

## **GCTE Executive Board Meeting**

**October 25, 2003**

### **Agenda**

#### Call to Order

Alan Perry called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Members present: Diana Poore, Freya Zipperer, Cassandra Smith, Kathleen McKenzie, Anna L. Nero, Bolton Lunceford, Carolyn Coleman, Merrill J. Davies, Jim Cope, Gerald Boyd, Alan Perry, Jean Copland

Alan received a call from Kim Wright about issuing a magazine to our members. She wanted a copy of our mailing list. This was declined. Alan sent the magazine out himself. Alan read a thank you note from Carolyn Coleman

#### Minutes of Last Board Meeting

Motion made by Jim Cope. Gerald Boyd second. Passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

The mini-conference washed itself out. Document storage is for the storage unit in which we keep our materials. NCTE Slate line takes care of NCTE conference and supplies. Affiliate Development takes care of the chapter at KSU. We will start receiving money as it gets closer to the conference. We should be meeting our budgeted goal. The web site should go under communications. The web site runs \$13 per month. We will add \$200 per year to the budget. Unallocated finances include stamps, stamp pads, etc. Motion made by Freya, Seconded by Cassandra. Motion carried.

#### Director's Report

\_\_\_\_\_ Director 1 (Diversity): Jim Hill

Jim has updated the application form for the future teachers of Color award. They were mailed on September 24, 2003 and the deadline for return is November 10, 2003. We decided not to nominate for this office, but to wait till the conference for the conference.

\_\_\_\_\_ Director 2 (Publications): Jean Copland

Bolton has started a new article called "Upbeat". If anyone has an article, please send in immediately. Thank you to Nancy Remler and Robbie Strickland for being Netters. See

quarterly reports for guidelines and ads. Send Bolton information about the bright moments about teaching. Kathleen will send Bolton article about "Beatitudes".

\_\_\_\_\_ Director 3 ( Membership): Patti McWhorter (not Present)

Our membership is holding steady at 750. We need a membership mailout. We could honor the 100% schools. Alan will e-mail Patti about a membership drive. Merrill made a presentation to Jim Cope's class and the Kennesaw Writing Project about GCTE membership. Bolton inquired about using the RESA's to promote our memberships. Hathway knows how to get in touch with all of the writing projects

\_\_\_\_\_ Director 4 (Conferences): Cawood Cornelius

Julie resigned from conferences. We have 14 registrations so far. We only have 12 proposals. Last conference we had 80 sessions. The deadline for proposals will be November 11, 2003. Gerald has contacted the vendors, and has two commitments for the wine and cheese parties. Magic Marc will present at the wine and cheese and at two other times (Magic Marc Dunston). We will have music instead of karaoke. We will have an English Teachers Trivia Night. We will be changing the registrations for 2005. Alan and Bolton has talked about having "Schools of Honor" awards for having 100% membership at conference. Alan will identify the schools who have multiple conference memberships and contact the school. This will be published in Scribbles. Jim said that the schools should be responsible for applying for this. Bolton says we should have a plaque for this. Alan knows of two schools that will be sending 100% of their English faculty. Alan will send forms to schools about applying for 100%. The writing conference will be having a conference in Savannah. We need to set up a table about GCTE. We need copies of membership forms, conference forms, and proposal forms. Freya will e-mail Gwen about getting Connections. Jean will send copies of Scribbles and Bits. We will call the schools, "Schools of Distinctions". We will not have a conference committee meeting.

We will be giving away a lot of things in storage. We will give away the tote bags.

\_\_\_\_\_ Director 5 (Teacher/School Awards): Michael Moore (not present)

Alan did not have the report. He has some nominations. There are no problems.

The deadline has not passed. We have a letter for the Ellis award. The awards will be made at the conference. We will give Tom Liner an award. Jim Cope has two mini-grant awards. W. Geiger Ellis may be able to come down to give the award. On National Board Certification, if the teacher is not successful, the teacher banks points. The teacher has to pay to try again. We will offer a scholarship for this. Guidelines should be in previous minutes. After November 1, teachers will know if they passed. The scholarship will need to go in the next copy of Scribbles. The money will go for 2003. The participants will need to be GCTE members. We may need to do a mailing. Kathleen is writing the information on how to word this. GCTE members who need to retake a portion of the National Board Professional Standards Certification test may apply for financial

assistance to help finance retaking parts of the test. Contact Merrill Davies or the GCTE website for an application. (GCTE.net)

\_\_\_\_\_ Director 6 ( Student Awards): Gwen McAlpine

The issue looks great. The new manuscripts are due November 1, 2003. We need to ask the mini-grants winners to submit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Director 7 (Technology): Jim Cope

We average approximately 1000 hits per month. See web activity report. Most of the proposals have been electronic. We only had two applications for teacher mini-grants. Board members read both proposals. Gerald made a motion that we accept both proposals. Jim Cope seconded. Passed unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_ Director 8 (College Relations): Freya Zipperer

See report. Only one candidate had everything in packet for the scholarship (W. Geiger Ellis Scholarship). The winner will need to give a brief report. We need to let her know what a brief report entails. Alan indicated this would be awarded at lunch. She could conduct a roundtable for students. Alan will decide where this will fit in the program. Freya will send her a proposal or guide her to go online for the proposals.

NCTE Liaison Report: Merrill Davies

Merrill sent the paperwork into NCTE. We were in the top five affiliates. We need to let her know what we need to communicate to NCTE. We sent out Mindscapes. Merrill hopes to get the issues out earlier this year. Merrill is the main editor. She would like an elementary school teacher to get more involved. We spent less money on it this year due to printer and we printed fewer copies. We may want to list the schools in the index.

GLAS/State Dept. Report: Gerald Boyd

The Department of Ed. has been working on a revised Quality Core Curriculum. This will be handed to the BOE in November. It will be on the web in March. They will be asking for feedback. They hope to get guided feedback. We need to encourage the feedback. It looks radically different from the current QCC's. We adapted our Writing standards from California. The teachers will see samples of student work and commentary about how the work meets the standards. The conventions should not be taught in an isolated fashion. There are far fewer standards. We want a much narrower curriculum to teach more in depth. Modifications for exceptional and gifted ed. will be indicated but maybe not in the document. BOE is working on webcasts and videotapes on how to look at the QCC's. Gerald will be making a presentation at the Calloway conference concerning this. One of the goals in Kathy Cox is to have a usable document. This may be presented at the first general session. There is not a requirement for separate segments for reading and language arts. This is not mandated. They promote an integrated language arts program.

A total phase in for Language Arts will be next year. There are content changes in math and social studies, and science. The schedule has not been finalized. The testing has renegotiated a contract for CRCT. End of course tests will be given in December and spring. The December testing will not count, as they will be using it to test standards. There will be no consequences for students and may not for spring. There will not be a student by student feedback, only school averages given. There is only interim director for testing. The end of course test is at a higher cognitive level in relation to the graduation test. It will be much more challenging. The end of course test does not take the place of the graduation test. The enhanced version will be given this year, but the student will not be penalized this year for the enhancements, as these may have not been taught. For EOCT credit the test must be weighted 20%.

SLATE Report: Pearl McHaney (not present)

This is on the list serv. There is another challenge on a book by R.L. Stine. There is an upcoming conference next year (ASA). Gerald says we need to stay abreast of challenges. A parent does not have the right to withdraw a book from a library. Every school should have a media committee to make these decisions.

Historian's Report: Carolyn Coleman

No report. Jim Cope says he will start scanning reports. We could put past teachers of the year on the web site.

Products Chair Report: Terri Washer (not present)

See report.

Public Relations Chair: Adam Hathaway (not present)

Georgia Writing Project Liaison: Nancy Remler

There will be a strand for this. There is a retreat this weekend. Kathleen asked about a deal for Georgia Writing Project and GCTE. We may want to offer a package deal for both organizations. Next year this will happen (2005).

NCTE Promising Young Writers Chair: Anna Nero

She has received confirmation from NCTE about her appointment. She will put together a panel of judges to read essays and evaluate them. We submitted for the literary magazine but we have not heard anything concerning this. NCTE sends Alan e-mails when these positions are open. Alan will get in touch with Millie Davis about these awards. There are a 11<sup>th</sup> grade achievement awards and 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards. Alan asked who is in charged of this. Alan has sent e-mails to Marva Banks.

Old Business:

\_\_\_\_\_ Report on progress of *Shout Them from the Mountain Tops:*  
*Georgia Poems*

*Jean made final corrections for this. She is doing the final proof. Jean asked about acknowledgements. It will be at the printer this week, with a 10-day turn around with signings at Barnes Nobles, at a regional library, and at Athens. These are never before published poems. This is the year of the poem. The cost would be \$10 or under. The poets could do a session. We will invite the poets to the conference. Jean thanked GCTE for sponsoring this endeavor. We will identify this for the affiliate of excellence for next year. Alan suggested to Jean to buy a receipt book. We will up the price for Barnes and Noble as they charge us 20%. We will publish some hardbacks. We have registered for copyright and ISBN number,*

\_\_\_\_\_ National Board Certification Scholarship application form

\_\_\_\_\_ Our representatives at the NCTE Convention in San Francisco  
(Alan, Merrill,

and ?) We pay \$750 expenses (see Feb. 2002 minutes)

Alan will be going, so he will not need very much of this money. He will need parking expenses. Merrill will be going to NCTE. Jim will be going, but he will not need funding. Jim will be our voting representative.

New Business:

\_\_\_\_\_ STRATEGIC PLAN MUST **BE** UPDATED IMMEDIATELY

Time frames and responsible persons will need to be updated. This will need to be done after February's election of officers. Everyone needs to look at this document and make changes. Please send comments to Merrill Davies. At the February board meeting, we will have a limited time to look at this.

\_\_\_\_\_ GCTE Board retreat

Alan suggested that this take place between February and June. Bolton suggested the board meeting needs to be moved to July. We need to have the Strategic Plan updated before we apply for the Affiliate of Excellence Award. Alan will check on Red Top Mountain. Gerald will check on Holiday Inn at Forsyth. Alan will give out assignments at the February meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Consideration of what to do with the Products Committee

Terri will be leaving Georgia after this school year. Alan suggested that we do away with this committee. We have not made any profit in years. The maps and books could be special projects. We could give away some projects as door prizes. Jim made a motion that we do away with products committee but continue to produce items for promotion as needed. Freya seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously. Any questions should be brought to the board. We will still have a table for membership, maps, etc. Alan will check on the seals for badges (GCTE). We may want stars for "Schools of Distinction".

#### \_\_\_\_\_English Expo

This is a competition for students of teachers who are GCTE members. There would be different events: skill competition, writing prompts. Alan suggested six or seven events. Alan will get guidelines from Pat McGraff. This could be part of our strategic plan. Kathleen suggested an October competition. Alan indicated that someone needs to take this as a project to pull together rules, locations, events, etc. Kathleen will be the chair. Merrill will support her on this event. Freya will also help with this.

#### \_\_\_\_\_New membership system from NCTE

When Alan was in Las Vegas, he saw a new system. You can have your own personalized page, join list servs, bulletin boards. They will provide us a way to keep up with our membership. Patti would have access to everything. Alan suggested that the President should also have access. He is not sure when it will be available. You can customize this site. This will be a better way of keeping up with our membership. The membership list will be protected.

Adjournment

Motion by Jim.

Seconded by Gerald at 2:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2004, Callaway Gardens, 12:45 p.m. \* 2:45 p.m.