

Convention Committee Minutes, Fall 2013

Chairperson Sid Watson announced updates on the Savannah Convention:

- the website went live in mid-August and has a large amount of information,
- the program index will be combined,
- rates for regular registration and on-site registration will be increased by \$5

The committee was asked to send the chair any recommendations for Thursday morning workshops.

The committee discussed a question raised by a Sigma Kappa Delta sponsor concerning whether Sigma Kappa Delta members can win the Common Reader award. It was noted that there is no language restricting Sigma Kappa Delta members from winning any convention awards. The committee indicated that the language on the website should encourage award submissions from Sigma Kappa Delta members.

The committee decided to accept submissions in a new category of a poster session for graphic memoir/fiction. The chair was directed to create a short list of suggestions and requirements for presentations and to ask presenters to complete an evaluation after the event.

Sarah Dangelantonio provided an update on planning for the 2015 convention in Albuquerque, including speakers currently under consideration and Sigma Kappa Delta's plan to sponsor a regional speaker.

The committee also discussed the possibility of featuring and promoting the work of Sigma Tau Deltans who have published and of encouraging chapters to "adopt" students who are the only ones from their chapter to attend the convention. The committee suggested that the convention chair provide regents with a list of presenters sorted by state so that regents can identify "adoptees" and contact them, asking if they would like to be paired with another chapter. Regents would also recruit chapters willing to "adopt" members.

Motions for approval by the Board:

- The addition of a one-time award category for the anniversary theme of "1924" in an amount up to the amount given the convention theme.
- Award honorary memberships to the Portland speakers: Ursula K. LeGuin, Timothy Egan, and Anne Fadiman.