

Independent Writing Departments and Programs Association

Biannual Meeting at the CWPA; Raleigh, NC

15 July 2016, 7:00 - 8:00 am, Oak Forest Ballroom (look for the IWDPA table)

[With Minutes to be added in Blue](#)

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order: Brief Overview (Alice Myatt)

Introduction of Board

(Executive Board: Alice Johnston Myatt, President; Jeremy Schneider, Vice-president; Leslie Werden, Past-president) Secretary: Sue Pagnac; Board Members: Denise Comer, Kelley Kinney, Barry Maid, Sue Pagnac

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on action items from last year that have been completed:
 - C-WPA affiliates website and improved visibility for Affiliates on that website
 - Updates on website: About Us, Directory, Scholarship, Membership, and News pages - all restored
 - Archive page in process
 - CCCC Call for Proposals completed and submitted to CCCC 2017
 - Status of Board members (see above)
- VP Jeremy Schneider to begin July 1, 2016
 - This is a two-year term that continues with advancement to President, then Past-President.
 - The Constitution has a voting mechanism but because of the small size of the organization at the moment, it's been handled on an ask-and-do basis.
 - The position requires a six-year commitment, since the position cycles from VP, to President, and then to past-President, each with two-year terms.
 - Can members subscribe to the WPA feed (on affiliates page)?
 - What is the purpose of the feed?
 - What content should be there?
- Directory / Membership
 - If on independentwriting.org, we need to use only Google Forms for information submitted by anyone external to the website (prevents hacking)
 - Update: membership list
 - From last year: To be part of the "standing group," there has to be at least one person in your department/program that is a member of 4Cs.
- CCCC / Sponsored Panel 2017 update

- Bibliography update/how to add in resources (GRA project)
 - We will still have a form for people to submit resources; will be a Google Form
 - Basic issue is that we need someone consistently checking submissions, etc.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Constitutional review
- CCCC Wednesday Workshop Collaborative with the Intellectual Property Caucus (Danielle DeVoss and Charlie Lowe) and the Consortium for Undergraduate Writing Majors (Helen Foster and Jessica Reyman) have proposed a workshop; proposal will be available for distribution
- First conference of the Consortium for Undergraduate Writing Majors conference to be held this October (13&14?) in El Paso, TX. Anyone attending?
- CCCC Sponsored Panel 2018
 - What topics should we prioritize?
 - Send query to listserv?
- Call for new board members - Constitution calls for 9 - we need 2 more board members. (Review of nomination/voting process)
- Discussion of membership fee: this can be part of the constitutional review.

OPEN DISCUSSION FROM LAST YEAR

- Social media.
- Some discussion about branding: logo (created), more posting of photos, etc.
- Continued discussion about what it means to be “independent.”
- Discussion of IWDPA website (delayed implementation due to website going down):
 - About Us Page comments – wording about the mission of the organization is vague; for example, a member/program could be more than just a writing program, but could be first-year writing center.
 - Suggestion: use bullet points and that provide examples of programs and departments that are involved.
 - An Archive page was proposed; this would serve to curate the activity and artifacts of the IWDPA.
 - Suggestion: develop a visual infographic of connections with IWDPA at the center and other types of institutions (along with specific individual names) coming out from the center.

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