

## **Notable Children's Books for Language Arts Application**

### **Call for NCBLA committee members:**

- CLA board members will be asked to nominate potential members.
- A call for committee members will be announced in JCL in the fall issue each year.

### **New NCBLA committee members are chosen based on the following:**

- Current CLA member (or willing to join for 3 years while serving)
- Representation from the different regions of the United States (Northwest, Southwest, Midwest, South, and North)
- At least one current K-8 classroom teacher
- Not serving on any other book committees (ALA, IRA, NCTE, or other). NCBLA committee members must resign if they choose to accept another committee assignment before their NCBLA term is complete.

### **Expected obligations of NCBLA committee members:**

- Read approximately 700 to 1,000 children's books each year.
- Provide shelving to hold all of these books each year.
- Organize these books, keeping track of them and finding them when committee members talk about them.
- Read all picture books the committee receives.
- All of the novels the committee receives will be divided up among three small groups (Chair decides groups and novels). The members in the small groups will read the designated novels and decide if it meets NCBLA criteria. They will make the recommendation that the novel is eliminated or becomes an "all read."
- At the end of each month, committee members engage in an on-line discussion of books they have read recently. Members can suggest that a book be rejected or become an all read at this time. Every committee member reads the all read books and shares impressions on the books.
- Attend two meetings per year (one at the NCTE conference and the other in February or March at a designated location or conference).
- Cast preliminary ballots on time in October, November and January and final ballots on time in February or March.
- Attend and present at the NCTE conference and the IRA conference for three years.
- Prepare for the conference presentations by writing introductions, choosing slides, writing annotations by a designated deadline.
- Be available to help set up or facilitate at the presentations.
- Write book annotations for two journal articles and submit by the deadlines each year.

**Removal from NCBLA committee:**

- Not fulfilling above obligations

**Process:**

- Chair contacts member to discuss any problems or issues.
- Chair works with member to try and resolve issues of concern.
- Chair contacts CLA president for advice and guidance as needed.
- The CLA president contacts committee member and asks member to resign.

**Please attach to this application:**

- Current vitae or resume
- Completed 1page application
- Understand NCBLA obligations. Sign and return obligation form.
- One example of a book annotation that applicant has written
- Recommendation letter from principal, director, or chair

**Complete and send everything to:**

April Bedford, incoming committee chair, at [aprilbedford@aol.com](mailto:aprilbedford@aol.com)

Committee appointment will be decided by the CLA president, and NCBLA chair and past chair. New members to the committee will be notified by email by January 31, 2012.

## **NCBLA Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (School/University): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Questions:**

1. Why do you want to be a part of the NCBLA committee?
2. What strengths or attributes will you bring to the NCBLA committee?
3. What other book committees have you been on before?
4. Do you currently write or review books for any journals or educational markets?  
(Attach examples)
5. How have you been involved with CLA? What committees or service have you done for CLA?
6. Is there any other experience you have had that would be helpful to the NCBLA committee (Example: working with classroom students, etc)?

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I understand the above requirements, obligations and committee process.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_