

Fall 2018 Sigma Tau Delta, Fall Board Meeting

Convention Committee, Thursday, September 6, 2018, 8:30-9:45 PM, Broadway 1

Committee Charge: To plan, coordinate, and publicize the annual international convention. To make recommendations about site selection, budget, speakers, registration fees, common reader, academic and anniversary awards, convention awards, and any other matters related to the convention. To nominate convention speakers for honorary membership in the society.

Old Business from Spring 2018 Meeting:

Updates on program & app, schedule changes from previous years for Saturday talk; feedback summary for 2018 convention

Steele filled in the committee on the primary changes to the program for this convention: Common Reader author, Tess Taylor, will be speaking at 11am on Saturday. The printed program will be reduced in favor of the app—previewed at the Board meeting.

Report on Thursday morning workshops scheduled so far; chair questions about focus

Request from scholarship committee (included retroactively) to include a presentation about how to complete applications. Focus of the Thursday workshops will be careers in English; convention will try to see if it is possible to move career focused programs out more. The one confirmed speaker for Thursday morning speaker is Nicole Hallberg, an alumna who works as a “resume doctor” and technical writer in Philadelphia. She will do a workshop and will work one-by-one with participants who pre-register. [Follow up: the owner of Left Bank Books, Kris Kleindienst has agreed to participate in a panel called “Day Jobs for English Majors”]

Sigma Kappa Delta Participation

SKD will host faculty roundtable and a student roundtable called “Grit Happens”

NEHS: Steele will follow up with Dave Wendelin. She would like to see a panel of winners of the PC Somerville award. [Follow up: Service and Partnership Committee will encourage award winners and grantees to submit a roundtable presentation regarding applying for those awards/grants.]

Report on Speakers’ Budget:

Chair requested feedback on how remainder of the speakers’ budget should be spent. The committee directed the chair to work with St. Louis contacts to develop a multimedia presentation around the topic of “Literary St. Louis.” [Follow up: Kris Kleindienst has offered to help cultivate these contacts.

Open mic: Miller will make arrangements for a host for that event

Committee Moves to nominate 2018 speakers to Honorary Membership

Mary Norris, Cristina Henriquez from 2018 Convention: moved to board

Chapter displays and merchandise will be more centrally located and visible although there are some accessibility issues related to the space for chapter displays.

New Business regarding 2019 Convention

Reports from Miller on Student Leadership Activities and Literacy Project

Leadership workshop planned around the theme of “doing the work” of chapter leadership.

Friday will feature Communal Game Night: Literary Monopoly: oversized games

Leadership will provide gift cards from Left Bank for prizes

Student Leadership also explained the Benetech service project.

Jameson brought up the work of the task force on Video Library to the committee. Steele will follow up with speakers and speakers’ agents to determine willingness to participate.

SKD and NEHS specific activities

Two roundtables: luncheon; meet & greet on Thursday; SKD representatives suggested that alumni who had books published should be featured somehow in the book display. SKD expressed willingness to host the Photo Booth at the game night at the game event.

Sponsor Workshop

Becky Lartigue from Springfield College has agreed to help. Steele will ask an outstanding Chapter Sponsor award winner without board responsibilities to assist. [Follow-up from Scholarship committee: perhaps info on writing letters of recommendation should be included.] Recommendations on materials included in the workshop include partnerships; Different models; personalities and leadership styles; self-assessment for advisors on their own leadership types and their chapter needs; how to integrate and support graduate members.

Paper submission and convention award policy review.

Committee agreed that students who have submitted before without presenting can resubmit their papers, but need to be reminded that they are not guaranteed to be accepted. SKD members who have made the transition to Sigma Tau Delta but are not yet eligible should contact SKD sponsors. Agreement that papers can only win one award and that the higher amount wins. Recommendations that we have fewer categories but five awards in each category. Top award \$600.

Convention theme for 2020 Convention: If the convention is to be held in Nevada, “Risk” might be a good theme in some way.

