

## **CLA Literacy Section Notes of the Conference Call on 1-16-08**

Participants: Randy Weaver, Shanti Bhaskaran, Jacquie Brinkley, Carey Gross, Susan Lynn, Lynne Price, Carrie Scott and Joanne Wright

- 1) *Reflection on the 2007 CLA Conference:* Everyone agreed that having a workshop and then the business meeting was a great format.
- 2) *Pre CLA day for 2008 conference:* The idea of hosting some type of an event on the Friday before CLA has been circulating. This would encourage Literacy staff to attend and then stay for the conference. Jacquie Brinkley reports that meeting space has been reserved, but she is unsure at this time what role CLLS would serve in this event. Shanti brought up the idea of hosting the awards ceremony for the Writer to Writer Challenge on this day—possibly including a lunch. This would ensure a good attendance at the event. Discussion followed.
- 3) *Reorganization of CLA:* Lynne stated that the focus of the executive committee meeting on January 23 will be to look at CLA's proposal to reorganize. Discussion followed regarding the proposal and everyone was encouraged to respond to Monique. Questions arose as to how to keep our section viable and able to adapt to changes. Susan suggested that when the restructure takes place and interest groups become the way, that the nominating committee would go to each interest group to ask for recommendations. Carrie mentioned the need for a relationship between the board (governing body) and the members of interest groups.
- 4) *Committee Reports:*
  - a) *CLA Legislative Committee* – Carey reports that the committee is scheduled to meet next Friday and that the budget will be their main focus. The Day in the District is planned for the end of the month. Legislative Day is upcoming.
  - b) *CLA Conference Committee* – Lynne reports that a planning meeting is coming up. This year workshop submissions will be on line. We need to look at what we're interested in offering for workshops for next year's conference. The theme is "Leading the Way." Everyone is encouraged to be thinking about who would be good presenters for next year and to talk it up with others. Remind people to get proposals in. Lynne will let us know more details after the next meeting. Randy will email Carolyn Beverstock, Holly Fulghum-Nutters, Jerry Edwards, Valerie Hardie, Tracy Block, Luis Kong and Alan Archer to see if they are interested in serving on the CLA Conference Section Standing Committee. These people volunteered earlier to help plan a pre-conference event. Jacquie Brinkley agreed to serve on this committee as well.
  - c) *Leadership Development Committee* – Whether we move to interest groups or continue with sections, we will still need leaders. The committee will begin identifying candidates for next year.

- d) *Membership Development Committee* – Joanne will contact CLA for a list of current members and forward the list to the board.
- 5) *News from CLLS:*
- a) Line item took a 10% cut. Jacquie will email us this information. Everyone is encouraged to talk with their library directors about this.
  - b) Mickie Potter has been shifted from Literacy to LSTA.
  - c) Valerie's position is on-hold.