

4. Proposed affiliates must present budgets covering anticipated income and expenses for the first two years of operation: anticipated revenue from dues, grants from participating schools, regional conference fees, other sources; anticipated expenses from mailings, solicitations, travel expenses, guest speakers, etc.

5. All affiliates must submit to the National Council's Executive Board a report by March 1 of each year that includes the following information:

- Number of members, with analysis of membership patterns by type of institution, regional distribution, etc.
- Budgets, for current and next year.
- Activities carried out during the previous year, including meetings, mailings, reports, research, actions, elections, etc.
- Plans for the coming year.
- Descriptive report on the overall health and vigor of the affiliate.

6. New affiliates may request start-up grants from the national organization. Start-up grants will be limited to a maximum of \$500 and may be used for membership solicitation (mailing lists, brochures, trips to conferences and meetings within the state or region, etc.); communication (printing of letterhead and newsletters, postage, telephone charges); costs associated with a regional meeting or conference (to subsidize costs over and above those covered by the conference fee); and other costs associated with starting up the affiliate.

7. Established affiliates may also apply for grants. These grants are unrestricted in scope. Normally, though, proposals most likely to be funded will involve activities resulting in:

- Expansion of the membership base of the affiliate.
- Improvement of communication among affiliate members.
- Improvement of writing instruction across the region served by the affiliate.
- Greater understanding of writing and program administration through research activities conducted throughout the affiliate's region.

Proposals asking for less than \$2000 are more likely to be funded than larger ones; proposals demonstrating matching funds or institutional commitments are welcomed. Grants to individuals or groups from single institutions and proposals for the purchase of equipment are unlikely to be funded. Normally, grants will be funded for one calendar year.

8. The WPA Research Grant Committee will review all grant proposals and recommend approval, denial, or approval with modifications. The

Executive Board will approve or deny all grants. Applicants will be notified of the disposition of their proposals by the president within four weeks of the Executive Board meeting at which the proposal was considered, and grant awards will be announced at the annual business meeting.

9. Affiliates receiving grants must submit a report to the Executive Board at the conclusion of the grant period that outlines how the money was spent and assesses the perceived results.

10. Affiliates may be removed from the national organization by majority vote of the Executive Board if any of the above policies and guidelines are not followed.



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