

GCTE Executive Board Meeting

June 17, 2006, Athens, GA

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with break for lunch

Minutes

Call to Order at 10:30 a.m. at the Classic Center. Members present were Kathleen McKenzie, Gwen McAlpine, Jim Cope, Diana Poore, Alan Perry, Gerald Boyd, Jean Copland, Bolton Lunceford, Carolyn Coleman, Cassandra Smith and Anna Nero

Minutes of Last Board Meeting Minutes were accepted. Motion made by Gerald and Seconded by Kathleen.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand June 15, 2006 was \$36,405.58. Total Assets are \$90,298.58. There will be software needs for next year. Jim said \$1000 will be needed for software for the website. Gerald made a motion that a new camera be purchased for Jean Copland. Bolton seconded this motion. It passed unanimously. A camera for approximately \$500 would be needed. It was recommended that a digital camera be purchased for her. At the last meeting we agreed that Patti needs to buy a new computer. This would cost about approximately \$1800. Bolton made a motion that a cash award be given for up to \$1000 for the Teacher Minigrant winners. It was seconded by Carolyn. This passed unanimously. Gerald made motion that the total amount budgeted for Teacher Mini-grants be raised to \$7000. Alan seconded this. This passed unanimously. Questions asked that if we get 10 fabulous applications could we raise the monies for the grant. Bolton agreed that this would be taken into consideration. We need to let Nancy Remler know about this. Passed unanimously. Gerald raised the question about keeping the monies for National Board in the budget. Kathleen suggested that this may be still needed in the budget. Through NCTE we can get tax exempt status. Bolton will send Jim a signature card so that he may be able to sign checks.

Directors' Reports:

Director 1 (Diversity): Jim Hill

Not present

Director 2 (Publications): Jean Copland

The copy deadline is June 25, 2006. We need more newsletters. We need kudos. She encouraged the board to write columns for the publications. She encouraged

Anna to write a report. Kathleen will also write a report. Jim will send information on the mini-grant, President's column, and other items of interest.

Director 3 (Membership): Patti McWhorter

Not present. Jim is looking at new software that would allow our membership database would be accessible to several other members. It would be web-based. He will check and see if the KSU secretary will help with databasing. She will work with Merrill on mailings. We need a membership drive. The membership is low. Jim will see if he can extract single e-mails so that we can send out information about grants, etc.

Director 4 (Conferences): Alan Perry

Registration form and proposal forms in packet. We will meet in Jekyll at the Buccaneer Hotel. Contract has been signed with the convention center. The cost is \$5000. The new vice-president of NCTE and Bob Probst will be our key-note speakers. Michael Lamonico and Calvin Sims will be speakers. Our luncheon time will be extended. For 2008, the Hilton would be a logical hotel for our headquarters for Athens. If we do not go to Athens in 2008, we will go to Callaway Gardens. Kathleen suggested that we need a major emphasis on elementary education.

Director 5 (Teacher/School Awards): Julie Rucker

Not present. See report. The amount for the award for Teacher of the Year is \$250 per recipient. A motion was made that the total amount budgeted for this item be raised to \$1500. Gerald made this motion. Cassandra seconded. Unanimously passed.

Director 6 (Student Awards): Gwen McAlpine

See report. Jim suggested that Gwen submit a report on her duties, deadlines, etc. Gwen will be resigning from her position. If anyone knows a person who may be interested, please let Jim know. The column editors will stay in there position.

Director 7 (Technology): Jim Cope

Our website won honorable mention for NCTE. Jim is looking at a blog for our website. We still receive between 1200 to 1500 hits per month.

Director 8 (College Relations): Dawn Kirby

Not present. She will be sending out information for the Geiger Ellis awards in the fall. She will be asked to contact the universities in the state about the conference. She should emphasize the student rate and free membership is you attend the conference.

NCTE Liaison Report: Merrill Davies

Not present. She needs more submissions. NCTE Liaison report. What is the most important issue in English language arts in your area? The Georgia performance standards seem to be the most pressing. Three members of the executive board worked with the GA DOE to establish performance tasks for this. Our conference and publications address this such as Scribbles n' bits.

What were your affiliate's three most outstanding accomplishments this year? Our conference, our membership grew, our website, more teacher of the year awards, Scribbles n' Bits were outstanding accomplishments. GCTE made contributions to the state curriculum.

What are the three greatest challenges facing your organization? Membership. Less money being appropriated through the General Assembly, more diversity of opportunity to be involved in organizations are Georgia challenges. Another challenge is No Child left Behind. There is a great disparity on how the Georgia Performance Standards are implemented in the schools.

Would your affiliate be interested in partnering with NCTE on a local workshop?

Yes, we would be interested.

GLAS/State Dept. Report: Gerald Boyd

See report. Changes in the standards were commented on by over 700 people. Most of these were editorial changes. Minor editing changes were made. The substantive change that is being proposed is that a study of Georgia Authors be included. It was asked that it would be included in the 8th grade curriculum. The proposal would not restrict the teacher to Georgia Authors and texts. They have tried to stress that textbooks are not the curriculum. This proposal was submitted by the Georgia Council of Teachers of English. One concern Gerald has is testing, and that we have standards in Language Arts that cannot be accessed by paper and pencil. A skill that employers have listed that students are lacking is speaking and talking with individuals and his greatest fear is that this will not be taught because it cannot be accessed by paper and pencil. As we promote standards as an organization, we should promote all the standards.

SLATE Report: Pearl McHaney

Not present

Historian's Report: Carolyn Coleman

Jim Cope will get information about Dorothy and will get the file cabinet with historical information on GCTE.

We may want to publish a book on the history of GCTE. Expenses may be incurred for publishing. Alan made a motion that we establish in our budget \$4000 for the publishing of the history of GCTE. Gerald seconded. Passed unanimously.

Public Relations Chair: Adam Hathaway

Not present.

Georgia Writing Project Liaison: Nancy Remler

Not present.

NCTE Promising Young Writers Chair: Anna Nero

Schools participating doubled this year. Her goal is 10 participating schools.

Old Business:

NCTE Membership Database

Patti and Jim are working on this.

Affiliate Report Due to NCTE

This is due by July 15, 2006.

Tax exempt status through NCTE

Jim will send information to Bolton

New Business:

Software for website and data base

Gerald made a motion to buy software for website. Kathleen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Search engine for website for Book Corner

Jim will check on software for this.

Mini-conferences

A mini-conference on differentiation would be helpful. Kathleen made a motion that we set aside funds to start a mini-conference for summer 2007. Seconded by Gwen.

Alan suggested that we set aside \$10,000. This conference would be centered on differentiation of instruction for GPS. The motion is that we should have a mini-conference on differentiated instruction with a budget of \$10,000 to be held summer 2007. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting? Oct. 21,2006

Other?

Motion made by Gwen to adjourn. Bolton seconded. Adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Diana Poore