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MINUTES OF THE NWCA BOARD MEETING
November 19, 1994
Orlando
NCTE

Board members present: Byron Stay, Christina Murphy, Alan Jackson, Dave Healy, Joe Law, Anne Mullin, Joan Mullin, James McDonald, Pam Farrell-Childers, Sallyanne Fitzgerald.

Guests present: Martha Marinara and Donna Reiss.

President Byron Stay convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Secretary's Report

The account balance is \$10,943.47. The balance includes some New Orleans conference profits and some accounts payable (\$117.00). Jackson reported 267 new members since he assumed his position. Jackson reminded the Board that NWCA offers \$100.00 to support regional conferences. Also, Jackson recommended that the starter kit be revised. Christina Murphy and Joe Law agreed to update the bibliography. Jackson agreed to contact various members to assist with this effort.

Announcements and Standing Committees

1. Lady Falls Brown is organizing an Executive Board breakfast for CCCC.
2. AlDiCiccio will have an updated constitution for consideration at CCCC. Among the issues to be added are a mechanism for oversight of the national conference and a new procedure for the election of the Second Vice-President.
3. Second Vice-President nominees are Lady Falls Brown, Joan Mullin, and Al DiCiccio. Ballots will be mailed to the Executive Board immediately after NCTE.
4. In order to improve attendance at Board meetings, the Board decided to list the Board meeting as an "open meeting" and to promote it on WCENTER.
5. As part of NWCA's continuing efforts to improve our information sources, we will ask for model writing center descriptions to be placed on disk.

Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Christina Murphy.

6. The *Writing Lab Newsletter's* change to a new type has been well-received.

7. The *Writing Center Journal*, according to new editor Dave Healy, will be out in mid-December. He has updated the mailing list and added a new "Comments and Response" section. The format will be the same. Also, he will investigate the possibility of putting back issues of *WCJ* online since many people cannot find old issues.

8. Related to Dave Healy's efforts to update the mailing list, the Board considered the possibility of centralizing all renewal notices, although it was recognized that such centralization could also create administrative difficulties.

9. Byron Stay and Pam Farrell-Childers reported that the NCTE Workshop was a success. Sixty-five participants focused on models of writing centers, particularly at the high school level.

10. Christina Murphy announced that the 1995 NCTE Workshops in San Diego will focus on models for tutoring and will cover both secondary and college/university centers.

11. The CCCC special interest session, ("The View from Administration") features Jeanne Simpson and David Swann with Al DiCiccio as respondent. The session will be held on March 24, 6-7 p.m.

12. Pam Farrell-Childers noted that Writing Center Directories are still available. She hopes to update the Directory next year.

13. Byron Stay reminded everyone that the Scholarship Award is open. Anyone can nominate outstanding articles on writing centers that appear in any publication.

14. Byron Stay noted that the Dissertation Award is funded and needs applications.

15. Barry Maid will report on Certification Program plans at CCCC .

Old Business

National Conference plans: The Second (Inter)national Writing Centers

Conference will be held at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis. Eric Hobson is conference chair.

Eric Hobson submitted several items for consideration that the Board acted on. First, the Board unanimously recognized the National Conference as an official part of NWCA. Second, a Steering Committee was formed consisting of Eric Hobson, Byron Stay, Ray Wallace, Christina Murphy, Alan Jackson, Ginger Young, Bob Whipple, John Husband, and Margaret Mitchell. The Board also asked Eric to add a high school representative from the Midwest Writing Centers Association.

Finally, the Board agreed to contribute \$500.00 for a scholarship competition. The Board recommended that the juried competition not be limited to poster sessions but include other presentations as well. Also, Alan Jackson has agreed to serve as exhibits chair and will contact publishers and computer companies. Part of the money raised for exhibits will be added to the scholarship competition.

Regional Reports

Rocky Mountain WCA will hold its conference in Spokane on October 19-21, 1995.

South Central WCA will hold its conference in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Nancy Grimm will be the keynote speaker.

Mid-Atlantic WCA will hold its conference at the Goodstay Conference Center in Wilmington, Delaware on April 7, 1995. Byron Stay will be the keynote speaker.

NOTE: The Executive Board will meet at the CCCC in Washington on Saturday, March 25, from 11-12:15 p.m.