

NCTE/SLATE Steering Committee on Social and Political Concerns

Charge: *To influence public attitudes and policy decisions affecting the teaching of English language arts at local, state, and national levels; to implement and publicize the policies adopted by NCTE. As part of its political action function, [SLATE](#) (Support for the Learning and Teaching of English) will serve as NCTE's intellectual freedom network.*

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

- Members participated in NCTE Advocacy Day – April 2011
- Chaired the committee for the Intellectual Freedom Award
- Sponsored a free 1/2-day workshop on advocacy (through NCTE advocates) at the 2010 Annual Conference

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

- Identifying people to replace outgoing SLATE Steering Committee members
- Consider ways to partner with other committees to provide advocacy information as a session/workshop at the annual convention (such as what was offered at the 2010 convention)

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