

NCTE GENERAL MEETING
Friday, October 5, 2012
University of Nebraska-Omaha

Present: HED—S. Alford, T. Anderson, J. Blomenkamp, R. Bork, M. Crouse, E. DeHart, L. Forester, J. Kupper, D. Ponec, K. Rempp, K. Rohwer, E. Scantling, B. Schnabel, M. Towey-Schulz, T. Wandzilak, D. White
NCAPE – B. Schweiger
NASB – F. Gray
NCSA – M. Adler, A. Auten, J. Beach, D. Bird, B. Habrock, F. Helmink, M. Lenihan K. Mathews, L. Moeller
TSB – D. Freese, D. Harder
NSEA – A. Bone, S. Bartholomew, S. Brown, D. Casey, T. Coe, T. Heese, D. Jankovich, P. Ludeke, F. Marymee, L. Mihm, D. Moss, S. Ptacek, C. Rice, J. Sears, S. Stake,
NPTA –
ALM – C. Gay, M. Schlieder
NDE – S. Katt, K. Peters

Guests: HED – J. Jansky, D. Ladwig, J. Lorenzen, M. Lundgren, D. Phelps, P. Rippe, P. Spethman, L. Zeller
NDE – P. Madsen, J. Woodland, D. Romanek, T. Parker, M. Beiermann, M. Harouff
OTHERS – A. Bird, G. Adams, R. Peterson

Absent Without Alternate Replacement:

NASB – K. Danek, N. Huston, J. Vlach
NCSA – S. Anderson, P. Bohn, D. Wiseman
NSEA –M. Tebbe
NPTA -

<u>HED</u> -Higher Education	<u>TSB</u> -Teachers State Board Appointed
<u>NCAPE</u> -NE Council on American Private Education	<u>NSEA</u> -NE State Education Association
<u>NASB</u> -NE Association of School Boards	<u>NPTA</u> -NE Parent Teacher Association
<u>NCSA</u> -NE Council of School Administrators	<u>ALM</u> -At-Large Members
<u>NDE</u> -NE Dept. of Education	

Meeting Called to Order: President Schnabel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Adler introduced Senator Greg Adams who gave the introductory address. Senator Adams stressed that teachers are a very necessary part of education, and while technology is a useful tool, the science of teaching is far advanced. We need the best teachers and best building leadership in today's classrooms.

Declaration of Legal Meeting and Open Meetings Act: by President Schnabel.

Public Comments: None

Approval of the June 8, 2012 NCTE General Session Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jankovich, seconded by Ponec to accept minutes. Roll call vote taken. Minutes approved.

Executive Committee Minutes: August 16, 2012 minutes reviewed by President Schnabel.

Rule 24 Endorsements: P. Madsen

Science (Field) Endorsement – Overview presented by Jim Woodland, NDE Science Chair. Madsen explained that Section 006.42D of the Science endorsement posted to the site prior to the meeting should be corrected to read: "This endorsement shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours of laboratory-based courses with a minimum of two laboratory-based courses in each of the four disciplines in the sciences (biology, chemistry, Earth and space, and physics)."

Math Endorsement – Overview presented by Deb Romanek, NDE, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee. The main changes reviewed and recommended by the Mathematics Ad Hoc Committee were:

- Change current grade level from 7-12 to 6-12 to align with Common Core Standards and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Standards;
- There were minor changes in the Guidelines wording since the Ad Hoc meeting due to updated NCTM Standards, but the intent has not changed.

Speech Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician Endorsements – Overview presented by Annie Bird, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee. There were no major changes in either endorsement since the presentation at the June 8 NCTE meeting.

Math, Science, Speech Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician endorsements are up for final approval during the Second General Session.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ENDORSEMENTS:

English Language Arts Endorsements -Tricia Parker, NDE, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee presented. English and Language Arts are combined into one endorsement called “English Language Arts.” Forester questioned why hours were cut in the English area, primarily Literature and Writing; and explained that teachers who have a degree in English would not be able to complete the endorsement. Sears suggested we need to have IHEs provide teachers that are prepared for today’s curriculum. Rempp expressed concerned that this new endorsement will hurt the supply of teachers prepared to teach English Language Arts, and questioned if the 36 hours requirement will be enough training. She suggested that perhaps this should be a generalist endorsement, with the other Language Arts area being supplemental endorsements (such as the proposed Speech and Theatre endorsements.) Other questions included if more hours in reading and writing courses should be required. The Council was reminded that it is important to reflect national standards as much as possible.

Ad Hoc Update: P. Madsen

- Early Childhood Endorsements Ad Hoc meeting is October 17. Current proposed endorsements are Early Childhood Education Inclusive, Early Childhood Education Supplemental to Elementary Education, and Special Education: Early Childhood Special Education (graduate). It is anticipated these endorsements will be introduced to the NCTE Executive Committee in January, 2013.
- Special Education (SPED) Endorsement is still under review and progress is being made. Reece Peterson, UNL, provided a presentation concerning SPED endorsements in Nebraska with a focus on bringing a new perspective to SPED preparation. Next step will be an Ad Hoc meeting in November or December with intent to introduce the SPED Generalist endorsement and Supplemental endorsements at the January, 2013 Executive Committee meeting.
- Upcoming Endorsement Ad Hoc Meetings: Art, General Art, and Middle Grades to be reviewed in 2013. Sign-up sheets will be available at Standing Committee meetings. Social Studies will probably be reviewed in 2014.

NCTE Organizational Policies Review–Schnabel explained that a small group of individuals met to discuss a revision of the Organizational Policies. A revision draft was available during the meeting which reflects the changes discussed, including: reduce total membership from 55 members to 48 members and retention of three Standing Committees, but not specifically name the committees to allow work to be more evenly distributed. Roll call voting will continue, as this is a statutorily approved group. A summary of proposed changes is available on the website. Goal is to initiate these changes in the next academic year (2013). Katt reminded the membership that any changes would need to be approved by the State Board.

Rohwer asked if minutes of ad hoc committees meetings could be e-mailed to the NCTE membership after the ad hoc groups have met. In this way, communication could take place between the ad hoc groups and the NCTE members prior to the NCTE meetings and provide NCTE members more time to consider proposed endorsement changes. NDE staff agreed to develop this strategy.

NDE UPDATES: S. Katt

Program Approval:

Chadron State College – Folio Review was held on June 27, 2012
Off-Site Visit – December 19, 2012
On-Site Visit – April 21-23, 2013

Nebraska Wesleyan University – Folio Review was held on June 27, 2012
Off-Site Visit – TBD
On-Site Visit – Fall of 2013

Concordia University – Folio Review was held on July 19, 2012
Off-Site Visit – December 18, 2012
On-Site Visit – April 14-16, 2013

Effective Educator Frameworks:

The Effective Educator Frameworks committee continues to meet with the current focus centered on creating model evaluation processes. Representation includes NCTE, NACTE, NCSA, NSEA, and others. The committee has been looking at national models to see how well they would translate into good practices for Nebraska.

Other

Katt advised the group that discussions regarding content assessments for teacher certification have very recently been initiated.

Lunch: Lunch was served at 12:00 noon.

Standing Committees Session: Standing Committees convened after lunch.

Second General Session: President Schnabel resumed the meeting at 2:00p.m.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Undergraduate Committee – Bone reported. These recommendations were given:

- **Science Endorsement** – move for full council approval with the wording change of “two laboratory-based courses” requirement in each of the four science areas rather than “12 semester hours” required in each of the four science areas.
- **Mathematics Endorsement** – move for full Council approval.
- **English Language Arts Endorsement** should be amended to read - “This endorsement shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours including content and pedagogical content coursework in literature, writing, language, communication, and reading literacy skills and strategies.” With this change, it is recommended to move the English Language Arts to final reading. In addition, these endorsements should become supplemental endorsements: speech, theatre, journalism, and digital literacies.

These endorsements should move to final reading: Speech (supplemental), Theatre (supplemental), Reading and Writing (supplemental), and Reading Specialist (graduate).

A committee should be assigned to create a Journalism supplemental endorsement.

Section 8 in the English Language Arts Guidelines needs to be removed.

- Organizational Policy proposed changes are agreeable – no new recommendations from the Undergraduate Committee.

Certification Committee – Adler reported. These recommendations were given:

- English Language Arts Endorsement – keep the 48 credit hours for content, but would like 9 hours of flexible pedagogy, such as taking 9 hours of humanities to allow a student more flexibility.

Would like section 006.38D of the English Language Arts Endorsement to read: “This endorsement shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours including content coursework in literature, writing, language, digital literacies and pedagogical content of literature, grammar, composition, and reading/literacy skills and strategies. Nine (9) of these content hours shall come from coursework in journalism, theater, and/or communication.”

- Organizational Policies should keep the Standing Committee members divided in three groups of 16 each. There was discussion concerning how the various responsibilities will be divided among the committees.

Graduate Committee – Jankovich reported. These recommendations were given:

- Science Endorsement – Discussion centered on the 48 hour/4 content areas requirement. However, the committee did support the endorsement as it stands.
- Math Endorsement– The grade level of the endorsement was discussed. However, the committee did support the endorsement as it stands.
- Speech Language Pathologist Endorsement - move for full council approval.
- Speech Language Technician Endorsement – move for full council approval.
- English Language Arts Endorsement – no consensus to move endorsement forward at this time.

Full Council Action:

- Science Endorsement - Bone (Undergraduate Committee) moved Science forward for roll call vote. Vote taken – approved.
- Math Endorsement- Bone (Undergraduate Committee) moved Math forward for roll call vote. Vote taken– approved.
- Speech Language Pathologist Endorsement -Jankovich (Graduate Committee) moved SLP forward for roll call vote. Vote taken–approved.
- Speech Language Technician Endorsement–Jankovich (Graduate Committee) moved SLT forward for roll call vote. Vote taken-approved
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Other Items:

- Next NCTE meeting will be on March 8, 2013, at the Country Inn and Suites in Lincoln.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.