

NDLA Executive Board Meeting September 20, 2006

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There were three items of particular note regarding Section business over the course of this past year. The first is in regard to the Section's budget. The Finance Committee approved the addition of a line item for the Section's annual spring meeting. Additional funding will allow for enhanced educational programming at the meeting.

Our Bylaws and Policies Committee noted an inconsistency with the version of the Section policies handbook on the web and changes passed a year ago. Although an annual report by the chair of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies Committee note approval of the changes a close review of NDLA Executive Board minutes did not confirm their approval by the Board. The oversight will be addressed by the Board at their preconference meeting. Another wavy of revisions to our policies handbook will be discussed at our sectional business meeting. Greater care will not doubt be taken in the future as I have added a separate notebook to the Section files to help track the process.

Finally, the Section awarded its first two HSIS Professional Development Grants. An ad hoc committee of the Section's Executive Board and Section members presented their decisions regarding use of the proceeds from the Midwest Chapter/MLA 2005 Conference at the Spring Meeting. Up to two grants per year will be given to Section members to attend the Midwest Chapter annual meeting. Guidelines, selection criteria, and an application form were all developed and sent to Section members. Grants were awarded to Karen Anderson and Joan Bares. Both recipients will report on their conference experience at the 2007 Spring Meeting. The guidelines, selection criteria, application form, and an award log are all to be added to the Section's policies handbook and will be available online.

Our fall conference programming is a presentation by Bryan Vogh from the GMR and the title of his program will be "Geeks Bearing Gifts: Unwrapping New Technology Trends." The program is scheduled for 1:45pm – 5:00pm on Thursday, September 21.

Election results: Eileen Chamberlain, chair-elect; Karen Chobot, secretary. The incoming chair is Joan Bares.

Ann Pederson, chair