

NCTE'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON AFFILIATES

REGION 2 PENNSYLVANIA, KENTUCKY, MARYLAND, OHIO, VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA

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NCTE ...for Your Benefit

Affiliate Leadership Meeting

June 22-24, 2008—Milwaukee, WI

Register now. NCTE will cover some of the cost of attendance for officers and affiliate leaders in Regions 2, 4, 5, and 6.

How can affiliate leaders capitalize on 21st century literacies to build capacity, reenergize membership, and rethink our work? Join other affiliate leaders and NCTE staff to explore the possibilities.

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NCTE Institute for 21st Century Literacies

July 20-23, 2008—Indianapolis, IN

Hands-on action meeting, collaborative work groups, planning changes in programs/courses, teaching practices, model lessons, and assessments.

June 30 registration deadline. Limited space available.

Check with NCTE: 800-369-6283, ext. 3849

<http://www.ncte.org/profdev/conv/21stcentury>

Affiliate Excellence Award

Application due July 15, 2008.

Be one of the outstanding NCTE affiliates to be honored at the 2008 Annual Convention in San Antonio, as well as in press releases sent to your local papers, and on the NCTE website.

<http://www.ncte.org/groups/affiliates/awards/109279.htm>

NCTE 2008 Annual Convention

November 20-23, 2008—San Antonio, TX

“Because Shift Happens: Teaching in the 21st Century”

AND plan now to attend the **Affiliate Workshop on Monday, November 24**, that will focus on exemplary programs from nine affiliates:

“Shifting into High Gear: Moving Your Affiliate toward Excellence”

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Plan Ahead!

From your Region 2 representative, Bob Dandoy:

Friends and colleagues,

I am very proud and pleased to have been asked to serve as General Chair for the 2009 NCTE National Convention which will be held in Philadelphia. The members of PCTELA are excited to be hosting all NCTE members but particularly proud that we can help bring this event to Region 2 and, in particular, our “Keystone State”. We hope you’ll begin to make plans now to attend.

May I also extend an invitation to those of you in Region 2 who live in close proximity to Philadelphia to join the local committee and give of your time at the conference. In return for 8 hours of service during the convention, local committee members receive free registration.

If you’re interested in helping our, go to the PCTELA website at www.pctela.org where you will find a Local Committee registration form.

Some literacy bits...

Better Spellers

Sandra Wilde of Portland State University is quoted by [USA Today](http://www.usatoday.com), May 26, 2008, as saying that students these days probably are better spellers on average than their parents. The reason: Kids generally read more.... “Spelling is interesting to kids if you present it the right way.”

Generation R (for Reader)

[Newsweek](http://www.newsweek.com) (May 14, 2008) reports booming sales of books for teens, more than 25% in the past few years. “There’s so much good writing now, that’s the key,” according to Jack Martin, YA services at the New York Public Library. It started with the Harry Potter books, which “generated a passion for reading in an entire generation of preteens and teens.”