

NCTE'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON AFFILIATES

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2009 AFFILIATE LEADERSHIP MEETING

Charleston, S. C., July 19-21

Insights, Inspiration, and Innovation

A time to learn, share, discuss, plan, and return home full of ideas and inspiration! Over 60 affiliate leaders attended the well-organized and energy-high meeting in Charleston, and enjoyed great food, camaraderie, and collaboration. Session topics included: *Becoming 21st Century Leaders*; *Success through Diversity*; *the NCTE Centennial*, *National Day on Writing*, *Doing What We Do Better*; *Advocacy*; *Planning Successful Conferences*; *Building membership*; and *Getting our Plans in Order*.

A special highlight was meeting the "Early Career Educators of Color," and hearing about the exciting projects they are working on.

We even talked about holding a 2013 Region 8 meeting in Hawaii. What do you think?

Next year's meeting, for regions 2,4,5,6 will be held **JULY 9-11, 2010 in Indianapolis**, so start planning now to attend!

Success Through Diversity

Four panelists presented perspectives on and strategies for increasing affiliate success through diversity. Participants were encouraged to consider that diversity incorporates personality, internal, external, organizational, and cultural factors.

Suggestions included:

- Identify a Director of Diversity for your affiliate
- Develop diversity goals, a diversity statement, a diversity policy, and diversity initiative for your affiliate
- Offer scholarships to encourage young teachers of color to attend your affiliate conference
- Participate in NCTE's Teachers for the Dream Award program
- Offer reduced membership to retired teachers & involve them to help build membership



Hawaii-born NCTE VP, Yvonne Siu-Runyan, shares hula and her Aloha spirit at the Affiliate Leadership meeting

Looking Ahead by Looking Back

Affiliate leaders engaged in a "Then and Now" activity designed to jump-start discussions about the future of their organizations by first looking BACK 25 years (to 1984!) and then looking AHEAD 25 years (2034!) Finally, we returned to the present to consider steps we might start taking now to plan for the future. Questions included:

- How big was/is/will be membership?
- Whom did/does/will the group serve?
- What did/do/will members get?
- What did/do/will members value?
- What issues did/do/will members face?
- Who was/is/will be the "competition"?
- What did/do/will leaders need to know?
- How were/are/will leaders (be) selected?
- How did/do/will leaders communicate
- --with each other?
- --with the organization?
- What were/are/will be the leaders' biggest concerns?
- What were/are/will be the leaders' aspirations? You can use these same questions to jump-start your affiliate board's next strategic planning session!

Common Core State Standards

What are they? What is NCTE's role and response?

Common Core Standards are currently being drafted by panels convened by the National Governors Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers, ACT, the College Board, and Achieve. Please see NCTE President Kyleene Beer's *Open Letter* on this important and controversial topic –

www.ncte.org/standards/commoncore/response

Look for an update from Kyleene Beers in the August 18 issue of "InBox." Here's the link to that issue: <http://www.ncte.org/library/NCTEFiles/Resources/Newsletter/current.htm>

NCTE Centennial

NCTE is gearing up for the celebration of 100 years of leadership in literacy education. Leila Christenbury shared some great ideas at the Charleston meeting for participation in this event:

- ✓ Honor Roll of Affiliate Members
- ✓ Affiliate Milestones
- ✓ New or Updated Literary Map
- ✓ Then and Now - How has your teaching changed?

For more information on these projects contact: 100years@ncte.org
Also see: www.ncte.org/centennial

National Day on Writing October 20, 2009

Mark the day in your classrooms, communities and states by planning events that celebrate the ubiquity and diversity of writing in our country

For ideas and information, visit
www.ncte.org/action/dayonwriting.

National Gallery of Writing Open October 20, 2009-June, 2010

- ✚ Contribute to the National Gallery of Writing!
- ✚ Start a local partner Gallery!

Find out more! www.galleryofwriting.org

NCTE Convention

November 19-22, Philadelphia, PA

Thursday General Session—Junot Díaz

Winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize - placed on a list of the 20 top writers for the 21st century.

Friday General Session—Julie Andrews

Hear one of the most recognized and beloved figures in the entertainment industry.

Affiliate Roundtable Breakfast—Yvonne Siu-Runyan, NCTE Vice President, "Affiliates: Learning from the Past, Living the Present, and Launching the Future."

Saturday General Session—Tracy Kidder

A prolific and outstanding writer who has won both a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award

Secondary Luncheon—Joyce Carol Oates

Author of more than 70 books. Her writing has earned her much praise and many awards,

Sunday General Session—Kyleene Beers, NCTE President. "Sailing over the Edge: Navigating the Uncharted Waters of a World Gone Flat"

Monday—Roads, Rivers, and Quests (SCOA)

Hear new authors and NCTE co-sponsored speakers share their approaches to teaching and learning from new and classic literature.

And much more!

Brian Selznick, Karen Smith, Jerry Pinkney, Marilyn Nelson, Gordon Korman, Cris Tovani, Laurie Halse Anderson, Nancy Pearl, Laura Robb, Lorene Cary, Anne Ruggles Gere, and Gene Luen Yang

See www.ncte.org/annual/speakers