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NCTE Executive Committee Cancels 2012 Phoenix Convention

The 2012 NCTE Annual Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 14-19

On August 9, 2010, NCTE cancelled its Annual Convention that had been scheduled to be held November 14-19, 2012, in Phoenix, Arizona. The NCTE Executive Committee determined that [Arizona law S.B. 1070](#) made it inadvisable to hold the meeting. Through the law, conditions have been created which would

- undercut NCTE's core value commitment to [diversity](#) and
- present a risk for many members who might be detained for an immigration check should they be stopped by police, with or without a warrant, during their stay in the city.

Federal District Court Judge Susan Bolton has enjoined several aspects of the law, but because the Arizona legislature has declined to repeal the law, her decision is subject to further review. In her opinion enjoining enforcement of various provisions of the law, Judge Bolton noted, "Requiring Arizona law enforcement officials and agencies to determine the immigration status of every person who is arrested burdens lawfully present aliens because their liberty will be restricted while their status is checked." Judge Bolton also found that the state was over-reaching its authority in authorizing law enforcement personnel to make warrantless arrests of people suspected of being illegal immigrants.

NCTE cannot run the risk of going forward with an annual convention that would, for the first time, expose meeting registrants to the burden of providing proof of citizenship. Relocating a meeting of the size of the NCTE Annual Convention in less than 28 months would be very difficult and NCTE could not afford to wait on an appeals process that might take many months to resolve.

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