

Committee Reports, Spring, 2025

(September, 2024 – April, 2025)

Committee: Partnerships Committee

Committee Chair: Felicia Steele

Committee Members: Matt Hlinak, Jeannine Szostak, Michaelann Nelson, Kevin Stemmler, Kelly Taylor, Chris Lockwood, Tiffany Nolde, Matthew Chinique, Kaylee Jo Stocks, Donna Newsome, Serena Richards

Summary of Committee Activities:

The primary role of the committee is to coordinate and manage our partnerships with outside entities alongside the central office. Kevin Stemmler and Chris Lockwood have been instrumental in extending our partnerships with non-profit entities and educational institutions, brokering the partnerships with LULAC, Lambda Literary, and Girton College,

The bulk of the committee work is directed by the chair in consultation with the central office in each cycle, although other members of the committee have been active as readers for the internship programs (W. W. Norton and Penguin/Random House) and for the internship stipends.

The internship programs continue to have large numbers of applicants, although they are down significantly from last year:

Internship Stipend

The internship stipend continues to be underutilized. In the Fall cycle, we received one application for a student interning with LitQuake, a literary festival in San Francisco.

Penguin/Random House

The Penguin/Random House internship for the Winter 2025 cycle had 107 applicants.

W. W. Norton

In the fall cycle of applications, we received 26 applications. Two candidates were interviewed, but neither selected. Both of them received positive feedback from the company, nonetheless.

The NCTE and MLA internships will run in the spring cycle.

Recommendations or Resolutions:

I recommend that we include a "statement of honesty" in our applications where students affirm that they have not used AI tools to help them as they generate their application materials. I think that we should hold our students to a high standard for their applications.

Special Concerns: