

**Nebraska Center for the Book
Annual Membership Meeting – November 8, 2008**

MINUTES

The Nebraska Center for the Book annual membership meeting was held on Saturday, November 8, 2008, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Chances' R Restaurant, York. The meeting was convened by Sharon Bishop, president, and followed with introductions of those present.

Present: Garry Alkire, Sharon Bishop, JV Brummels, Michael Cartwright, Carol Connor, Gerry Cox, Molly Fisher, Nancy Johnson, Sherry Houston, Beth McQueen, Rod Wagner.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by JV Brummels to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2007, annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Sherry Houston and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Guadalupe Mier, treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting. The treasurer sent a financial report which was distributed to those present. A motion was made by JV Brummels to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Gerry Cox and approved.

Sharon Bishop presented the president's report highlighting activities of the past year including the special awards, *NCB News*, One Book One Nebraska program, Letters about Literature contest, and Nebraska Book Festival. Bishop expressed appreciation to members for their contributions and support. Bishop announced that Michael Cartwright has decided to end his appointment as Nebraska Book Festival Director effective December 31, 2008. Sharon expressed appreciation to Mike for his leadership and work in directing the book festival for the past three years. Sharon also reported that Jan McMullen has resigned from the board.

Election of new and continuing board members – A motion was made by JV Brummels and seconded by Gerry Cox to elect Carol Connor, Mary Ellen Ducey and Maggie Tarelli-Falcon to the Nebraska Center for the Book Board of Directors. The motion was approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by JV Brummels and seconded by Gerry Cox to re-elect Garry Alkire, Sharon Bishop, Carolyn Clark and Sherry Houston for second terms on the Nebraska Center for the Book Board of Directors. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Nebraska Book Festival Report – Michael Cartwright presented a report on the Nebraska Book Festival. Mike reviewed the recently held festival (October 17 and 18) and expressed appreciation to all those who assisted and participated including those who helped with planning and arrangements, presenters, exhibitors, hosts, caterers and more. Mike reflected on the recent festival and offered observations for future consideration. Mike said that while he will end his directorship of the festival at the end of the year, he would be available for questions and provide information as needed for future festival planning. Mike also reported on arrangements he has made to secure facilities for the 2009 festival. Those present expressed appreciation to Mike for his fine work as Nebraska Book Festival Director.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Rod Wagner, recorder pro tem