

Scholarship & Awards Committee agenda and minutes  
Spring 2016

1. AwardSpring review to date
  - a. What will we suggest for the future?
  - b. How does administration of AwardSpring affect Internship scholarships?

Committee agrees we need to keep looking at how the current changes have affected submission. We need to make sure language about submissions is consistent.

2. Deadline switches—review to date
  - a. Potential problems
  - b. Opportunities
    - i. Workshops

The current workshops are a good idea, the Committee members agree. John Kerrigan is leading the first and Shannin Schroeder and Lexey Bartlett are co-chairing the second.

Discussion of opening scholarships to graduates, and a question of whether we leave things at two levels. The Somerville Award already allows graduate students who have not yet taught in high school to apply (fixed that language this last time).

The consensus seems to be that the opportunities are outweighing the negatives...so far!

3. Application question

After hearing the language of the first question, the Committee leans toward keeping the Convention theme as part of the language, even in the future.

4. Removing limitations on chapter submissions
  - a. Need to follow up with Sponsors

We need to have an email blast (maybe even an announcement that comes with the second round of Convention essay blogs) that lets Sponsors know about this change and reminds about the nominating statement no longer being needed. Glen Brewster notes that the Sponsor Luncheon would be an ideal place for an announcement.

5. Increased opportunities
  - a. Current scholarships/awards
  - b. Future offerings
    - i. Diversity
    - ii. Travel grants

We are following the urging of the Strategic Planning, which suggested we focus on the scholarships we have and improve those, rather than offering other options.

Propose looking at the scholarships that attract very few submissions in the fall...

6. Call for judges

Shannin Schroeder will issue this immediately after this Convention.