

Minutes
South Central Writing Centers Association
General Business Meeting
Holiday Inn Presidential
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the president, Valerie Balester, at 7:40 am. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Dagmar Scharold in the absence of the secretary, and they were approved as read. The treasurer's report was postponed since the treasurer was unavoidably delayed in getting to the meeting.

Chloe Diepenbrock, the Scholarship Chair, announced that few applications were submitted this year. Five scholarships were approved, but one recipient was unable to attend the conference, so only four were actually awarded. After Diepenbrock was elected to continue as Scholarship Chair, fruitful discussion regarding confusion about the scholarship resulted in the following suggestions:

Clarification of eligibility requirements should be included on the application form.

Since the scholarship actually covers room and registration, the name should be changed from "Travel Scholarship."

Factors that influence award decisions (whether one is attending for the first time, whether one has any other funding, etc.) should be clearly posted on the web site.

Linda Coblentz moved that the name of the scholarship be changed to "Conference Scholarship," and the motion passed.

Balester offered official thanks to the conference coordinators, Allison Holland and Martha Dale Cooley and to their respective schools, University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Henderson State University.

The Conference Report presented by Holland and Cooley indicated that 88 paid registrants attended and that the conference paid for itself. Excess income will be at least \$268 and may be as much as \$1000.

Kevin Davis is stepping down as vice-president, and the nominating committee proposed the name of Steve Sherwood to serve in his place. There being no nominations from the floor, Sherwood was elected. Balester noted that all offices except president and vice-president will be open for election at the 2012 conference.

Balester announced that the 2012 conference will be hosted by Noelle Ballmer at Texas A & M University, Corpus Christie.

IWCA representative, Kristen Garrison, encouraged members to attend the IWCA Collaborative which will take place in St. Louis in connection with CCCC. There has been discussion about regionals operating under the tax-exempt umbrella of IWCA, and interested organizations should consult IWCA regarding details. SCWCA will probably choose not to do that.

Dagmar Scharold suggested that we begin having both a grad-student tutor and an undergrad-student tutor represent the tutors at the general business meeting. Kevin Davis suggested that we schedule a special tutor session as the last session of the day on Friday at which tutors could gather for light refreshments and elect the representatives to attend the meeting on Saturday morning. Paula Brown moved that we support instituting an SCWCA tutor organization. The motion passed.

In the absence of any further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 8:35.

Carolyn Kinslow
Acting as Secretary