

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for 2016 CEL Kent Williamson Exemplary Leader Award

Please nominate an exceptional leader who has had an impact on the profession through one or more of the following: 1) work that has focused on exceptional teaching and/or leadership practices (e.g., building an effective department, grade level, or building team; developing curricula or processes for practicing English language arts educators; or mentoring); 2) contributions to the profession through involvement at both the local and national levels; 3) publications that have had a major impact. **This award** is given annually to an NCTE member who is an outstanding English language arts educator and leader. Your award nominee submission must include a **nomination form**, two professional letters of recommendation, and the candidate's curriculum vitae. Send by **February 1, 2016**, to Rebecca Sipe, 8140 Huron River Drive, Dexter, MI 48130. Or email your submission to Rebecca.sipe@emich.edu. (Subject: CEL Exemplary Leader).

2016 Call for CEL Teacher-Leader of Excellence Award

Please nominate a teacher-leader who has had a strong, positive impact on his or her school, district, and/or state through work that has focused on exceptional contributions to teaching and local leadership practices, such as team building, coaching, and curriculum development. This award is given annually to an NCTE member who

is an outstanding English language arts educator and leader. Your award-nominee submission must include a **nomination form**, two letters of professional recommendation, and the nominee's curriculum vitae. Send nominations by **February 1, 2016** to **Rebecca Sipe** (Subject: CEL Teacher-Leader) or 8140 Huron River Dr., Dexter, MI 48130-9323.

Call for Candidates for CEL 2016 Election

In the 2016 election, CEL members will choose two Members-at-Large and an Associate Chair. The Nominating Committee is now ready to accept nominees for next year's election. Self-nominations are welcome.

To be eligible for Member-at-Large, a nominee must have attended TWO or more CEL Conventions and volunteered in some capacity, such as by serving on the Hospitality Committee or presenting/presiding at a breakout session. A Member-at-Large represents the general membership on the CEL Executive Committee and assists in planning functions of the CEL Executive Committee. The term of the Member-at-Large is three years. Four candidates for Member-at-Large will be on the 2016 ballot.

In addition, two candidates for Associate Chair will also be presented on the 2016 ballot. To be eligible for nomination as Associate Chair, an individual must have served CEL in either an elected or appointed position on the CEL Executive Committee. The Associate Chair will serve two years as Associate Chair, two

years as Chair, and two years as Past Chair.

Those who wish to nominate a qualified CEL member should check with the individual and affirm her/his willingness to serve prior to submitting a nomination. Nominations should include as much pertinent information as possible about the nominee as a leader and her/his involvement in CEL, as well as contact information (home mailing address, email address, and phone number). Nomination forms will be available at the 2015 NCTE Annual and CEL Conventions this November; they are also **available here**. If you prefer, you may email your nominations to **Nominations Chair Edie Weinthal** or **Assistant Nominations Chair Gordon Hultberg**.

Help Shape NCTE Positions by Submitting a Resolution

If you have concerns about issues that affect your teaching or if you'd like to see NCTE take a stand on a position you support, you have an opportunity to be heard! Propose a resolution that may be voted on at NCTE's Annual Convention.

For further details on submitting a resolution, to see resolutions already passed by Council members, or to learn about proposing position statements or guidelines other than resolutions, visit **the NCTE website** or **contact Lori Bianchini at NCTE Headquarters** (800-369-6283, ext. 3644;). Resolutions must be post-marked by **October 15, 2015**.