

## Task Force on Council History and 2011

**Charge:** To craft policy designed to the archives of NCTE and its constituent units and to ensure that these archives are publicly accessible; to plan and prepare events/materials to commemorate [NCTE's centennial](#) (2011). Among the kinds of activities in which task force members will engage are the following: crafting of archive policy, making recommendations for appropriate storage of archives; pursuing grants to support archive work; pursuing grants for an updated NCTE/literacy education history; planning and making recommendations for centennial activities, [publications](#), public relations, etc.

### What major actions or projects have been completed by your group since July 1, 2009?

1. *Reading the Past, Writing the Future: A Century of American Literacy Education and the National Council of Teachers of English* has been published; Task Force member Erika Lindemann is the editor, and numerous Task Force members have contributed chapters and provided input.
2. The Centennial video has been finalized and is being distributed; it will be shown at the 2010 Orlando convention at the BOD meeting and followed by a panel discussion. Task Force members have reviewed and critiqued numerous versions of the video; the panel discussion will also feature Task Force members.
3. The Centennial Banner will be ready for the Orlando 2010 convention.
4. A double session on writing for the Centennial book will be held at the 2010 Orlando convention. Task Force members are participating.
5. Task Force chair Leila Christenbury will be doing the Moment of History at the BOD, 2010 Orlando convention.

### What projects, initiatives, or studies are "in progress" at this time?

1. Task Force chair Leila Christenbury has solicited numerous individuals to write for the upcoming Centennial issue of *English Journal* (as guest editor); manuscripts were due October 1, 2010, and the issue will be published September 2011.
2. Task Force member Paul Thomas is curating a Centennial Gallery of Writing.
3. Task Force members have been interviewed for an upcoming *Council Chronicle* article on the Centennial.
4. InBox features "Did You Know" continuing; Task Force chair and members have contributed these.
5. Plans for the Chicago 2011 convention are continuing; Task Force members will discuss this at their 2010 Orlando convention meeting.
6. Centennial Budget (2008-2012) is on target.

**Strategic Governance:** Over the past few years, the NCTE Executive Committee has established outcomes and priorities relating to these key topics in our field [Closing the Achievement Gap](#), [NCTE and International Involvement](#), [Reading Research](#), [21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacies](#), and [Attracting, Supporting, and Advancing Early Career Educators](#). Currently, they are working on performance assessment of teachers and student learning. Does your group have research findings or suggestions to contribute that are relevant to on-going work on these strategic governance topics?

In both specific and broad ways, the work of the Task Force supports the strategic governance goals.

*Leila Christenbury, Chair*