

MCTE

Minnesota Council of Teachers of English

Executive Secretary's Annual Report April 2009—April 2010

MCTE had a busy and productive year. The organization currently has 408 paid memberships (almost 100 more than this time last year) and an additional 67 individuals have memberships that need to be renewed after May 1, 2010.

We welcomed new board officers after our Spring Conference in April of 2009. They include Lindsey Anderson as Elementary Chair, Elizabeth Boeser as Assistant Executive Secretary, and Peder Engebretson as Middle Level Chair. Rose Jagim took over the NCTE Literary Magazine Award (PRESLM) in June 2009.

In June of 2009, the board decided to reinstate the position of Assistant Executive Secretary. This individual will take over the Executive Secretary position after one year as assistant. Elizabeth Boeser will take over as Executive Secretary in July of 2010.

MCTE created a Minnesota Writing Quilt Gallery as part of the NCTE National Gallery of Writing. Sandy Hayes is the curator of our local gallery.

On Monday, October 26, a record 184 teachers attended the 2009 Fall Workshop with Kylene Beers at the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center in Plymouth. Workshop participants learned strategies for deepening understanding with re-reads as well as lessons in strategies for increasing students' comprehension, perceptive reflection, and fluency.

Several board members attended the NCTE Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA in November. They include Paige Shreeve Welle, Sandy Hayes, Rachel Malchow Lloyd, Jessica Dockter Tierney, Sherri Larson, and Elizabeth Boeser. Current president, Paige Shreeve Welle, represented our Minnesota affiliate at the Board of Directors Meeting.

Elizabeth Boeser, teacher at Bloomington Jefferson High School, received the NCTE Secondary Teacher of Excellence Award 2009.

In December 2009, the board voted to submit the *Minnesota English Journal* for the NCTE Affiliate Award. In addition, the board voted to make the *MEJ* a peer-reviewed journal. Several board members expressed interest in being part of the editorial board.

The National Council of Teachers of English will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center in 2015 due in great part to the efforts of Sandy Hayes. The national conference was last held here in 1972.

MCTE continues to encourage and support student writing in conjunction with NCTE middle and high school writing contests. Coordinators are Jodi Anderson, Promising Young Writers Contest, Heather Megarry Traeger, NCTE Achievement in Writing Contest, and Rose Jagim, Literary Magazine Contest.

MCTE Awarded four grants to classroom teachers for classroom projects. Recipients are expected to present a session at the spring conference and/or write an article for an MCTE publication.

President-Elect, Jacqueline Arnold, planned the 2010 Spring Conference, *50 Years of Continuity and Change*, with the support of several other board members. 159 people pre-registered for the conference with 12 additional speakers and guests. Five vendors participated as well.

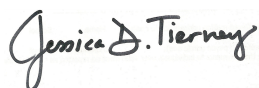
Executive Board

President	Paige Shreeve Welle (4/09)
President-Elect	Jacqueline Arnold (4/09)
Vice President	Sherri Larson (4/09)
Past President	Paul Carney
Executive Secretary	Jessica Dockter Tierney (7/07 to 7/10)
Treasurer	Rachel Malchow Lloyd (4/08–4/10)

Advisory Board

Website Editor	Sandy Hayes (appointed 1998)
Minnesota English Journal Editor	Bill Dyer (4/04)
Assistant Executive Secretary	Elizabeth Boeser (4/09)
Student Writing Journal Editor	Kathryn Campbell (1/08) -- VACANT
Newsletter Editor	Jodi Anderson (9/05)
Elementary Section Chair	Lindsey Anderson (4/09)
Middle Level Section Chair	Peder Engebretson (4/09)
Secondary Section Chair	VACANT
Department of Education Liaison	Charon Tierney
Intellectual Freedom Chair	Jeremy Hoffman (4/08)
Creative Writing Chair	Patty Strandquist (6/03)
English Education Chair	Daryl Parks (9/07)
College Writing Chair	Paul Carney
Two-Year College Chair	Brian Lewis (1/08)
NCTE Promising Young Writers Contest	Jodi Anderson (9/05)
NCTE Literary Magazine Contest (PRESLM)	Rose Jagim (6/09)
NCTE Achievement in Writing Contest	Heather Megarry Traeger
SLATE Chair	VACANT

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Dockter Tierney
MCTE Executive Secretary