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November 20, 1992

NCTE: Louisville

Board Members Present: Pat Dyer, Lady Falls Brown, Nancy Grimm, Lois Green, Christina Murphy, Byron Stay, Joseph Saling, Diana George, Pam Farrell, Steve Fields, Sally Fitzgerald, Ray Wallace, Al DeCiccio, Jim Upton.

Guests Present: Kate Latterell, Bob Child, Rob Wood, Eric Hobson, Judy Kristl, Pat Stoddart, Tom MacLennan, Michael Rossi, James McDonald, Kathleen Shine Cain, Donna Reiss.

President Pat Dyer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Executive Secretary's Report

Nancy Grimm, executive secretary, reported a treasury balance of \$4,642.50. She reminded members that starter folders for people starting new writing centers are available from her. Scholarships for graduate students doing dissertation research on writing centers are granted yearly. Applications are available from Grimm. At the March meeting, the annual award for writing center scholarship will be presented. Nominations for this award should be sent to Lady Falls Brown before January 22. Several regions must appoint new representatives to the board for positions expiring this year, including CUNY, Midwest, Southeastern, Pacific Coast, and Mid-Atlantic. There will be an election in the spring for one at-large position and for the community college position. A nomination form is available from Nancy Grimm.

Reports

The Writing Center Journal. Diana George reported that the editors had reconstituted the editorial board, and she distributed the list of the new board members. She also reported that the acceptance rate for the *Journal* was about 30%.

The Writing Center Directory. Pam Farrell indicated that copies of the directory are available for \$15. Her school still has not broken even on the printing expense. She is considering plans for an update next fall.

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NCTE Workshop—1992. Lady Falls Brown reported that over 30 people attended the workshop on writing and higher level thinking skills which was designed by Pat Stoddart. The audience included teachers from elementary, secondary, and college levels.

CEL Presentation. Pam Farrell announced that this year's program was entitled "The Role of Computers in Leading Change in Writing Centers." She indicated that the immediate past president is responsible for maintaining this liaison with CEL.

CCCC Presentation—1993. Ray Wallace reported on plans for a session entitled "Theory in the Writing Center" scheduled for April 2 at 5:00. A short NWCA business meeting will precede this session during which the NWCA president will present scholarship awards.

Committee Reports. There were reports from three of the standing committees. Al DeCiccio encouraged members to attend an ESL session on Sunday morning at 8:30. Eric Hobson reported that he had had several contacts from people interested in starting a writing center. Ray Wallace announced that there will be an all day pre-convention workshop that will address writing across the curriculum interests.

New Business

1. Nominations for outstanding writing center scholarship for 1992 should be sent to Lady Falls Brown. Nominations are not limited to journals and newsletters affiliated with NWCA.
2. The 1993 NCTE workshop will be planned by Ray Wallace. Lady Falls Brown stressed the importance of designing a program suitable for elementary through college levels.
3. Regional representatives reported the following news:

The Mid-Atlantic sponsored a two day conference last April with Stephen North as the keynote speaker. Byron Stay reported that next year's conference will be at Villanova with Maimon as keynoter.

Joe Saling reported that the eighth New England conference was held last April with Anne Gere as keynote speaker. Approximately 170 people participated. The next conference will feature Mickey Harris.

Tom MacLennan reported that the Southeastern conference with Chris Thaiss as featured speaker was held in April. This region will switch to a fall conference next year in Atlanta.

Bob Child reported that East Central will hold their next conference in

March with two speakers—Jeanne Simpson and James Berlin. The conference will be at Ball State in Muncie.

Nancy Grimm reported that the Midwest Conference was held in St. Paul in October with Stephen North as keynote speaker. David Healy was conference planner and host.

Jim McDonald reported that the South Central Conference will switch from fall to spring. This year's conference will feature Jeanne Simpson at Oklahoma State on April 16 and 17.

4. Byron Stay was nominated for the position of second vice-president by Pam Farrell. Eric Hobson seconded the nomination. Stay was elected by acclamation of the membership.
5. The spring meeting of NWCA will take place at CCCC in San Diego.

Pat Dyer adjourned the meeting at 7:10 after passing the gavel to the next NWCA president, Lady Falls Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Grimm
NWCA Executive Secretary