

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'B' MINUTES

Standing Committee: Committee 'B'

Date: October 3, 2014

Location: The Country Inn & Suites – Lincoln Room

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Sue Alford.

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

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
4	Alford, Sue	X		
1	Biggs, Nancy	x		
8	Bone, Alan	X		
7	Crouse, Margaret			
6	DeCamp, Suzan	X		
5	Forester, Lyn	X		
1	Gay, Anna	X		
2	Habrock, Bary			
3	Ludeke, Pat	X		
3	Ludwig, David			
6	Malette, Kirk		Kelly Ritter & BobDeHart	
2	Rice, Caroline	X		
1	Schlieder, Mary	X		
4	Smith, Sharra	X		
1	Wandzilak, Tom	X		
5	Wiseman, Dana	X		
	Jay Sears	X		alt
	Craig Pease	x		guest

Officers: Chair – Sue Alford
 Vice Chair – Sharra Smith
 Secretary – Caroline Rice

Business Conducted:

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Standing Committee 'B' Minutes from June 6, 2014 meeting.

Motion to approve by Bone, seconded by Smith, motion carried by voice vote.

3. Discussion regarding 'Statewide Vision of Education in Nebraska.'

Members of the committee indicated they were surprised that NCTE was not known to the presenter. Discussion centered on how the input was gathered. Various members of the committee explained what experience they had in the gathering of information. Some committee members knew about the process and others had little awareness that this vision document even

existed. Jay Sears commented that the state board is also involved in their own visioning at this time. Discussion also included the political nature of a vision from the legislature. Further there was a bit of concern that various interest groups are involved and the loudest voice is heard (i.e. dyslexia)

There was question about how these visionary principles would be used and how the vision will impact education. Some comment from Jay Sears indicated that part of the visioning process is about funding in the legislature.

NCTE needs to affirm what they are doing. Role of NCTE might be to contact the members of the legislative education committee to let them know that we are available for information and input regarding teacher certification. This should be done as individuals too and we can go beyond just issues of certification. This would get us ahead of the curve.

4. August 22, 2014 Executive Meeting Report – Sue Alford.

Not discussed or presented

5. Discussion regarding issues/challenges/opportunities for NCTE.

Issue was raised if we should testify about the use of **lottery funds**. That testimony should be given, but not on behalf of NCTE. Jay urged that representatives of higher education institutions should definitely testify regarding the value of the loan reimbursement program.

Alternative Permit: Comments-Statute says a teacher must be certified. Permit is not certification. General consensus is that there should be a way for people to start with alternative permit but there should be an end date making the permit a bridge to a certificate. It was noted that other temporary certificates have end dates. It also was noted that if permit is not certificate, holders cannot be part of NSEA. Committee was reminded to keep in mind that the meeting later today is a preliminary meeting.

6. Standing Committee 'B' suggestions for the good of the organization.

7. Action Items:

8. Forrester moved to adjourn, Biggs seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:34__.

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

Minutes submitted by: Caroline Rice