

**Minutes for Service and Partnerships Meetings**  
**Spring 2018 Meeting**  
**20 March 2017**

Present: Nixon, D. Miller, Heller, Helwig, Gardener, Wendelin, Tan, Brown (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.

**Foci:**

Summer 2017 into Fall 2017

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

Spring 2018 into Summer 2018

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

**Project Grants**

We have run into financial problems with the Project Grant Awards, as we are already over budget for this year. That problem comes from two circumstances: 1) We had a record number of submissions (12) and gave awards to six of those chapters; 2) Three of those chapters came to this year's Convention and, thus, received an additional \$350 in travel assistance. We discussed removing the travel assistance, as chapters no longer lead any type of workshop or roundtable on their project grants; instead, they write a blog post about it. We did not put forward a motion to remove that travel assistance; however, the change did require a motion at the Board, so Brown made that motion, and it passed.

**Student Leadership Award**

We typically have 1-2 nominations for this award, so we continue to discuss ways to improve that number. One suggestion was to put a self-nomination option in place. We used to do that and still only received 1-2 nomination, but we could expand and try that approach. We'll see how the nominations are this year, then revisit in the fall. We also hope to do a social media push to encourage more nominations.

**Possible Internships**

Dave continues to talk to NCTE about a possible internship. NCTE has a presence at the Convention this year for the first time, so we are optimistic about that relationship's developing.

**NEHS**

Wendelin updated the committee on his work with NEHS. In addition to working with NCTE, he has been building relationships with Read to Learn, Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati, English Speaking Union, and the Folger Shakespeare Library. NEHS is giving \$2500 to the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati at this year's Convention. NEHS has also been talking about how to respond to the Stoneman Douglas tragedy. They want to reach out to them, but they're not sure how. They have been highlighting what other schools are doing in the hopes of inspiring other schools to help in similar ways.