

Public Language Awards Committee

Charge: To select the recipients of the annual [George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language](#) and [The Doublespeak Award](#). The NCTE Orwell Award, established in 1975, recognizes writers who have made outstanding contributions to the critical analysis of public discourse. The NCTE Doublespeak Award, established in 1974, is an ironic tribute to public speakers who have perpetuated language that is grossly deceptive, evasive, euphemistic, confusing, or self-centered.

What major actions or projects have been completed by your group pursuant to your charge since July 1, 2010?

We chose both the Orwell and the Doublespeak “winners.”

We also sent out invitations to a number of people to join us on the committee. Three have responded and will join our ranks in November, 2011, in Chicago.

What projects, initiatives, or studies are “in progress” at this time?

We are just gearing up to start our consideration of this year’s Doublespeak and Orwell winners.

Jean Boreen, Chair