director 4 (Conferences): Alan Perry

We have had 17 registrations to the conference. He has received 33 presentation proposals. This number is down, but the deadline for the late fee does not kick in for two months. He will revamp the conference line-up. We will only have two general sessions instead of three. We will start with concurrent sessions.

We will have a low country boil by HoltMcDougall for Friday night at the conference center. Another publishing company has asked to do a wine and cheese party. This year is an adoption year for English 9-12.

We need to watch the money carefully.

Suggestions for the conference: The World is Flat.

Director 5 (Teacher/School Awards): Julie Rucker

A revised application process was presented for review. Please see the handout. The process was streamlined to ten pages. Applicants will fill out a form that will be found online on our website or through Scribbles. Winners will receive an acrylic plaque, a \$250 award, and an additional \$250 to help defray their conference costs if they attend the conference.

Jim Cope will investigate attaching a PDF with the applications. The applicants could scan their information and send the information on CD's.

Julie would like to do a mailout to each of the members concerning the awards. The printing company is TMR.

If a teacher has been a teacher of the year, they would not be allowed to win the award again.

Director 6 (Journals): Nancy Remler and Merrill Davies

Merrill will have Jean put information in Scribbles about Mindscapes. She wants to put a table out near registration with information about Mindscapes and talk to people individually about writing for Mindscapes. The vendor area at Jekyll is very nice and we could set up a table in that area. We need to contact NCTE about membership information. Merrill will check with Millie Davis.

We could possibly start a database with old conference information and send information through e-mail concerning this year's conference.

Merrill encouraged the board to send information in for entries. She also mentioned we might want to consider higher education entries.

Director 7 (Technology): Jim Cope

The GCTE website won an NCTE award. We get 1200-1500 hits a month. We may want to consider a blog or a wiki on our web site.

Director 8 (College Relationships): Dawn Kirby

We have received applications for the Ellis award. The Ellis award needs to be consistent. All awards should be together. We are receiving submissions from the same places.

A two-week reminder needs to be sent concerning the award. Applications in hard copy should be at the registration table and information about the award should be in the packets that registrants receive at the conference.

Dawn wants the literature to reflect that the transcripts should be in PDF or Word format.

Kapan Award: Lifetime Achievement Award

Jim will send out a call for nominations.

We may want to include college students in Mindscape submissions.

NCTE Liaison Report: Merrill Davies

Information about the resolutions from NCTE should possibly be put on the list serv for discussions.

GLAS / State Dept. Report: We need to replace Christie with Mary Stout. Jim Cope will invite her.

SLATE Report: Pearl McHaney

Historian's Report: Carolyn Coleman

Not Present

Public Relations Chair: Adam Hathaway

Not Present

Georgia Writing Project Liaison: Aisha Daniels

No report

NCTE Promising Young Writers Chair: Anna Nero

Not present

Old Business

Shout It from the Mountain top is alive and well. Jean wants to set up a table with Shout information.

New Business:

Conference Table Fees for non-profit organizations

We could do this on a space available basis. If the vendors are selling something, we need to charge for the table.

Nominations for NCTE committees

If any one is interested in being nominated, please let Jim know about this.

Budget Crunch

After this conference, we may need to make some decisions concerning the budget.

Board Meeting Attendance

There are concerns about attendance at meetings. It may be helpful to set the times for meetings a year ahead of time. Jim will set up a google calendar. It will send out reminders. Everyone could put in dates and due dates. Jim will have that at the February meeting.

New Treasurer

Think about someone who does a great job. We need to think about who could fill this spot.

Motion to adjourn by Jean and seconded by Dawn at 12:55.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diana Poore

