

GCTE Executive Board Meeting

Date: February 18, 2006

Members Present: Pearl McHaney, Gerald Boyd, Jim Cope, Carolyn Coleman, Adam Hathaway, Anna Nero, James Hill, Nancy Remler, Cassandra Smith, Alan Perry, Kathleen McKenzie, Diana Poore

Agenda:

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Jim Cope at 11:30.

Minutes of last board meeting

There were no minutes from the last meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Gerald moved to accept, Pearl seconded. Unanimously accepted

Director's Reports:

Director 1 (Diversity): Jim Hill

Four applications were sent in, two were incomplete. Two of the applications were accepted. Two of the student winners presented. They were excellent presentation. Douglas Alexander and Regina Barnette were winners.

Director 2 (Publications): Jean Copeland

Jean was not present. A copy of her report was presented. We may want to solicit ads from publishers. Financially, Scribbles n Bits is sound.

Director 3 (Membership): Patti McWhorter

Patti was not present. A web-based management system will be looked at instead of the database system which is now being used. We may need to buy another computer for her. We may budget a laptop for her every 3 to 5 years. Jim talked with her about membership. Our membership numbers are staying the same. We may want to send something to the members every 3-6 months. We need to send membership forms in every mailing. Jim will set up an e-list of members and send information via the Internet. If we get the NCTE database, we may be able to sort using addresses and areas of the state. If we can find people in each region, those members could be our contact people. We could talk about mini-conferences in each region. Local RESA's might be interested in collaborating with them on mini-conferences. For PLU's you need 10 hours. This might be considered. We may want to look at post-conferences. Georgia Writing Projects sites might be helpful in planning this. Pearl made a motion that we consider buying a computer if the NCTE system does not work. Kathleen seconded. This passed unanimously.

Director 4 (Conferences): Alan Perry

The number of participants who registered was 305. We had 133 new memberships. We had 36 on-site registrants. We had only two cancelled sessions. The 2007 conference will be February 8-10 will be in Jekyll Island at the Buccaneer. The theme will be Building Bridges: Culture, Literacies, and Lives. The confirmed guest speakers will be Calvin Sims and Michael LoMonico. Also, Kylene Beers and Robert Probst have been confirmed.

Every proposal was accepted this year. Alan will be checking on other venues such as Lake Lanier Islands, Lake Blackshear, Augusta, and Macon. Nancy will check with Margaret Edsom. Alan will check with Leila Christenbury for a future conference. Alan suggested that we offer a \$40 registration fee which includes one year's membership. Alan made the motion that we charge a \$40 fee for pre-service teachers which includes one year's membership, Jim seconded. This passed unanimously. Jim personally thanked Alan for helping with the conference.

Director 5 (Teacher/School Awards): Michael Moore
Six teacher of the year awards were awarded. Sixteen were nominated. Those who didn't win should be urged to submit next year. Michael submitted his resignation. Julie Rucker has agreed to take over that directorship. He recommended that all submissions be done electronically.

Director 6 (Student Awards): Gwen McAlpine
Gwen was not present. We are not getting a lot of material in the secondary section. We need submissions. Alan is the representative for the 3rd region of NCTE. He is in charge of judging the journals for NCTE. Alan will need people to help him judge this.

Director 7 (Technology): Jim Cope
Jim will be setting up an e-list. We have approximately 1200 hits on the web site per month.

Director 8 (College Relationships): Dawn Kirby will be taking Freya's place as director.

NCTE Liaison Report:

Merrill was not present.

GLAS / State Dept. Report: Gerald Boyd

Did not have a report.

SLATE Report: Pearl McHaney

Pearl asked that if there are anyone hears of a book that is being censored to let them her know.

Historian's Report: Carolyn Coleman

No report.

Public Relations Chair: Adam Hathaway

He will send the information to the newspaper. Please send the award winner information to hatch 52@alltel.net.

Georgia Writing Project Liason: Nancy Remler

There were approximately eight Writing Project sessions. Some were not submitted in the writing project strand. Nancy asked that we change the conference form to include the category (Writing Project) to make it easier for participants. She asked that a page in the conference booklet be devoted to the Writing Project Strand. Alan said this may be a problem. She will solicit proposals from the directors. She is going to ask the Writing Project to try to do something for GCTE since GCTE has been so accommodating to the Georgia Writing Project such as bags or ads. Nancy asks if there is any other way that GWP could help GCTE. Alan mentioned that they could help with the mini-conferences and provide strands. There is a web site for the National Writing Project and Georgia Writing Project.

NCTE Promising Young Writers Chair: Anna Nero

There are now seven schools involved.

Letters about Literature was mentioned by Pearl. If GCTE is interested coordinating with Georgia Centers for the Book. Anna will check into this.

Old Business

Georgia Literature Booklet and Map

-Kathleen asked if we are interested in continuing this. We may want to team with the Georgia Center for the Book-William Starr. They are also working on a Georgia Map of Authors. The cost is approximately \$1200. This is not a money making project.

Kathleen is willing to do this again. She recommends that we order 1000. Nancy volunteered to have her students work on the project. Kathleen will be collecting data and information and bring this to the next board meeting.

Affiliate of Excellence Application due July 15

If anyone has reports be aware of the deadline. The deadline for reports for contests is May 1. Alan will send Jim a reminder concerning this. Jim will contact NCTE about changes in officer positions.

Affiliate Report due to NCTE

Due date is May 1

Board Contact Form

Jim will do an update report with contact information.

Capan Award

The award recipients were discussed. Submit names and criteria should to the list serv.

New Business:

Tax Exempt

We can apply through NCTE through their umbrella plan. Jim will check on this.

Stationary

This is available at today's meeting.

Georgia Literature and History

Pearl passed out information concerning the project. How could GCTE support this project?

We could give her feedback on how it fits with eighth grade content. We could do editing or contributions to the book. Nancy, Kathleen, Jim Hill volunteered individually to help Pearl.

Pearl moves that the GCTE Executive Board serves as an editorial board for the Georgia: Her History and Literature. Jim Cope's was concerned that if we found something we could not endorse we may not want to tie our name to the book. It would be voluntary. GCTE would be named in the acknowledgements. Pearl withdrew her motion due to concerns. Pearl will contact Terry Kay concerning this. Gerald will try to help facilitate through committees that Georgia Literature should be added to the curriculum. Pearl motioned that GCTE write a letter to the State Board of Education endorsing Georgia Studies in Literature be added to the curriculum. Adam seconded this motion. It passed unanimously. Nancy moved that the mileage reimbursement be commensurate with the state rate. Jim Hill seconded. Passed unanimously.

Our next meeting will be in Athens on June 17.

Motion made by Kathleen to adjourn. Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Diana Poore