

Standing Committee on Affiliates

Charge: In order to celebrate and cultivate the public voices of affiliates and their individual members, the Standing Committee on Affiliates is charged:

- To plan and implement an Affiliate Leadership Breakfast at the NCTE Annual Convention intended to celebrate the contributions individual affiliates have made in the past year;
- To encourage members of affiliates to join and engage with NCTE's various programs, projects, and encourage use of NCTE resources at the local level;
- To participate in the bi-annual affiliate leadership meeting, held every other summer, with financial sponsorship of airfare, hotel, and food costs;
- To keep up-to-date with NCTE policies, structural changes, and focal issues and inform affiliate groups in a timely fashion;
- To respond to staff and NCTE Executive Committee requests for advice on planning affiliate events, leadership meetings, and general issues.

Major activities: What major actions, projects, initiatives, or studies in your charge have been completed by your group since July 1, 2018? (For a full list of current appointive groups and charges, [click here.](#)) In each activity describe the more important features of the work, and connect your work to the [NCTE Vision Statement](#), if applicable.

1. List names, affiliations, and geographic region for all committee members.

<i>Chair:</i> Kirstey Ewald (2023)	<i>Region 1 (CT, DE, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT):</i> Lawrence Butti (2020)	<i>Region 2 (DC, KY, MD, NJ, OH, PA, VA, WV):</i> Margaret J. Ford (2019)
<i>Region 3 (AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN):</i> Julie Rucker (2019)	<i>Region 4 (IL, IN, MB, MI, MN, ND, SD, WI):</i> Jim Kroll (2021)	<i>Region 5 (AR, IA, KS, MO, NE, OK):</i> Lawrence A. Baines (2021)
<i>Region 6 (LA, NM, TX):</i> Tracy Kriese (2020)	<i>Region 7 (AK, AB, BC, ID, MT, OR, SK, WA, WY):</i> Jeana M. Hrepich (2021)	<i>Region 8 (AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, UT):</i> Stacey Takanishi (2019)
<i>NCTE Staff Liaison:</i> Linda Walters-Moore NCTE	<i>NCTE Administrative Liaison:</i> Patrick Owen	<i>Executive Committee Liaison:</i> Alfredo Celedon Lujan
<i>NCTE President:</i> Leah Zuidema		

2. What actions, projects, initiatives, or studies are “in progress” at this time?

- We continue to meet via RingCentral for monthly meetings, discussing our work for NCTE's Annual Convention (the affiliate breakfast and the affiliate extravaganza session).
- We also send out a monthly newsletter (Tracy Kriese creates these with the support of Linda Walters-Moore). The newsletter does a fantastic job of highlighting upcoming NCTE events/contacts/services and affiliate conferences, as well as spotlighting successes in regional affiliates.
- We also judged the nominations affiliates submitted for the various NCTE affiliate awards.

3. What have you accomplished so far, and what is your timeline for future work?

We continue to discuss how we can meet the needs of our affiliates, particularly those who are new, re-emerging, or in rural locales. We had discussed the possibility of having a SCOA Facebook group, but were unsure about who would manage that. However, this idea was brought up at the Affilaite Leadership Meeting this July in Washington, D.C., so it's something we need to explore again, being sure we know its purpose, the specific roles and responsibilities of SCOA liaisons to/for this group, and have a plan for posts and interaction in addition to how we can partner with NCTE social media on this.

4. How has the work of your group contributed to NCTE's role in shaping the profession of teaching and/or the understanding of literacy in educational contexts?

SCOA's work contributes to NCTE's role in shaping the teaching profession by 1) recognizing the good work of affiliates and 2) providing learning opportunities for affiliate leaders. The teacher-leaders on the executive boards of affiliates and their teacher members form the backbone of NCTE. When the SCOA committee liaisons present affiliates with awards, they recognize the successes of affiliates' work throughout the year, highlighting their efforts to serve their members with excellence through their publications, like their web sites, journals, and newsletters. The awards also recognize affiliate efforts in honoring diversity within their membership and in taking action toward an affiliate's mission and vision. By having these affiliates come to the annual convention to accept these awards, we show the high bar affiliates should strive to meet in helping the teachers in their state move forward in teaching and learning, helping to shape what support for ELA teachers can/should look like. Further, our work planning the extravaganza session will provide teacher-leaders the chance to learn from each other. Marge Ford has done a great job of planning different sessions that will allow affiliates to share their expertise while also connecting with other people who have different experiences in these areas, allowing the presenters and participants alike the chance to incorporate something new into their affiliate's programming. The forum of a session at the annual convention helps us to show how important it is to connect with NCTE, the "mother ship" that supports all of us in literacy education.

Suggestions from your group: Your good ideas help direct future NCTE actions.

1. What significant changes or trends in our field point to action from the Council?

We continue to receive feedback about why ELA teachers should choose to be a part of an affiliate. What does the affiliate offer that teachers would miss out on if they weren't a member? Affiliates are constantly looking for ways to increase membership. Many are beginning to consider what role they serve in the professional lives and learning of their teacher members through the services and perks teachers receive from affiliates.

2. What trends need to factor into medium- to long-term NCTE planning?

We really enjoyed the small part we played in the Affiliate Leadership Meeting in Washington, D.C. It was great to sit with our affiliate leaders, and we also really appreciated the opportunity to share readings that prompted reflection and thinking about the theme of community. We also helped suggest speakers for different topics since we have first-hand knowledge of what affiliates are doing/trying and direct communication with affiliate leaders. In the future, SCOA would really love the opportunity to be more a part of the entire planning process of this affiliate leadership meeting. As the main committee supporting affiliates, recognizing their accomplishments, and providing guidance to them, it would seem like a natural fit to work with Joan -- and everyone else on her team -- to facilitate the learning for this meeting.

Kirstey Ewald, Chair