

**NCTE GENERAL MEETING**  
Friday, June 8, 2012  
University of Nebraska-Omaha

**Present:** HED – J. Blomenkamp, R. Bork, M. Crouse, B. DeHart, L. Forester, P. Heckman, J. Kupper, D. Ponec, K. Rempp, K. Rohwer, E. Scantling, B. Schnabel, M. Towey-Schulz, T. Wandzilak, D. White  
NCAPE – Rev. L. Stoley  
NASB – N. Huston  
NCSA – M. Adler, A. Auten, D. Bird, B. Habrock, F. Helmink, J. Lopez, L. Moeller, D. Vitosh,  
TSB – D. Freese  
NSEA – S. Bartholomew, N. Bateman, T. Bayne, S. Brown, D. Casey, D. Jankovich, P. Ludeke, F. Marymee, L. Mihm, D. Moss, S. Ptacek, C. Rice, J. Sears, M. Tebbe, J. Zbylut-Birky  
NPTA – A. Nickerson  
ALM –  
NDE – S. Katt, K. Peters

**Guests:** HED – L. Danielson, P. Rippe, P. Spethman, J. Uffelman, L. Zeller  
NDE – P. Madsen, J. Woodland, M. Beiermann, M. Harouff  
OTHERS – A. Bird, W. McCarty

**Absent Without Alternate Replacement:**

HED – S. Alford  
NASB – K. Danek, S. Jensen, J. Vlach  
NCSA – P. Bohn, B. Hastings, M. Lenihan, K. Ryan  
TSB – T. Von Essen  
ALM – C. Gay, M. Schlieder

<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 9:38 a.m.

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of the October 7, 2011 NCTE General Session Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Freese, seconded by Casey to accept minutes. Minutes approved.

**Executive Committee Minutes:** April 26, 2012 minutes reviewed by President Schnabel.

**Rule Status Report:** S. Katt

- Rule 24 – Signed by Governor on May 7, 2012

**Rule 24 Endorsements:** P. Madsen

Science (Field) endorsement correction – ready for first and second readings, not final reading, as acknowledged by P. Madsen.

Superintendent – new ELCC (Educational Leadership Constituent Council) language included in Guidelines; no change in Rule section.

Math Endorsement – Deb Romanek, NDE, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee presented. These changes were recommended by the Mathematics Ad Hoc Committee:

- 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;
- Increase the Mathematics field endorsement hours from 30 to 36 hours;
- Committee suggested that completion of Calculus III is not necessary to teach secondary Mathematics.

Romanek explained the committee received input from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the endorsement language reflects the State Standards and Common Core Standards. There were questions regarding the 6-12 grade level. Romanek stated that mathematics taught in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade currently includes concepts that used to be included at the high school level of instruction. The 6-12 grade level allows for the rigor of the Common Core standards as well as the NCTM perspectives. Rule 10 allows a teacher with a grade level 7-12 endorsement to teach grade 6 level content courses. Clarification was given concerning the requirements for teaching Calculus. Consistent with national standards, Calculus III is not a necessary requirement to teach Calculus at the secondary level; it is generally assumed that Calculus I and II give enough background to teach Calculus at the secondary level. The committee discussed a recommendation that institutions start counting endorsement hours with Calculus II rather than Calculus I.

Speech Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician –Annie Bird, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, presented. The Speech Language Pathologist requires a master's degree and allows people to work with individuals from birth to age 21. The Speech Language Technician requires a bachelor's degree and has limitations on the responsibilities that can be performed. A Speech Language Technician can work in the schools, but is clearly not a Speech Language Pathologist.

These changes are proposed for the Speech Language Pathologist endorsement:

- Change the endorsement to a field endorsement because of the broad services of a Speech Language Pathologist;
- Increase the clinical experience requirement from 250 to 400 hours;
- Clinical experience will be done in both school and clinical settings—cannot do just one or the other; and
- The Guidelines reflect the current American Speech Hearing Association standards for Speech Language Pathologists.

These changes are proposed for the Speech Language Technician endorsement:

- Speech Language Technician must be supervised by a certified Speech Language Pathologist; and
- A Speech Language Technician can get a one-year special services certificate after receiving a bachelor's degree and having applied to a master's degree program in Speech Language Pathology. Once accepted into a program, the candidate will have to file a program of study and complete a minimum of 6 hours each year until the 36 hours leading to a SLP endorsement are completed.

There are no accompanying guidelines with the Speech Language Technician endorsement. Nebraska institutions can not recommend for SLT; however NDE can place the endorsement on a certificate.

Science – Jim Woodland, NDE, Chair of the Science Ad Hoc committee, presented the science field endorsement. The Guidelines follow the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Standards, 2011. The major changes are:

- Leave the minimum required 48 credit hours, but change the additional language to a minimum of 12 credit hours in each of the four science disciplines. The rationale for this change includes:
  1. Increasing pressure for candidates to be able to graduate in four years;
  2. The need to have teachers in cross disciplines, not specifically one science area;
  3. Teachers are teaching more than their subject area;
  4. Higher Education institutions can increase the credit hours to allow flexibility; and
  5. Science teacher vacancies are hard to fill.

Considerable discussion revolved around the proposed 12 credit hours needed in the four science disciplines.

**Ad Hoc Update:** P. Madsen

- Early Childhood Endorsement meeting is June 18.
- Special Education Endorsement meetings will be held in September, with work continuing on the Special Education Generalist endorsement. Reece Peterson from UN-L will speak at the October NCTE meeting concerning the Special Education endorsement. It is anticipated that Special Education specialty areas will become supplemental endorsements that can be added to the Special Education Generalist endorsement.
- Language Arts Endorsement Ad Hoc Committee met on May 31-June 1. Their proposal is to combine English and Language Arts into one English Language Arts endorsement. Speech and Theater will be offered as supplemental endorsements, rather than subject endorsements. Reading and Writing will be offered as a K-6 and 7-12 endorsement (supplemental), and Reading Specialist will become a PK-12 endorsement (still at the graduate level.)
- Art and General Art Endorsement Ad Hoc tentatively expected to begin work in the fall.
- Middle Grades Endorsement will be reviewed when the national standards are done.

Program Approval: The Doane College on-site visit was successfully completed April 15-17, 2012.

The folio review for NE Wesleyan University and Chadron State College will be June 27.

The folio review for Concordia University will be July 19. Sign-up sheets are available.

NCATE Recalibration Training workshop will be June 21-22, 2012. There is room for more participants.

NCTE Organizational Policies committee will meet later this summer.

Effective Educator Frameworks committee will continue to meet with the current focus on creating model evaluation processes. Representation includes NCTE, NACTE, NCSA, NSEA, and others.

Schnabel expressed thanks to those working on the ad hoc committees.

Wendy McCarty, UNK, presented information regarding the Transition to Teaching program in Nebraska. UNK has been operating the program for ten years and is the only Nebraska institution offering this alternative route. Candidates with baccalaureate degrees (or higher) complete 18 additional hours of online coursework in professional education plus 12 hours of supervised student teaching (which is the same requirement for traditional route candidates.)

**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 2:00 p.m. Reports from Standing Committees:

Undergraduate Committee - Forester reported for Bone. These recommendations were given:

- Science Endorsement – move this forward to final reading with a revision in 006.42D of the endorsement that reduces the minimum requirement of 12 semester hours in each of the four disciplines to 10 hours with the rationale being that higher education institutions offering 5 hour courses could manage better with a 10 hour requirement.
- Mathematics Endorsement – move forward for final reading in October.
- The Speech Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician were discussed, and there were no objections to the endorsements as proposed.

Certification Committee – Adler reported. These recommendations were given:

- Science Endorsement - Is there a way for the institutions to have more flexibility, as science credit hours vary?
- Mathematics Endorsement – discussion revolved around the grade level change from grades 7-12 to 6-12.
- Speech Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician – no questions.

Graduate Committee – Jankovich reported. These recommendations were given:

- Superintendent Endorsement – approve the ELCC language changes.
- Speech Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician – move both to final reading as.
- Science Endorsement –more flexibility is needed.
- Mathematics Endorsement – want more 6<sup>th</sup> grade level support in the endorsement.

**Full Council Action:**

- Motion made by Jankovich (Graduate Committee) for final approval of Superintendent Endorsement. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved.
- Motion made by Scantling (Graduate Committee) to change the Science Field endorsement requirement of 12 semester hours in each of the four disciplines to 10 hours move this forward with that proposed change. Roll Call Vote. Motion failed. NOTE: NDE staff reviewed Organizational Policies and determined that the procedures during the meeting were not compliant with the policies. Subsequently, the Executive Committee was contacted to discuss correct procedure, and with their approval, the following steps will be taken:
  - Proposed change is “a minimum of two courses in each of the four disciplines”, rather than 10 (or 12) credit hours. This allows for institutions to have flexibility in designing the program of study, and also addresses the concerns of the Ad Hoc Committee that there is more than one course in a discipline.
  - In order to move this endorsement along with the other science subject endorsements, this proposed change will be introduced to the Executive Committee at their August meeting.

**Other Items:**

- Recognition was given to those leaving NCTE. These members are:

Darrell Vitosh	Kathleen Wheeler
Lana Danielson	Dan Polk
Sandra Jensen	Kathy Ryan
Mary Losey	Jennifer Mitzelfelt
- Next NCTE meeting will be on October 5, 2012 in Lincoln.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**