

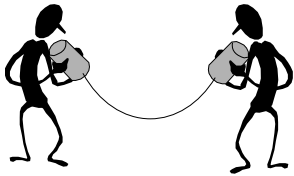
# STANDING COMMITTEE ON AFFILIATES

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REGION 2: Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia

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## What is SCOA?



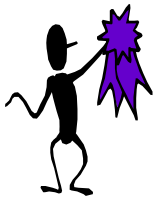
The Standing Committee on Affiliates (SCOA) is your affiliate's advocate at NCTE. SCOA promotes professional competence and strengthens the public voices of affiliates.

As your Region 2 representative, I'm here to assist your affiliate! Let me know what's happening at your affiliate so that I can share the information within other leaders in our region.

## Help for Conference Planners

Check out this page for a wealth of information. Especially useful is the cosponsored speakers program. As an important means for enhancing relationships with affiliates, NCTE is pleased to share the financial responsibility of sending Council leaders to affiliate meetings.

## Affiliate Awards



Celebrate the hard work your affiliate does. Each year NCTE recognizes outstanding affiliates at the annual convention during the Affiliate Breakfast. Join us Sunday morning and be inspired!

## NCTE Centennial Projects for Affiliates



All affiliates are invited to initiate a number of Centennial-related projects, notably the creation or updating of a local Literary Map; an Honor Roll of affiliate leaders; and a list of Affiliate Milestones. Once completed, all of these will be available on the NCTE website.

## Calendar of Affiliate Deadlines and Events

Do you have trouble keeping track of when reports are due and when events are happening? Click on this heading for help!

## NCTE Annual Convention

Join other affiliate leaders at our SCOA sponsored workshop: **Shifting into High Gear: Moving Your Affiliate toward Excellence.** It's not too late to register. Click [Post Convention Workshops](#).



## Professional Development from NCTE



As the professional home of the English language arts community, the National Council of Teachers of English is uniquely qualified to provide professional development that enhances teaching while raising student achievement. The Pathways professional development program is flexible, convenient, and affordable and provides the most current research and best practices along with the tools to customize the program to support teachers at all levels of experience. Now available in the areas of [Adolescent Literacy](#), [English Language Learners \(ELL\)](#), and [21st Century Literacies](#).



The Iowa Council of Teachers of English is currently exploring the possibility of sponsoring a Pathways group on Adolescent Literacies for their members.

## 2008 NCTE Affiliate Leadership Meeting

Region 5 affiliate leaders met June 22-24 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting my colleagues. Executive Director Kent Williamson summarized an impressive list of what NCTE offers its affiliates:

**Trust**—a transparent commitment to professionalism  
**Immediacy**—the creation of as-you-need-it programs  
**Continuity**—begin with knowledge and recognize the past  
**Authenticity**—provide knowledgeable speakers, feedback, input; and “blow up” hierarchies  
**Legitimacy**—to make a difference in the lives of teachers

Consider sharing Kent's presentation about [Leadership Options in NCTE](#) at your affiliate's next function.

