

NATIONAL TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COUNCIL

MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO, CA

Members Present: Libby Bay (Asst. Chair), Paul Bodmer (Chair), JoEllen Coppersmith, Bob Dees, Dennis Kriewald, John Lovas, Lois Powers, Helon Rained, Mark Reynolds, Ben Wiley, Jay Wootten. Present for part of the meeting: Katie Hope (NCTE Business manager), Patti Stock (NCTE Associate Executive Director for Higher Education), Frank Madden (Chair, Two-Year, Four-Year College and University Section of NCTE), Ellen Knodt (TETYC Book Review Editor), Beverly Chin (NCTE President-elect).

1. Chair Bodmer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Jay Wootten was acclaimed secretary.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

4. Announcements:

Add affiliate status to agenda discussion in old business

5. Reports

a. From the Regionals

Midwest--Paul Bodmer

Report on October Conference. More than 190 members attended; TYCA bylaws ratified; new officers. Next conference: Oct. 2-5, 1996, in Davenport, IA.

Northeast--Libby Bay

TYCA bylaws ratified. Four-year members asked about two-year designation: some offer two-year degrees. Other two-year schools are moving to four-year status. Will they support an organization with the two-year designation so prominent in its title? It is difficult to attract nominees for NTCC/TYCA because regional doesn't support attendance at NCTE and CCCC, so the cost can be prohibitive. Can TYCA provide support for officers to attend? Next year's conference will be in Rochester, with Monroe Community College sponsoring.

California--John Lovas

TYCA bylaws ratified at the Oct 19-21 conference in Newport Beach. Attendance was 250. California adopted an Article of the Year Award which will be based on the TETYC format. Plans are underway to develop an professional award, to address teaching standards, to create regional workshops in the state. Next fall, TYCA--California will hold a department chair meeting.

Western Region--JoEllen Coppersmith

The Western Region holds conferences every second year. Last fall, over 100 participants gathered to hear keynoter Gail Howisher discuss technology in our discipline. Next year the conference will be in Prescott, AZ or Reno, NE. Both the chair and assistant chair resigned; elections will occur via mail ballot. The region hopes to do an on-line conference in the years when an in-person conference is not held.

Southeastern Region--Ben Wiley

The Regional Executive Committee met in Atlanta on Sept. 30. Southeastern has 656 members. It continues sponsoring the Institute in Technical Communication in the summer. The 1995 institute was held in Raymond, MS, hosted by Hinds CC, with 23 participants representing high schools, two-year, and four-year colleges. The next conference is in January in Atlanta, and the Southeastern will be the fourth regional to vote on the TYCA bylaws. SCETC has added a Meeting Coordinator's position to the Executive Committee to plan the fall EC meeting and to assist local arrangements and program chairs. The SCETC Fund for Excellence allocates \$500 for the Cowan Award for Teaching Excellence, \$1500 for a SCETC member's research, and conference registration for an adjunct instructor.

Southwest Region--Dennis Kriewald

At the 1995 convention in Colorado Springs, the Southwest accepted TYCA bylaws. Attendance was 186. The 1996 convention is set for Corpus Christ, 1997 is in Austin, 1998 in New Orleans, 1999 is tentatively set for Dallas, and 2000 is to be hosted by the two-year colleges of Arkansas. The treasury is healthy (\$2384.08). The retiring newsletter editor, Mike Cooper, was recognized with the Robert Wylie Service Award. Roy Ruane of Houston Community College is the new newsletter editor.

b. from TETYC--Mark Reynolds

Reynolds requested program chairs to highlight conference sessions they thought would make good TETYC papers, and he urged NTCC members to do the same. A new editorial board begins in January for a two-year term. NTCC/TYCA needs more quality sessions at CCCC, and published writers need to do more mentoring to encourage others to write for publication. Panels of published writers could speak at the regionals to encourage others. Collaboration should be encouraged.

c. Workshops--Libby Bay

In San Diego, two panels are being held rather than a workshop. In Milwaukee (CCCC), a workshop on computer use is scheduled. Other ideas: writing centers in two-year colleges (Helon Rained) and Film (Bob Dees); Non-native speakers beyond EEL--what to do (John Lovas); Post-tenure review or Tenure/promotion definitions linked with faculty development and faculty vitality; Distance Learning. Send Libby names of people who might lead workshops. January 19 is deadline for NCTE '96 in Chicago.

d. CCCC Breakfast--Bodmer

The Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning at \$5.00 per person. Steve Dolgin (Midwest treasurer) will handle collecting the money. The Breakfast will highlight two-year authors. Publishers will be asked to contribute and display authors' works.

e. Nell Ann Pickett Award--Bodmer

The committee hasn't completed its work. NTCC will revisit the process at CCCC in Milwaukee. Perhaps each region should come up with one or two nominees, maybe even an official nomination from the region.

f. Archives--Bodmer

Chuck Annal has been ill, so there is no report. All regionals should send him material for the archives.

5. Katie Hope (NCTE Business Manager) responded to requests to explain the budget. TYCA will be budgeted as NTCC was. Patti Stock will receive \$2,000 for travel to regionals. NCTE has a \$50 per diem cap on expenses; if TYCA funds officers for conferences, it would fall under the NCTE rule. Income comes from dues, the regional per capita charge, and workshops at CCCC. Income from TETYC goes to NCTE.

(Retreat: noon-4:15; meeting resumed at 4:15. See summary notes on p. 4 ff)

6. Old Business: Nominating committee will meet to create a slate of two nominees for each office (Chair, Asst. Chair, and Secretary).

7. New Business:

a. Subcommittees were formed as a result of the retreat and were charged to prepare three or four recommended actions that TYCA can work on by the Milwaukee meeting (Tuesday, March 26).

Teacher Success--Mark Reynolds, Dennis Kriewald, Jay Wootten

Student Success--John Lovas, Libby Bay, Bob Dees

Organization Success--Lois Powers, Ben Wiley, JoEllen Coppersmith

b. Splash brochure: Patti Stock and document designer (Kent?) will work with NTCC to produce a brochure announcing the birth of TYCA.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Wootten
Secretary

Summary Notes: NTCC Retreat

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Noon-4:15

San Diego

NTCC members examined and categorized a brainstorming list of ideas sent in by various members. A wide-ranging, freewheeling discussion engaged us over the four hours. During that time, we reached some consensus and said some important things that shouldn't be lost.

First, we decided that it was our job to identify issues and provide some sort of focus for the new TYCA group so that we don't lose a year while the new group plans. The TYCA Executive Committee, which takes over at NCTE in Chicago, should set the actual agenda and direction.

Second, we agreed that we need some sort of splash to launch TYCA. A brochure, announcements in TETYC, regional newsletters--we need to use all channels available to us for the announcement.

We should plan major celebrations at the Fall regional conferences, at NCTE in Chicago, and at CCCC in Phoenix.

Third, we need to make a difference to the two-year college English instructor and to instructors teaching freshman and sophomore level courses. Without some action beneficial to instructors, there's not much to announce. We need a regular method of communication, perhaps a quarterly TYCA to You newsletter.

Some ideas: establish standards for teaching the first two years then measure a survey of actual working conditions against them. The needs of two-year college faculty and students are different from the needs of University composition faculties and students. Create a clear statement on workload and about the use of adjuncts. We also need to keep accrediting agencies and administrations aware of standards in our profession. Accrediting agencies need to ask questions about part-time faculty salaries, availability of e-mail, internet, etc.

NCTE can provide mailing labels for NCTE/CCCC members who are not members of regionals.

We also need to spell out the advantages of belonging to NCTE--for instance, part-time faculty can get health benefits at a group rate through NCTE.

Patti Stock pointed out that NCTE and CCCC are redefining their relationship. The Elementary Section and the High School Section are also questioning the governance structure of NCTE. NCTE wants to remain a K through U organization.

NCTE needs to form more alliances with other organizations. Perhaps AAUP will cosponsor a work-load study, for instance. (Patti will restructure the way higher education work is handled at NCTE. Anna Hodges, Patti's secretary, will take over some of the work Kathy Parham had been doing for the regionals.)

The opportunity exists to change people's perceptions of two-year college students and faculty. We can do more to promote ourselves in NCTE and in the nation. Some ideas: collections of two-year college department narratives; an annual article award; an annual department award.

The three categories suggested by Ben Wiley were accepted by consensus: TYCA will be concerned with Teacher Success, Student Success, and Organization Success (strengthening the regionals as well as TYCA's succeeding as the voice of the two-year English teacher.

Teacher Success

Professional development--research, publications, scholarship, workshops, conference papers, etc.

Teachers need knowledge, institutional support, technological support, appreciation and understanding of the public, and a community of professionals.

Student Success

We can help here by upward and downward articulation, participating in recruitment and retention efforts/studies, and by engaging in classroom research (Angelo and Cross model).

Organization Success

Statements about national education issues, public relations efforts (internal--NCTE & regionals; external--with other organizations and the public), and strengthening the regionals

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