

## CEL at a Glance

A collaborative, dynamic forum for English/language arts leaders



Over 1,800 members—department chairs, literacy coaches, teachers, coordinators, administrators, and state leaders—representing all levels of English education



A practical resource for effective leadership strategies and sound instruction



### A Meeting Place for Literacy Leaders

CEL establishes a setting where emerging leaders work side by side with experienced leaders, and where veteran teachers work face to face with some of the finest minds in our profession.

For over four decades CEL has offered conventions and publications that bring leaders together, helping them respond to literacy challenges in their schools and classrooms.

Together, the members of CEL investigate mutual issues, analyze current research, and gather effective resources as they share personal experiences and successful programs with one another.

Annual Convention  
English Leadership Quarterly  
Leadership Programs  
Leader Networks

### NCTE Headquarters

NCTE's headquarters, in Urbana, Illinois, supports the work of various sections and committees; edits and publishes the Council's journals, books, and other professional materials; supports membership services; and manages conventions and other professional development activities. NCTE's Washington, D.C. office and West Coast office in Berkeley, California, expand the Council's visible presence and represent the interests of English and language arts professionals.

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# Conference on English Leadership



*An intimate professional community  
dedicated to building the leadership  
capacity of literacy teachers*

# Because Leadership Matters

## The CEL Vision & Initiatives

By the year 2020, CEL will establish itself as the agent of leadership development in literacy education. To accomplish this vision, the Executive Committee has developed a series of initiatives, including

- state liaisons who will promote CEL at state and local functions and gather information about how CEL might support state leaders in their endeavors;
- the Emerging Leaders Fellowship to mentor new leaders on their professional journeys;
- the development of a dynamic website that features CEL members and provides content of interest to literacy leaders.



## Membership Benefits

### English Leadership Quarterly (ELQ)

CEL's professional journal publishes articles that combine research-based leadership theory with practical applications. Online forums through CEL's Connected Community allow members to interact with authors and other respondents, extending and applying article content to different settings.



### Electronic Forums

CEL has the Connected Community, a Facebook page, and a Twitter account to help members continue professional conversations outside the convention.

### Annual Convention

Held immediately after the NCTE's Annual Convention, CEL's two-day convention, that begins on Sunday afternoon and concludes on Tuesday afternoon, provides keynote speakers, interactive workshops with leadership experts, and numerous social activities. Members attend at a reduced fee.

### Voting Rights

CEL members vote for Executive Committee chair, associate chair, and members at large. CEL invites members to serve in a variety of roles on the executive committee as well as on nominating and convention-hospitality committees.



Carolyn Phipps, 2009 Exemplary Leader, has served in various capacities on the local, state, and national level in educational organizations in Tennessee.

## Award Program

### Exemplary Leadership Award

The award recognizes an NCTE member who is an outstanding leader. CEL members and others may nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to literacy and English education.

Past award winners include Jim Burke, Joan Kaywell, Bob Probst, and Louann Reid.

### ELQ Best Article Award

The award is given annually to an author or authors of a thought-provoking article in the previous year.

## Join CEL

Enroll online at [www.ncte.org/cel](http://www.ncte.org/cel) or call customer service at 1-800-369-6283.

CEL Membership for NCTE members is an additional \$25 per year. It includes voting rights and subscriptions to the *English Leadership Quarterly* and *Connections*.

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