

# TYCA-Midwest EC/AC Board Meeting Minutes

## Thursday, September 30, 2021

Meeting held in Zoom

Members Present:

<b>Chair:</b>	Renee Rule (2021-2024)
<b>Assistant Chair:</b>	Margot Vance (2015-2021)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Brett Griffiths (2018-2021)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Tara Ptasnik (2019-2022)
<b>NCTE Representative:</b>	Alan Hutchinson (2017-2021)
<b>Member at Large (Site Coordinator):</b>	Kimberly Hilton (2021-2024)
<b>Membership Chair:</b>	Rianna Amolsch
<b>Adjunct Faculty Representative:</b>	Brian Fischer (appointed 2018)
<b>Nominations Committee:</b>	<u>Rachel Wineinger</u>

<b>Web-Tender/Communications Coordinator:</b>	Sybil Priebe (appointed 2016)
<b>Midwest Messenger Editor:</b>	Jen Richrath (appointed 2006)
<b>4-year College Liaison:</b>	Robin Voll (appointed 2019)
<b>Historian:</b>	Ella Davis (appointed 2012)
<b>Local Arrangements Chair 2021 and North Dakota rep:</b>	Sybil Priebe
<b>Minnesota rep:</b>	Mary Gruis
<b>Manitoba rep:</b>	<u>Helen Friesen</u>
<b>Nebraska rep:</b>	Andrea Lang
<b>Kansas rep:</b>	<u>Maureen Fitzpatrick</u>
<b>Indiana rep:</b>	Kimberly Hilton
<b>Ohio rep:</b>	
<b>Missouri rep:</b>	<u>Rich Peraud</u>

(underline = not present)

- I. Meeting started at 3:06
- II. Approve agenda: M/S/P
- III. Approval of minutes: M/S/P
- IV. 2021 Conference
  - A. Great job conference organizers!
  - B. Moderators were chosen.
  - C. Last minute registrants welcome because no travel plans are needed
  - D. Zoom info was sent today to all registrants. Anyone with tech troubles can contact Sybil.
  - E. Alan will MC the poetry slam
  - F. There will be two opportunities to fill out the un-conference survey
  - G. Mary Roach is the keynote!

- H. Mary will lead the final session. There will be door prizes including promotions for future conferences.
- I. The exit survey will gauge interest in holding office
- V. Update on 2022
- VI. Update on 2023
- VII. Future conferences-- Madison? Michigan?
- VIII. Treasurer's Report-- the pandemic has affected our accounts positively. We've spent very little and saved some.
- IX. Membership Report-- we have a few more members than previously. Rianna is improving the membership lists.
- X. Web and Social Media report: it would be good to have more social media support from national. How can we get a foothold? Maybe a separate brainstorming meeting would help, maybe reach out to other regions.
- XI. Historian: report to follow
- XII. Messenger: The fill-ins have been good, more to come.
- XIII. NCTE rep: conference March 9, Chicago or virtual or hybrid
- XIV. Old Business:
  - A. Possibly change length of terms? necessitate a change of bylaws? Brett will research this. Can appoint people to carry on in current roles.
  - B. Brett and Margot are rotating off the board.
- XV. New Business:
  - A. Is 2022 (Oct 6-8) going to be in person? Can require vaccinations. Need to watch out for cancellation repercussions. Many people can drive to Iowa and avoid the dangers of flying. The book festival is still on.
  - B. Margot is a co-co-chair of a new national committee for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Every region will have a DEI rep as an elected, voting member. Should be done by spring.
  - C. How to increase membership-- mentorship, material repository, editing services
  - D. Virtual access for conferences
- XVI. Adjourned at 5:39 pm. Post conference meeting at 4:30 central

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tara Ptasnik, Secretary