

Minutes: NTCC 1991, Seattle, WA., NCTE

Members present: Mary Slayter, Chair; Helon Raines; Ben Wiley; Nell Ann Pickett, editor, TETYC; Brenda Green, College Section Liaison; Toni Waldrep, (Complete 1991 membership attached)

Reason: Restrictions of institutional travel monies resulted in fewer members present than the required number for a quorum; any business requiring a vote/decision approved was handled by consensus.

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

A. Old Business

1. minutes were read/approved.

2. Report on publication project: Two-Year College Students: Essays for a New Century--via letter from Mark Reynolds, editor. Sixty-one proposals were submitted; fifteen were chosen for essays and will be sent to two-year college people for evaluation and review. Efforts to solicit proposals from four-year people were unsuccessful, apparently for several reasons, one of which is lack of knowledge/information about two-year schools' issues and concerns. Reynolds will continue to solicit four-year proposals. Brenda Greene suggested a collaborative article, and reported that Louise Smith, the new editor of College English is interested in including an article which articulates the concerns of two-year people. Nell Ann Pickett suggested Brenda Greene and Tom Waldrep as possible co-authors.

3. Report on Regional Conference Manual Revision--via letter from Paul Bodmer. He invited people to add information and revisions within the next week or so. Raines had an updated revision for reference.

4. Update on requests to NCTE--see attached letters from: 1) Mary Slater, NTCC Chair, 22 August, 1991; 2) Miles Meyers, Executive Director, NCTE, 14 November, 1991.

5. Report on regional boundaries--via letter from Bill Lay. Three recommendations were made: 1) existing boundaries should remain; 2) dual memberships should be encouraged; 3) people in border states who desire redistricting should submit petitions to NTCC.

6. Report on NTCC Breakfast at CCCC--via letter from Bill Lay. Publishers are reluctant to commit monies for the breakfast. Lynn Troyka told Lay that she is willing to fund the deficit. The committee recommendation was to accept her offer with the proviso that any subsequent offers be evaluated case-by-case. It was also recommended that Lay continue his efforts with publishers, as well as contacting other authors, requesting that they approach their publishers for support. NTCC will also contact authors.

B. New Business

1. Regional Reports

a. Ben Wiley, Southeastern--see attached conference report. Note #5 "One item for consideration by NTCC". The committee will recommend to NCTE that distribution of the flyer to memberships be discontinued. Postage is costly and unnecessary--the schedule is published in both College English and TETYC. (1991-92 copy attached). Wiley also brought the flyer announcing The 12th Annual Institute in Technical Communication (see attached).

b. Helon Raines, Western--see attached conference/treasurer's report. Also attached: Survey/results of "Teaching L ads and Other Issues;" "A Two-Year Perspective on Standards in the Profession." Raines mentioned that because of its small membership, the Western region still has its conference in conjunction with RMMLA; she thanked Nell Ann Pickett for returning her honorarium for a workshop and the keynote address, to the region.

c. Mid-west, Toni Rowitz--oral summary of 1991 conference in Dayton, Ohio, which was successful for those who were able to attend. In response to a vote of the membership at the annual business meeting (February, 1991) based on a long history of diminished conference attendance and related problems due to inclement weather conditions, the EC approved changing the month of subsequent conferences from February to October, to commence in 1993. The February 6-8, 1992 conference, scheduled for Omaha, Nebraska, will be held as planned.

d. Pacific Northwest, Mary Slayter--the program chair for the February 1992 conference resigned; there will be no conference in February, as planned. The conference has been rescheduled for October, 1992.

2. Seed money proposals--the following monies were requested and granted (Note: all monies were requested by the regions for various projects to maintain/increase membership):

- a. Midwest-\$1,200
- b. Northeast-\$1,000
- c. Southeast-\$800
- d. Pacific Northwest-\$800 (note: it was recommended that the remainder of last year's seed money be used for the newsletter.)
- e. Western-\$1,200

Also requested and granted was \$700 to provide clerical help for Mark Reynolds (editor, Two-Year College Issues...) and \$750 for NTCC governance expenses.

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at this juncture, Don McQuade (outgoing CCCC Chair) and Bill Cook (incoming CCCC Chair) attended the NTCC meeting. The scheduled agenda was temporarily abandoned. A summary of their participation, which was in the nature of food-for-thought is as follows:

...4,515 registered for NCTE...Exec. Director, Miles Myers' intention is that NCTE be more visible in its support of NTCC; perhaps a FIPSE grant could be considered, to concentrate on two-year college issues, concerns and solutions...NCTE and CCCC are concerned with maintaining a productive relationship with NTCC...NCTE is interested in having the California group back in the organizations. McQuade suggested that Myers be involved in recruitment. Raines mentioned that she has already received a letter from ECTEC program chair, Lois Powers, indicating an interest in participating with the Western region...it was suggested by NTCC that more communication between regions/NCTE-CCCC is essential...a two-year term might be advantageous for the CCCC representative to NCTE.

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3. TETYC report, Nell Ann Pickett, editor--TETYC and NCTE have a good relationship. Authors are pleased with the process of selection, editorial review, etc. TETYC is devising a questionnaire for subscribers, to solicit feedback concerning new columns, other changes. Special issues are planned on 'Gender,' Feb. '92 and 'Assessment,' '94.

Issues are longer than the usual 72 pages (said Pickett, beaming); when 6 or more full pages are devoted to ads, another 8 pages of text are added, totalling 80. (Note: Charles Suhor, Deputy Executive Director of NCTE has distributed information to Regional Chairs, and Chairs of NCTE College Section and CCCC re: establishing the search committee for the editor of TETYC, 1994-98.) Pickett recommended that further information include the recommendation that applicant's institution make a commitment of two classes released time per semester, and that money be allocated for a half-time assistant.

#### C. Other Business

1. It was the consensus of the council that for NTCC to be efficient, there needs to be more continuity in the transition from one Chair to another. Three possibilities were suggested: 1) the person receiving the second highest vote tally becomes the Chair Elect, who is responsible for attending the council/CCCC meetings during the year prior to assuming the position of Chair (which is the second year of the Chair's two-year term) in a non-voting, non-participatory capacity; 2) the Chair serves a two-year term and agrees to serve a third year attending the meetings, in a non-voting, non-participatory, advisory capacity; 3) the Chair appoints-with NTCC approval-a former NTCC member to serve in a non-voting, non-participatory, advisory capacity.

2. At the behest of NCTE and CCCC, and with concurring sentiments from NTCC, Helon Raines presented outgoing Chair, Mary Slayter, with a plaque of appreciation for her time and efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Rowitz, Recording Secretary.