

Minutes
South Central Writing Centers Association
February 25, 2006
Ballroom, Comfort Inn and Suites - Downtown at the Clinton Library
Little Rock, Arkansas

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Vice-President, Dagmar Corrigan, in the absence of the president. The minutes from the 2005 meeting were read and approved with the following correction: Carole Lane withdrew her name from the proposed slate of officers, and then Dagmar Corrigan was nominated from the floor. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Corrigan thanked Allison Holland for organizing an excellent conference. Although statements for all the conference expenses have not yet been received, Holland believes she will have an excess of about \$2,000.

Elisabeth Piedmont-Marton, the regional IWCA representative, noted that the subscription cost of the Writing Center Journal and the Writing Lab Newsletter have had to be increased and that IWCA's seed money for regional organizations who are hosting the international conference has been reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

In her capacity as Archivist, Allison Holland reported that Oklahoma State University had recently discovered material that closed a gap in the history of SCWCA and encouraged directors to track the history of their centers. She also explained that Chad Garrett had volunteered his time to develop the SCWCA web page on a server at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Jim McDonald reported that he will choose a committee to help work out details for establishing an SCWCA service award.

SCWCA will co-host the IWCA conference in Houston in the spring of 2007 and hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the conference. The 2008 meeting will be in Oklahoma at a yet-to-be-selected site. Dagmar Corrigan explained preparations that have already been made for the IWCA conference and discussed tasks that need to be completed over the course of the next year. She and Linda Coblenz will need help with the conference, so members are encouraged to contact them to offer assistance. Some Chairs of Conference Committees have been appointed:

Events - Linda Coblenz

Registration Management - Carolyn Kinslow and Shannon Carter assisted by Allison
Holland and Martha Dale Cooley

Tutor Scholarship - Chloe Diepenrock

Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination - Diane Dowdy

Still to be filled are the chair positions for Vendor Relations, Local Events, Community College Outreach, Proposal Review, and Program Development. Spirited discussion followed Corrigan's announcement that IWCA expects SCWCA to give \$8,820 of conference revenue to the national organization in addition to repaying the \$1,000 contribution to start-up funds.

Considering the fact that the demand was made after our proposal had been submitted and accepted, the fact that

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the conference in Minneapolis ended with a deficit of several thousand dollars, and the fact that SCWCA has sufficient start-up funds for the conference without relying on any contribution from IWCA, members wanted to make clear to IWCA our position

regarding the situation. Kevin Davis moved that we notify IWCA of our intention to decline the \$1,000 start-up contribution from IWCA and our willingness to contribute to them one half of any profit we make on the conference. The motion was seconded, and it passed without dissent.

The slate of officers serving the second year of their elected term in 2005-2006 includes

Cole Bennett - President

Dagmar - Vice-President

Carolyn Kinslow - Secretary and Treasurer

IWCA Representative - Elisabeth Piedmont-Marton

State Representatives - Arkansas, Martha Dale Cooley

Louisiana, Jim McDonald

Oklahoma, Kevin Davis

Texas, Chloe Diepenbrock and Debbie Pipes.

In the absence of further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Carolyn Kinslow

Secretary