

Minutes
South Central Writing Centers Association
General Business Meeting
Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina, Corpus Christi, TX
February 23, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. by President Valerie Balester. The minutes from the 2012 meeting were read by Secretary Diana Wolfe, the dates corrected of the 2013 conference corrected, and then approved.

Balester thanked the conference organizers, and then Allison Holland, Treasurer, read the Treasure's Report. Due to a record number of attendees (189), and the conference's sponsors defraying the costs of the keynote speaker, SCWCA made a profit of \$9,621.10. Balester recognized Noelle Ballmer's efforts to promote the conference, especially since the hotel would have charged us \$14,000 had we not filled 60 rooms.

Chloe Diepenbrock, the Scholarship Chair, gave the Conference Scholarship Report. In all, 13 scholarships were awarded. Seven people received one night's hotel room (\$700), and six got registration waivers (\$1065). As broken down by state, the scholarships went to directors and tutors from: Louisiana (2), Arkansas (3), Oklahoma (2, but only one could come), and Texas (7).

Ballmer presented the Conference Report. There were 187 proposals, 150 of which were accepted. An additional 33 attendees registered. Travel expenses and printing costs were split between Del Mar College and Texas A & M, Corpus Christi.

Holland asked for interested SCWCA members to provide their email addresses for inclusion on the SCWCA Listserv.

Ballmer presented the SCWCA Tutor SIG Report, and noted that the tutors would like the conference programs to indicate whether presenters are directors or tutors. Tutors also discussed dealing with dependent tutees, tutor burn-out, and an interest in more training for tutoring bilingual students. Ballmer will post the report to the SCWCA Listserv.

Steve Sherwood presented the report on the Outstanding Tutor Award. Four tutors applied. He suggested either a deadline extension or a request for nominees to go out earlier, and repeated reminders to be sent, in order to increase the applicant pool.

Kristen Garrison presented the IWCA Representative Report, and said that IWCA is not ready to become an NCTE conference, and 4 task forces were formed to handle various issues. Rebecca Holman asked for more support for graduate students.

Balester called for nominations for two Texas State Representatives. Martha Dale Cooley nominated Noelle Ballmer and Chloe Diepenbrock, and Rebecca Damron nominated Alanna Bitzel. The nominees left the room (Bitzel was not present), and Ballmer and Diepenbrock were elected. Diepenbrock volunteered to serve again as chair of the Conference Scholarship Committee, if all state representatives agree.

Next, Balester called for nominations for Vice President. Rebecca Damron was nominated, and as no further nominees were named after two more calls, Damron was elected.

The 2014 conference will be held in Stillwater, OK. The theme will likely have some connection

to the 25th anniversary of SCWCA. The exact dates will be determined. The 2015 conference will be in Texas, with a specific site to be decided, and the 2016 conference will be in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Allison Holland moved that SCWCA's by-laws be amended to update our status as a not-for-profit. The motion was seconded and passed. Holland also moved that SCWCA fund moving WCRP to a Cloud. The motion to fund this up to an annual fee of \$200 was seconded and passed. Diepenbrock noted that this would make us look cool.

Diepenbrock and Rebecca Babcock moved for a \$1000 budget for the WCRP project, to be spent at the discretion of the Board. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dagmar Scharold suggested that there be a grad student/peer tutor rep at the General Business Meetings. Melody Denny was asked to tell the tutors. It was also suggested that future tutor Conference Scholarship winners host a SIG.

Sherwood agreed that if the applicant pool warrants it, two Outstanding Tutor Awards may be given; it will be up to the Chair of that committee. A motion to include professional and peer tutors in the call for Outstanding Tutor Award nominees was seconded and passed.

Alana Bitzel from the University of Texas at Austin had expressed an interest in creating an SCWCA newsletter, and all present agreed it was a good idea. Balester mentioned that we still need a conference host in Austin for 2015.

Balester officially welcomed Sherwood as the President-elect.

Holland thanked Balester for her service as President and for her work on our website.

There being no further business, Balester adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

Diana Wolfe
Secretary