

NCTE/SLATE STEERING COMMITTEE

The NCTE/SLATE Steering Committee is composed of eight members representing the same geographic areas as the Regional Representatives on the Standing Committee on Affiliates. Members serve three-year terms. Currently, the chair serves a two-year term. The committee has the following charge:

1. To influence public attitudes and policy decisions affecting the teaching of English language arts at local, state, and national levels;
2. To implement and publicize the policies adopted by NCTE.
3. To serve as NCTE's intellectual freedom network.

Members of NCTE/SLATE Steering Committee must be willing to commit the time an "action wing" of the Council requires. Responsibilities include:

- Bringing to the steering committee's attention any matters of general concern to members of SLATE or to the profession at large, gathering pertinent documents and other information to enrich discussion of those concerns, and preparing to recommend courses of action for the steering committee or, via the chair, for the NCTE Executive Committee to consider.
- Maintaining contact with and monitoring the reports of affiliate SLATE Representatives.
- Preparing an annual report summarizing issues in their region.
- Attending the annual face-to-face meeting of the NCTE/SLATE Steering Committee at the NCTE Annual Convention (recently on Saturday).
- Participating in special projects undertaken by the steering committee.
- Proposing and planning SLATE sessions at NCTE Annual Convention.
 - SLATE Workshop (on Monday)
 - Two Concurrent Affiliate Sessions (on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday)
- Attending and participating in the SLATE events at the NCTE Annual convention.
- Attending and playing a significant role in the NCTE Affiliate Leadership Conference (Regions 1, 3, 7, 8 in odd years and Regions 2, 4, 5, 6 in even years).
- Encouraging affiliates within their region to submit an application for NCTE/SLATE State, Regional, and Provincial Intellectual Freedom Award and encouraging members of NCTE to submit an application for the NCTE/SLATE National Intellectual Freedom Award.
- Responding to inquiries and assuming tasks as requested by the steering committee chair. Serving as invited guests on other NCTE programs, to subgroups, etc., but not when such invitations involve conflicts with steering committee meetings and other responsibilities outlined above.
- Making Available SLATE materials as needed.
- One member of the committee serves as editor for the *SLATE Newsletter*.
- One member of the committee serves as editor for *F.Y.I Sheets*.
- Two members of the committee serve on the committee to judge the applications for the NCTE/SLATE National Intellectual Freedom Award along with two members from the NCTE Standing Committee Against Censorship.
- Looking always for the best replacements for themselves on the committee.

Responsibilities of the chair include the following:

- Leading the committee to accomplish its responsibilities.
- Serving as the direct liaison from the committee to NCTE.
- Attending and playing a significant role in the NCTE Affiliate Leadership Conference (Regions 1, 3, 7, 8 in odd years and Regions 2, 4, 5, 6 in even years)
- Chairing the committee to judge the applications for the NCTE/SLATE National Intellectual Freedom Award in the odd years (even years the committee is chaired by the chair of the NCTE Standing Committee Against Censorship).

Benefits to committee members:

- Steering committee members receive a \$50 per diem for their attendance at both the Friday committee meeting and the Monday SLATE workshop at the NCTE Annual Convention.
- Costs of postage, photocopying, and an occasional phone call in connection with these duties will be reimbursed by the Council.