

# Masters Degree Consortium of Writing Studies Specialists

## AGENDA 2018 Annual Meeting

Friday, March 16, 2018  
Kansas City Convention Center 3501 G  
11-12:15 p.m.

Co-Chairs: Susan Wolff Murphy, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Nicole Caswell, East Carolina University

1. Welcome and update on last year's activities
  - a. Eric Leake (former co-chair) submitted report on 2017 meeting to CCCC Executive Committee (April 18, 2017).
  - b. Derek Mueller paid for the year of domain name and website hosting (\$58.78) and it will be expiring again. We're looking for an institutional host and/or institutional funds to keep these going. (Due April 17, 2018).
  - c. Submitted statement on diversity to Asao Inoue for social justice session/task force. It was included in the booklet and Susan attended the session yesterday.
  - d. Sponsored Session: We proposed and organized the sponsored panel "Fostering Diversity in MA programs in R/C and WS." It was scheduled for yesterday, and it went very well and had a good audience.
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2. New Business: Update on Consortium's efforts
  - a. Updating the MDCWSS directory. Initiative to extend the current survey of MA programs in Writing Studies using *Rhetoric Review's* Wiki survey of PhD programs as a model.
  - b. Recruit board members and election process. Nikki & Susan are in year 2 of 3. We need more board members.
  - c. Other possible topics of discussion
    - i. State policies we might be fighting against; UNC – free speech policy; other areas of concern from programs.
    - ii. Development of consulting / review / best practices framework to support new and emerging programs
    - iii. Establishing an award for MA course design
3. Questions and plans for next year's meeting
  - a. Sponsored session
  - b. Business meeting
4. Adjourn