

Service and Partnerships Committee

GoTo Meeting (2020 Spring Board Meeting): March 25, 2020, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Attended: Leigh Dillard, Kaine Ezell, Elfi Gabriel, Jessica Heller, Tim Helwig (Chair), Natasha McPartlin, Terry Phelps, Kaitlynn Sass, Claire Seale, Dave Wendelin

Minutes: The committee opened by acknowledging we are awaiting word from the Strategic Planning Committee about our updated goals for the Strategic Plan.

Next, the committee discussed our effective updates to the **Penguin Random House Internship** application process. Additionally, Elfi informed us she will send Tim a list of the chapter advisors who have agreed to serve as evaluators this year.

Next, the committee discussed our effective updates to the **Internship Stipend** application process. Although the Internship Stipend was not designed to support student teaching assignments, the committee that we might in the future develop a new award, perhaps co-sponsored with NEHS, to provide such financial support. We might model such an award to support student teaching on our current Classroom Library Grant, which maxes out at \$400. Leigh noted the Scholarship Committee, which she chairs, may consider developing a Professionalization Fund for students, and this committee discussed the possibility of providing financial support to send prospective teachers to the annual NCTE convention as attendees, not necessarily as presenters. Given our society's current financial situation, we agreed to table these promising ideas to discuss at the Fall Board Meeting in September.

Next, Elfi provided an update about the **NCTE Communications Internship**. We will begin accepting applications in June, and we will choose our finalists by July. Terry and Elfi will develop the rubric for our evaluators.

Next, we discussed the Dolly Parton Imagination Library service project. Although Central Office has not received any donations, we suspect chapters had been collecting funds to submit at the convention, now canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak. If we do not receive a lot of funds by May 1, we may extend the deadline to June 1 or even later. Kaitlynn stated that student leaders will create a cluster of YouTube videos to encourage chapters to collect funds and send them to Central Office. Over the coming summer, we will choose which organizations in the Denver area that our raised funds might go to next year. Dave stated the list of organizations is much longer for the Denver area than it was for the Las Vegas area.

Finally, we discussed ways we might reduce costs, as directed by Executive Committee: we could reduce the award amounts for the Student Leadership Awards this year and we could reduce the award amounts for the Chapter Project Grants next year. Natasha noted that we have not yet received any applications for the Student Leadership Awards, which has an April 6 due date. Additionally, chapters working on Project Grants this year may need more time to complete their projects. Everything is in flux right now, and we will await more information and direction about cost-cutting at the upcoming virtual Spring Board Meeting.