

ASCELA Annual Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2004

Indianapolis, Indiana

Marriott Hotel, Ballroom 9

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Present: Mike Kelley (DE), Chair; Cherry Boyles (KY), Vice Chair; Kim Bowen (NC), Secretary; Johna Faulconer (NC), Treasurer; Gerhard Fischer (WI); Diana Doiron (ME); Jan Clinard (MT); Taylor Powers (LA); Millie Davis (NCTE)

Chair Mike Kelley convened the meeting.

Millie Davis of NCTE welcomed the members and gave a brief update of NCTE actions on NCLB. Millie and members discussed the need for reinstatement of the ASCELA list-serve once hosted by NCTE.

Members reported briefly on current issues and initiatives in their states. State reports will be available on-line as they are submitted to the webmaster.

Phyllis Ayres of Holt, Rinehart, & Winston, made a presentation about the new features in the latest HRW textbook program, including technology tools for aligning skills, standards, and assessments.

Richard Sterling and Judy Buchanan of National Writing Project discussed current national attention on writing. Pending funding, NWP would like to get sites within the reach of every teacher.

Sharon Roth, Anne Ruggles Gere, and Kent Williams spoke about ways NCTE can work with state departments, including professional development options and policy research.

Members discussed and approved changes to the constitution to clarify officer roles. Officers for 2005 were elected: Cherry Boyles (KY), Chair; Gerhard Fischer (WI), Vice Chair; Kim Bowen (NC), Secretary; Johna Faulconer (NC), Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned, with members agreeing to meet for dinner sponsored by Holt, Rinehart, & Winston.