

# The Western Kentucky University Writing Project

## Writing Advisory Board Minutes

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Minutes--Mariah's, BG

Present: Sylvia Abell, Alice Cantrell, Angela Carter, Elaine Daugherty, Ann Pollard, Nancy Schulten, Karen Scott, Jim Lobdell, John Hagaman. Guests: Anne Padilla and Joe Carter

The meeting began at 6 pm with reports from each subcommittee.

1. Sylvia announced that 43 applicants applied for the Summer Institute. In addition, Angela Carter will be the new middle school co-director since Gaye Foster retired from that position.
2. Nancy reported on four inservices the Writing Project will offer this summer: workshops dealing with marker papers, special needs students, and new teacher training in writing. See her for details.
3. Karen and Ann announced four Research Action grants of \$400 each; four scholarships of \$600 each for first time attendance at NCTE, Milwaukee; and eighteen book discussion group grants of \$50 each for the coming year. Details and applications will appear on our website and be announced in the newsletter.
4. Nancy Schulten and Sonya Bruce are teaching a two week Young Writers Camp as part of the Center for Gifted Studies summer programs. Announcements have been faxed to all Project middle school teachers, appear on our website, and will be emailed to everyone.
5. Alice and John reported on the additional links that have been added to our website as well as a discussion group format. Board members are asked to get the word out about the website and use it!
6. No reports from recruitment and evaluation subcommittees.
7. Elaine and Angela will explore possibilities for leaders at a workshop to be held the fall of 2000 or 2001. Among names

mentioned were Patricia Polloca, George Hillocks, and Barry Lane. Gretchen Niva was mentioned as a contact person since the book companies she represents may be able to help support such a workshop leader.

## New Business

1. Donna Vincent described the Fall Writing Retreat she is hosting at her camp in Graham, Kentucky, the days of October 13 and 14, Friday and Saturday. Lonnie Harp, newswriter, will be the lead consultant. The focus will be on transactional writing and how to get published. Details will follow.

2. John described the Teacher Exchange Program that the State Department has approved between the Purchase Area Writing Project and the Western Kentucky University Writing Project. A teacher-leader from each site will spend two weeks at the host Project site and share the experience with her own Project on return (orally and in a written article). She will be expected to provide a demonstration and participate fully in all activities while there. Each teacher-leader will receive a \$300 stipend and have food, lodging, books, and transportation paid for up to an additional \$700.

3. Replacements are needed for Board members "retiring" this year. The term is three years in length (John, who arbitrarily declared four years, was corrected by Nancy). Members who began in 1997-98 are asked to find a replacement from their Project year and send the name to John before the summer begins. A directory for each Project year can be found on our website.

4. The Project has an open position to fill: Outreach Coordinator. Jim Lobdell is leaving Western, and the Board expressed appreciation for his two years of service by giving him a painting done by Jean Sanders of Hart County High School. Anne Padilla made after dinner remarks about Jim and remembered fondly his work with teachers, interns, and students. We wish him continued success on his return to California. A position description will soon be sent out to all.

## Next meeting

Saturday, September 9th, was selected as the next meeting date (despite a Notre Dame home game, said Ann and Karen!) at 9 am. Agenda:

- election of officers
- report from Angela and Elaine on availability of speakers
- review of old three year plan and creation of new one

Respectfully submitted,  
John Hagaman

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