General
Convention
Information
Introducing the National Council of Teachers of English

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 35,000 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 National Center for Literacy in Education (NCLE), the James R. Squire Office for Policy Research in the English Language Arts, the ReadWriteThink website, the NCTE Professional Learning 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 Boston.

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 10 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).

The Council is strongly committed to diversity and inclusion. During the convention, you are encouraged to attend the Cultural Celebration and Social Event on Friday evening and meetings sponsored by NCTE caucuses and/or the educational sessions identified in the Rainbow Strand. You also will not want to miss convention presentations by Fellows in the Cultivating NewVoices of Scholars of Color program (hosted by the NCTE Research Foundation), convention presentations by the recipients of the 2012 Early Career Teacher of Color Award of Distinction, or award presentations acknowledging the 2013 Leadership Initiative (Advancement of People of Color Leadership and 2013 Early Career Teacher of Color Award of Distinction).

In addition, numerous assemblies serve members with special interests in children’s literature, research, writing centers, adolescent literacy, the literature and culture of Appalachia, media arts, 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, Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two.

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All activities of the 103rd Annual Convention of the Council are scheduled in the Hynes Convention Center and the Sheraton Boston. The Sheraton Boston is the headquarters hotel. The Hynes Convention Center rooms are listed by the room number (e.g., 304) and the Sheraton Boston uses room names (e.g., Beacon E). Times and locations for all official convention activities are detailed beginning on page 25.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

Host Committees. Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two. Offices of Kimberly Parker, 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, Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two. Members of the business staff can be reached at the same location.

News Services. Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two. 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.56, 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 Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two 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.

NCTE Membership. NCTE Central, Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two 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. Attendees 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, Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two; messages for the general chair of the Local Arrangements Committee may be left at the Local Committee Headquarters, Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two.

**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
- CCCC Executive Committee Members
- CEE Executive Committee Members
- CEL Executive Committee Members
- TYCA Executive Committee Members
- WLU Board Member
- NCTE Consultants
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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 22, 5:30–7:00 p.m. in the Hynes Convention Center/Ballroom B, Level Three.

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 Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two any time Thursday or Friday, or beginning at 4:45 p.m. on Friday outside the door to Hynes Convention Center/Ballroom B, Level Three, 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

Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two

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

- Friday, November 22
  - Noon–6:00 p.m.

- Saturday, November 23
  - 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

- Sunday, November 24
  - 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

A complete list of convention exhibitors begins on page 245.

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous. Friday and Saturday meetings are scheduled at 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Sheraton Boston/Jefferson Room, 3rd Floor.

Alanon. Friday and Saturday meetings are scheduled at 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Sheraton Boston/Kent Room, 3rd 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, Kristin Hamilton, 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 00). Proposed resolutions will be acted upon at the Annual Business/Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, November 22. 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 2014 Elections. The nominating committees of NCTE, CEE, TYCA, and the Elementary, Middle Level, Secondary, and College Sections of NCTE will accept nominations for the 2014 elections during the Boston Convention. Bring your questions and your nominations to the Annual Business/Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, November 22, and to the committees’ open meetings Saturday, November 23, Noon–12:45 p.m. (Sheraton Boston/Back Bay D, 2nd Floor), and Sunday, November 24, 8:00–9:00 a.m. (Sheraton Boston/Back Bay D, 2nd 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 voting 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. (VI.A.1)

3. Position statements on educational issues approved by a majority of those present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting will be sent by ballot to the membership for ratification.

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 voting 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.

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, 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 time. Such motions are advisory to the Executive Committee or other appropriate Council bodies. They do not constitute official Council policy.

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 (three copies) to the President or Parliamentarian before 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.

e. If approved, sense-of-the-house motions are advisory to the Executive Committee or other Council bodies. They represent the opinion of the majority of members attending the Annual Business Meeting.

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.
FUTURE CONVENTIONS

2014 NCTE Convention—Washington, DC
The NCTE affiliates hosting the 104th Annual Convention in Washington, DC invite convention registrants to stop by Booth Number 1720 in the Exhibit Hall (Hynes Convention Center/Halls C/D, Level Two) to find out more about the host city.

The Washington, DC Convention will meet November 20–25. Dates and sites for other future conventions are:

2015—Minneapolis, Minnesota
   November 19–24

2016—Atlanta, Georgia
   November 17–22

2017—St. Louis, Missouri
   November 16–21

2018—Houston, Texas
   November 15–20

2014—Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)
   Indianapolis, Indiana
   March 19–22

2014—Whole Language Conference
   Pasadena, California
   July 17–19