

CLA Literacy Section Notes of the Conference Call on 11-7-08

Participants: Randy Weaver, Alan Archer, Jacquie Brinkley, Valerie Hardie, Lynne Price, Carrie Scott, Bev Schwartzberg and Joanne Wright

- 1) *CLA Leadership Meeting Summary:* Lynne did a great job with this report. It is good to know where CLA stands on the reorganization. A couple of key points include:
 - a) Structural changes will take effect in June 2009.
 - b) A tool kit for new Interest Groups will be developed.
 - c) The Literacy Section was acknowledged and recognized as one of the most – if not the most – active Sections in CLA.
 - d) The Literacy Section may be asked to become involved in Tool Kit Development for future Interest Groups. This would allow the Literacy Section to look at what is working and let go of those things that are not working.

- 2) *Outstanding Librarian in Support of Literacy:* Committee members include: Carey Gross, Cherall Weiss, Delores Allmond, Rosie Manela, Shanti Bhaskaran and Joanne Wright. Contributions were received from BALIT, NCLC, SCLLN, and Inland Library System. High quality nominations were received. There were five judges representing different areas of the state. Joanne reported that the awardee has been selected, and will be announced at the Awards Dinner on Friday evening. The winner will receive a plaque, in addition to hosting the Perpetual Plaque for the year, a membership in CLA and a gift certificate at her favorite book store. The nominating program will receive \$50 from New Readers Press and a year's membership in ProLiteracyAmerica.

- 3) *Writer to Writer:* The Literacy Section is a co-sponsor of the event. BALIT and SCLLN have also made donations. The event is open to everyone interested in attending. It will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 12-2 at the San Jose Public Library. The Literacy Section meeting will immediately follow.

- 4) *CLA's Clarion devoted to literacy in April 2009:* The Literacy Section is hoping to fill the April 2009 issue with articles related to literacy. Articles need to be 1500-2000 words and submitted early next year to Cindy Mediavilla. Jacquie has spoken with Ann King and Elizabeth Martinez about articles. Randy will check with John Lynn about an article on SF's book club; Shanti Bhaskaran about samples or excerpts from the Writer to Writer Challenge; Rosie Manela about ALLI. Bev will contact Monica O'Hara about Americorp. Discussion followed about other topics of interest and the best manner to promote this endeavor.

- 5) *Literacy Section Meeting:* Saturday, November 15, 2:30-4:00pm at the San Jose Public Library. There will be a brief report/business meeting (15) minutes, in which Randy and Alan will present the goals for 2009. A draft of the goals and a handout asking for feedback via email will be distributed to section members.

Then a presentation on the new CLLS website www.libraryliteracy.org will be made by Jacquie Brinkley, followed by an overview of new recruitment PSA's by Gary Shaffer. The meeting will conclude with a volunteer recruitment presentation by Carla Lehn and a representative from volunteer match.