

General Convention Information



Rewey Belle Inglis

NCTE elected its first woman president in 1929. She was Rewey Belle Inglis, and she opened the door for many other women. Inglis was succeeded in 1930 by Ruth Mary Weeks, in 1932 by Stella S. Center, in 1936 by Dora V. Smith, and in 1939 by Essie Chamberlain.

Introducing the National Council of Teachers of English



NCTE Headquarters, Urbana, Illinois

The National Council of Teachers of English is the world's largest independent professional organization for teachers of English language arts. Likewise, its Annual Convention is the nation's most extensive and comprehensive forum for English educators in America, Canada, and other countries where English is taught.

Among the thousands who attend the NCTE Annual Convention annually are kindergarten through university educators, department chairs, principals, reading specialists, English teacher educators, composition professors, administrators, curriculum specialists, literacy coaches, graduate assistants, and parents. They come together to explore and discuss the latest in classroom practice, trends, research, and policy affecting literacy education.

With over 40,000 individual and institutional members worldwide, NCTE is dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education. Its membership is composed of elementary, middle, and high school teachers, supervisors of English programs, college and university faculty, teacher educators, local and state agency English specialists, and professionals in related fields.

Among NCTE's ongoing programs and services designed to improve literacy education are the James R. Squire Office for Policy Research in the English Language Arts, the Read-WriteThink instructional resources website, the Pathways professional development initiative, the Connected Community social network, and the NCTE book and journal publications program. Each of these initiatives is designed to deepen our knowledge of teaching and learning practices. To find out more, please visit the NCTE Central in Chicago.

NCTE members are active in the Council's work through membership in one of its four major sections: Elementary, Middle Level, Secondary, or College. Members also enjoy access to 9 NCTE journals and professional publications including *Voices from the Middle*, *English Journal*, *College English*, and *Language Arts*. Each year, NCTE also publishes 12–15 books on topics from college composition and rhetoric to literacy research to emergent literacy practices.

Members with special interests find a professional home in NCTE conferences or constituent organizations that provide publications, professional development, and other services. Among these groups are the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), the Conference on English Education (CEE), the Whole Language Umbrella (WLU), the Two-Year College English Association (TYCA), and the Conference on English Leadership (CEL).

In addition, numerous assemblies serve members with special interests in children's literature, research, writing centers, adolescent literacy, the literature and culture of Appalachia, gay/straight educators' alliance, and many other areas. Many Council members are active in a nationwide network of more than 100 local, state, student, and regional affiliate councils.

To find out more about joining NCTE and receiving its services and publications, visit the NCTE Central, Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall.

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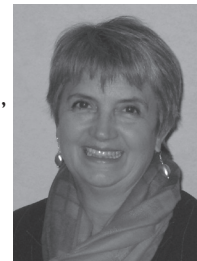
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For Ready Reference

All activities of the 101st Annual Convention of the Council are scheduled in the Chicago Hilton and the Palmer House. The Chicago Hilton is the headquarters hotel. Times and locations for all official convention activities are detailed beginning on page 31.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

Host Committees. Chicago Hilton/Mobley Room, Lower Level. Offices of Michael Day, general chair of the Convention, and other local committee members. Hours: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. daily, beginning Thursday.

NCTE Staff. Questions for the NCTE Staff may be left at the NCTE Registration Desk, Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall. Members of the business staff can be reached at the same location.

News Services. Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall. Newsroom staff are available throughout the Convention week to supply visiting editors and media representatives with information about the Convention and to help arrange interviews with convention participants. Newsroom hours: Thursday, 1:00–4:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

NCTE Affiliates. Millie Davis, Senior Developer, Affiliated Groups and Public Outreach, will be happy to meet with interested members. Make an appointment at the registration desk or with her at Session E.08, ABM/BOD Meeting, or the Affiliate Breakfast.

SERVICES

Directions, Transportation, and Program Information. The General Information Counter is located adjacent to the Convention Registration Desk. Hours of operation and locations are given below.

Persons who have preregistered need to report to the Registration Desk area to pick up their copy of the program and any other information. Name badges were mailed in advance. Registrants may pick up a plastic name badge holder at any of several stations in the Registration area. For **replacement** name badges (NO charge) and a replacement program book (at \$20), registrants should inquire at the Replacement Counter.

Registration. All onsite registration for the Convention and/or Workshops can be accomplished at the Convention Registration Desk, Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall, at the following times:

Thursday

Noon–6:00 p.m.

Friday

7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Saturday

7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Monday

8:00–10:00 a.m.

Meal Tickets. Preregistrants who ordered tickets to any of the Convention meal functions should have received their tickets in the mail prior to their arrival. If you do not have your tickets, please check with the Information Desk located at the Convention Registration Desk for replacement tickets.

Because caterers must be informed more than two days in advance of the number of persons to prepare for, tickets for most meal functions are usually no longer for sale. A few may be available at the Convention Registration Desk, Meal Ticket Exchange Counter.

Locating Registrants and Participants. Beginning Thursday, the Who's Where Counter at the Convention Registration Desk, Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall has address cards on file. All persons who have made hotel reservations in advance of their arrival should turn in their Who's Where cards at the counter.

NCTE Membership. NCTE Central, Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall is a convenient place for members to renew or extend their membership and for new members to learn more about what benefits the Council has to offer.

Admission. No meetings are open to the public. Attendance at all programs, section meetings, committee meetings, special conferences, and meal functions is restricted to those with convention badges. Attendants and local hosts at each meeting are instructed to deny admission to all persons not wearing badges.

Messages or Mail. NCTE does not operate a message center, but notes for individuals may be placed on the message board in the Registration area. Messages for the program chair, NCTE president, and NCTE staff may be left at the NCTE Registration Desk, Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall; messages for the general chair of the Local Arrangements Committee may be left at the Local Committee Headquarters, Chicago Hilton/Mobley Room, Lower Level.

Lost and Found. Persons who have lost or found items should report them to the Convention Registration Desk.

Identifying Badges. The groups of persons listed below are identified by color-coded name badges or ribbons:

- General Chairs
- Local Committee Members
- Executive Committee Members
- Past Presidents
- International Visitors
- NCTE Staff
- Exhibitors
- Journal Editors
- Section Steering Committee Members
- Emeritus Members
- First-Time Attendees
- CEL Executive Committee
- WLU Board Member

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Annual Business Meeting for the Board of Directors and Other Members of the Council will take place Friday, November 18, 5:30–7:00 p.m. in the Chicago Hilton/Grand Ballroom, Second Floor.

Directors and all other members of the Council are invited to attend as participants, but all who wish to vote should obtain a voting card (see below).

VOTING CARDS AND CREDENTIALS FOR DIRECTORS

Voting cards and official credentials for NCTE directors and for members who wish to vote at the Annual Business Meeting may be picked up at the NCTE Registration Information Desk in the Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall any time Thursday or Friday, or beginning at 4:45 p.m. on Friday outside the door to the Chicago Hilton/Grand Ballroom, Second Floor, the location for the Annual Business/Board of Directors Meeting.

The agenda and rules of conduct for the meeting will be available at the door of the meeting room. The rules of conduct for the meeting are included in this program book on pages 12 and 13.

EXPOSITION OF PROFESSIONAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS **Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall**

The Annual NCTE Exposition will be open during the following times:

Friday, November 18
Noon–6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 19
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

A complete list of convention exhibitors begins on page 275.

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous. Friday and Saturday meetings are scheduled at 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Chicago Hilton/Conference Room 4K, Fourth Floor.

Alanon. Friday and Saturday meetings are scheduled at 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Chicago Hilton/Conference Room 4M, Fourth Floor.

EMERGENCIES

To summon the fire department, the police, or an ambulance (for medical emergencies only), dial 911 and give the nature of the emergency, your location, and the telephone number you are calling from.

Medical and Dental. Most hotels can put you in touch with a doctor or dentist. Inquire at the hotel front desk or ask the hotel operator.

Fire Safety. To report a fire, call the hotel operator and give your name, location, and the location of the suspected fire.

OTHER PROCEDURES AND EVENTS

Procedures and Resolutions. The responsibility of the Committee on Resolutions is to review all resolutions submitted and to initiate resolutions. In accordance with NCTE policy, the chair of the Resolutions Committee, Kevin Browne, requested that proposed resolutions, signed by at least five Council members, be submitted in writing no later than October 15. An open meeting for review and comment on draft resolutions will be held on Friday morning (see page 44). Proposed resolutions will be acted upon at the Annual Business/Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, November 18. A discussion of the procedures for considering resolutions and sense-of-the-house motions will be available at the door of the meeting room.

Nominations for 2012 Elections. The nominating committees of NCTE, CEE, and the Elementary, Middle Level, Secondary, and College Sections of NCTE will accept nominations for the 2012 elections during the Chicago Convention. Bring your questions and your nominations to the Annual Business/Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, November 18, and to the committees' open meetings Saturday, November 19, Noon–12:45 p.m. (Chicago Hilton/Continental Ballroom, Salon C, Lobby Level), and Sunday, November 20, 8:00–9:00 a.m. (Chicago Hilton/Grand Ballroom, Second Floor).

Taping Speeches. As a courtesy to speakers, many of whose papers are prepared for publication, persons wishing to tape speeches should request permission before sessions begin. Speakers reserve the right to refuse permission.

RULES OF CONDUCT
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

IMPORTANT: Only NCTE members may participate in discussion and may vote at the meeting. To verify your membership and to obtain a voting card for the meeting, present your NCTE membership card at the NCTE Registration Desk, anytime Thursday or Friday, or at the door before the meeting. Members lacking a membership card onsite can verify membership via the master member list at the door. **Note to Directors:** Please obtain your voting card at the Registration Desk or at the door before the meeting.

- A. RULES STATED IN THE NCTE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.** These rules cannot be altered at the Annual Business Meeting unless consideration of a Constitutional amendment has been announced to the membership a month in advance. (XIII.A)
1. The Board of Directors can act in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee with regard to the Council's *internal operations and structure*, making recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning Council programs and operations. (VI.A.1)
 2. The Board of Directors and other NCTE members present at the Annual Business Meeting may debate and vote on *position statements on educational issues* and other matters not specifically delegated in the Constitution to the Directors or the Executive Committee. (VI.A.1)
 3. Position statements on educational issues approved by two-thirds of those voting at the meeting (not two-thirds of those present) shall become official NCTE positions. (XI.C.)
 4. Position statements on educational issues approved by less than two-thirds of those voting will be presented to the entire membership in a mail ballot. (XI.C.)

In addition to the above, special rules of conduct are adopted each year for the Annual Business Meeting. The rules for this year are listed below.

B. RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Directors and other NCTE members must be identified by a voting card. Only properly identified Directors and members may participate in the meeting. Nonmembers may attend the meeting but not participate as voters or discussants. A section is reserved for seating of observers.
2. A quorum of twenty percent of the members of the board is required for the transaction of business at the meeting.
3. *Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* applies on questions of procedure and parliamentary law not specified in the Constitution, bylaws, or other rules adopted by NCTE.
4. The parliamentarian interprets the rules and advises the presiding officer on parliamentary procedures.
5. A Director or other NCTE member wishing the floor should go to a microphone and give his or her name and affiliation or state when recognized by the presiding officer.
6. The chair may request that a motion be written and signed by the maker so that it might be read by the chair to the voting body.

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7. In discussion of resolutions and all other motions except sense-of-the-house motions:
 - a. Three minutes will be allowed for each speaker each time.
 - b. No one may speak a second time on a subject until all who wish to speak have been heard.
 - c. The presiding officer will attempt to provide a balance in recognizing pro and con speakers. If there are no speakers opposing a motion under consideration, the chair may ask the house to move immediately to a vote in order to expedite the business.
 - d. Discussion will be limited to no more than 15 minutes (not including discussion of amendments) on any main motion or resolution; this time may be extended in 10-minute increments at the discretion of the presiding officer or by a majority of those voting.
 - e. Discussion of an amendment to a motion or resolution will be limited to no more than 10 minutes; this time may be extended in 6-minute increments at the discretion of the chair or by a majority of those voting.
 - f. Substitute motions or resolutions will not be accepted.
 - g. Amendments to amendments will not be accepted, in order to avoid confusion.
 - h. With regard to resolutions, only the RESOLVED sections are subject to a vote; accordingly, only discussion of the RESOLVED sections and not the background statements is in order.
 8. In discussion of all items of business, a motion to POSTPONE OR TABLE TEMPORARILY (i.e., without noting a specific time for reconsideration) is **not debatable**, and the main motion can be acted on at the current meeting only if the assembly votes to resume its consideration. A motion to POSTPONE OR TABLE UNTIL A SPECIFIC LATER TIME **is debatable** in terms of the reasons for postponement or the times specified.
 9. A Director or other NCTE member at the Annual Business Meeting may offer a sense-of-the-house motion at the specified times. Such motions are advisory to the Executive Committee or other appropriate Council bodies.
 10. Discussion of sense-of-the-house motions:
 - a. To be considered for deliberation, a sense-of-the-house motion must be prepared in writing, must not exceed 50 words, and must be submitted to the chair in three copies before the call for the adoption of the agenda. (Brief prefatory statements in explanation of the motion are **not** part of the motion and need not be submitted in writing.)
 - b. A sense-of-the-house motion may not be amended, except for editorial changes acceptable to the mover.
 - c. Speakers on sense-of-the-house motions shall be limited to 2 minutes each, except by dispensation of the chair.
 - d. Discussion of a sense-of-the-house motion shall be limited to 10 minutes, except by dispensation of the chair.
 11. A Director or other NCTE member who wishes to call attention to a matter of concern to the Council may, at the discretion of the chair, make a personal declaration on the subject at the specified times, but no discussion or vote will follow. Declarations shall be limited to 3 minutes.
 12. A Director or other NCTE member who wishes to introduce business not provided for in the agenda must move to suspend the rules of conduct for the meeting, which can be done with the assent of two-thirds of the Directors and other members attending. Business so introduced will be regarded as sense-of-the-house motions subject to the specifications in items 9 and 10 above.
 13. Unfinished items of business at the hour set for adjournment can be resumed at a time set by the chair, if two-thirds of the Directors and other members attending approve a session at which business is to be resumed.
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FUTURE CONVENTIONS

2012 NCTE Convention—Las Vegas, Nevada

The NCTE affiliates hosting the 102nd Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, invite convention registrants to stop by Booth 1304 in the Chicago Hilton/Lower Level Exhibit Hall, to find out more about the host city.

The Las Vegas Convention will meet November 15–20.
Dates and sites for other future conventions are:

2013—Boston, Massachusetts November 21–26

2014—Washington, DC November 20–25

2015—Minneapolis, Minnesota November 19–24

2016—Atlanta, Georgia November 17–22

2012—Conference on College Composition and
Communication (CCCC)
St. Louis, Missouri
March 21–24

2012—Whole Language Conference
St. Louis, Missouri
July 19–21

2012—NCTE Assembly for Research Mid-Winter
Conference
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
February 24–26