

Minutes for Service and Partnerships Meetings
Spring 2017 Meeting
28 March 2017

Present: Comeford (co-chair), Heller, Miller, Nakai, Helgesen, Wendelin, Mudd, Brown (co-chair)

Charge

To encourage and publicize service activities of chapters, particularly activities on literacy, broadly defined. To work toward an acceptance of service as a major component of the Sigma Tau Delta experience. To work with the Convention Chair to develop convention roundtables on service. To explore possibilities for Society partnerships with organizations, foundations, and businesses.

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Summer 2016 into Fall 2016

- By September 1, review strategic plan to identify and discuss relevant goals and objectives at the Fall board meeting
- By October 15, determine, by analyzing the number of applicants and/or recipients, which scholarships and awards to continue, expand, or eliminate
- By December 15 and in collaboration with Student Leadership, SKD & NEHS, identify a sustainable International Literacy Project

Spring 2017 into Summer 2017

- Using the usual award/internship timeline, judge award and internships applications and recommend recipients
- By April 15, identify and court at least one new partner for internships

Penguin Random House Internships

We talked about the challenge of finding enough judges for the increasing number of internships, especially the PRH internship. The question of whether or not people within departments where there are chapters can judge, even if they're not sponsors, was raised. Kevin will explore that possibility.

LA Theatre Works

Carrie met a representative from LA Theatre Works at NCTE who is interested in working with us. We should try some of them to see if they are of a quality we would want our name associated with. Kevin will explore further.

Possible Internships

Our main charge this year was to come up with at least one possible internship for the future. We listed several places to consider, deciding to limit to three to talk to in the next couple of weeks, with the goal of finding one before the end of this semester.

Torrey House Press (in the West)
Coffee House Press
Graywolf Press
PEN -- Kevin

NEH (maybe in the future)
Imagination Library -- Kevin
NCTE -- Dave
Smithsonian
Upward Bound

Possible Service Projects

We're not fond of adding a long-term service project, tying us to one organization that may not have the support of the new student leadership and Board. Sheila Byrd informed us, though, that SKD has adopted Imagination Library as a service project for the next 5 years.