

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'A' MINUTES

Standing Committee: Committee 'A'

Date: June 12, 2015

Location: Country Inn & Suites – Board Room

The meeting was called to order at _____ by D. Casey.

Secretary: Please take attendance and indicate any absences, alternates, or guests.

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
8	Adler, Mark	x		
TBD	TBD			
5	Bork, Ron	absent		
2	Casey, Diana	x		
7	Coe, Travis	x		
3	Evanich, Sue	x		
3	Freese, Debra	absent		
5	Marymee, Fran	absent	Susan Ptacek	
6	Mathews, Katie	absent		
1	Peters, Kevin	x		
8	Schnabel, Becky	x		
	Schweiger, Barb	x		
3	Spethman, Phyllis	x		
1	Stake, Susan	absent	Joey Zbylut-Birky	
3	Vlach, Jim	x		
1	White, Denise	x		
	Jenny Jansky	absent		
	Paul Barnes			x

Officers: Chair – Mark Adler

Vice Chair – Diana Casey

Secretary – Denise White

Business Conducted:

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Standing Committee 'A' Minutes from March 20, 2015 meeting:

Motion to approve: Phyllis Spethman

Seconded: Jim Vlach

Vote: Approved

3. Discussion regarding proposed Rule 24 endorsements: Health Sciences (Supplement) – Second

Question: What is the need for this endorsement in the local schools? Health Sciences is the fastest growing career education area, and the need for appropriately endorsed teachers is critical. Many districts, especially those with new Career Academies, are including a Health Sciences Program of Study.

Question: Easy for institutions to add to program? Institutions with health and other programs can add this endorsement fairly easily – some courses are already in place. As school districts try to find appropriate teachers to teach the career program courses, this endorsement might help. It can give PE majors an additional endorsement to add to their programs which make them more marketable. Also, as life changes, it is apparent there will be a greater need for education in the medical areas.

4. ACTION ITEM: Recommend moving Health Sciences endorsement to full council for final approval.

Motion: Diana Casey

Seconded: Travis Coe

Approved

5. Response to P-16 Initiative presentation.

Question: Where did the “birth and on” concept come from?

There have been numerous changes in the P-16 – where does P-16 Initiative go from here?

6. Discussion regarding member needs. What could be done to assist members, and especially those who will be new to the council?

Question: What do we do to help prepare new members, and how has it worked?

Perhaps a short synopsis/background of NCTE/how the organization is run would be good for the entire NCTE membership, with a more in-depth explanation given to new members separately.

Mentoring new members could be considered; carpooling, having a mentor to email answers to questions by new members would be helpful, as well as having mentors sit with new members at meetings could be useful. Information regarding the structure of the organization could be sent out with other meeting materials.

7. Discussion (if time allows) regarding proposed Middle Level field and Middle Level supplemental endorsements.

Some of the same issues that were mentioned in the full meeting were discussed. There are several subjects that need an additional knowledge base that hasn't been attained by some secondary endorsed teachers when working with Middle level students. There has been a great decrease in earning the Middle School endorsement over the years - about 50% perhaps.

There is no consistency about the need for teachers with Middle Level endorsements. When districts are building a new middle school, the administrators have anticipated this and encouraged teachers to get the endorsement. There is still some confusion regarding what the teacher with the Middle Level endorsement can actually teach—Rule 10 delineates this.

With the three options mentioned in obtaining the endorsement, an institution would have a difficult time dealing with all three options.

8. Thank you to retiring Committee A members:

Becky Schnabel and Barb Schweiger. Barb is going to work at Winnebago as an assistant principal.

9. Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm .

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

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Seconded: Travis Coe

Approved

Minutes submitted by: Denise White