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April 3, 1993

San Diego

CCCC

Board Members Present: Lady Falls Brown, Nancy Grimm, Patricia Dyer, Gilda Kelsey, Byron Stay, M. Clare Sweeney, Albert DeCiccio, Christina Murphy, Ed Lotto, Ray Wallace, Diana George, Jim Upton

Guests Present: Maggie Hassert, Judy Kilborn, Barry Brunetti, Kirsten Benson, Don Bushman, Alan Jackson, Garry Ross, Anne E. Mullin, Donna Reiss, Tamara Bolotow, Clara Fendley, Barry Maid, Joan Mullin, Eric Hobson, Susan Blalock

President Lady Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Executive Secretary's Report

Nancy Grimm, executive secretary, reported a treasury balance of \$5018.90. She reminded members of the NWCA services, including starter folders for new writing center directors, dissertation research support, and regional conference support. This spring there will be an election for the at-large and the community college board position. Nomination forms are available from Grimm.

Old Business

a. Alan Jackson announced the completion of an NWCA brochure, a project he coordinated with Eric Hobson. Five thousand brochures were printed at a cost of \$270, thanks to the support of Dekalb College. Members were encouraged to assist with distribution. For copies of the brochure, contact Alan Jackson, Dekalb College, 2101 Womack Road, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338. The board expressed appreciation to Jackson and Hobson for their work.

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b. Copies of the Writing Center Directory are still available for \$15 from Pam Farrell-Childers, The McCallie School, 2850 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404.

Reports

a. Writing Lab Newsletter. Lady Brown shared the following news from Mickey Harris: Starting Aug. 1, those who want to use WLN articles in a training manual can do so without paying reprint charges and requesting permission. The newsletter will regularly carry this notice to save people time and expense. WLN continues to be interested in submissions, particularly articles on high school writing centers and computers in the center. According to Mickey Harris, last years' price increase helped considerably and should keep the finances in good shape for a long while. Regional conference announcements should be sent to the newsletter 45 days in advance of the month the notice should appear. Harris welcomes comments and suggestions that will keep the newsletter a collaborative effort.

b. The Writing Center Journal. Diana George announced that the spring issue, featuring a number of articles on ESL, was ready for mailing. She also indicated that the establishment of the permanent editorial board would provide tenure and consistency to the journal after the current editors move on.

c. NCTE Workshop—1993. Ray Wallace indicated that the workshop would focus on high school/college connections and said he was still soliciting presenters.

d. CCCC Presentation—1994. Byron Stay is soliciting ideas for the theme for the special interest session.

e. WCenter. Lady Brown, who created WCenter two years ago, reported that the on-line conference was quite active. Some of the discussions have transferred to other networks, including MBU and WPA.

f. Committee Reports. The ESL committee reported that there will be a conference on ESL issues in May. The board decided to change the standing committee structure to a list of resource people and to make a stronger effort to publicize the availability of these resource people.

New Business

- a. Scholarship Awards. The president announced that the winners of this year's writing center scholarship award were Anne DiPardo for her WCJ article, "Whispers of Coming and Going: Lessons from Fannie" and Meg Woolbright for her WCJ article, "The Politics of Tutoring: Feminism Within the Patriarchy."

- b. NWCA Conference. Byron Stay introduced the idea of a national NWCA conference and solicited feedback on the issues of form, locale, date, and impact. The need for a national identity and the opportunity for interaction to define issues was strongly supported. Members debated issues regarding conference planning, particularly the impact that a national conference would have on regional identity. The board decided to investigate the possibility of coordinating a national conference in conjunction with a regional conference each year. A motion to establish a committee for a 1994 conference, headed by Byron Stay and Ray Wallace, was approved.

- c. NWCA Breakfast. The board discussed the possibility of having a breakfast at the national conference as a time for informal sharing, similar to the WPA breakfast but not at the same time. A motion was approved to explore the possibility of a Friday morning breakfast in Nashville. Kirsten Benson volunteered to look into it.

- d. Proposal Reviewers. The board discussed the importance of having a strong representation of writing center people as proposal reviewers for CCCC. Pat Dyer encouraged members to volunteer for this responsibility. Members also questioned why the 1994 CCCC proposal form listed writing centers under administrative issues. A motion was approved to have Lady Falls Brown contact Jackie Jones Royster to discuss the relationship with NCTE, including the room size for our meetings and the proposal call.

- e. Nominations for board positions. The board is soliciting nominations for board positions. A ballot will be sent to the membership in mid-May.

- f. CCCC Proposal - Area Cluster. Discussed above.

g. Scheduling Board Meetings. Members discussed their preference for meeting times. The general consensus was that morning meetings are preferable to evening. There was agreement to not change the time for the NCTE meeting.

Announcements

News from the Regional Associations:

Southeastern is moving to a fall conference with Jackie Jones Royster as speaker.

South Central will meet April 15-16 in Stillwater, OK with Jeanne Simpson as keynoter.

MidAtlantic will meet at Villanova on April 24. Elaine Maimon will speak.

Rocky Mountain will meet in Denver Oct. 14-16 with the Rocky Mountain MLA.

New England will meet April 17 with Mickey Harris as keynoter.

East Central met in March with Jim Berlin and Jeanne Simpson as speakers.

Midwest will meet in St. Louis in October with Lil Brannon as speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Grimm
NWCA Executive Secretary