

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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At its November meeting at Stillwater, the MCTE Advisory Board took several actions.

THE BOARD ACCEPTED an invitation from Mrs. Cornelia Nachbar and the Bloomington schools to hold the annual Spring Conference on May 6 and 7, 1966, at the John F. Kennedy High School in Bloomington. Program plans are now under way under the general chairmanship of James Keane, MCTE vice-president, and Mrs. Nachbar, who is local arrangements chairman. The Board is pleased to return, after two years away, to the Twin Cities area and particularly pleased that the local hosts, for the first time, will be a high school faculty.

PLANS WERE ALSO initiated for three one-day workshops for the fall of 1966. Mr. Harold Fitterer has agreed to arrange one of them at Mankato State College, and it is hoped that others can be arranged at Hibbing and the Detroit Lakes-Moorhead area.

TWO RESOLUTIONS regarding certification were passed: Resolved, that the MCTE Advisory Board urge that the Language Arts Advisory Committee and the Organization of College English Department Chairmen quickly resolve their differences concerning the speech component in the certification regulations for teachers of English and the language arts; that the recommendations of experienced secondary English teachers be considered in the solution; and furthermore that the MCTE offer its services, if needed, in working out a proposal which will be generally acceptable: Resolved, that the MCTE Advisory Board give its support to the efforts of the state committee in its efforts to develop a joint English-social studies certification program, and that it offer its services to define the program in English.

DIRECTORS REPRESENTING the Minnesota Council at the National Council meeting in Boston were James Keane, vice president; Brother H. Raphael of St. Mary's College in Winona, chairman of the Curriculum Committee, and Anna Lee Stensland, liaison officer. Seventeen attended the Minnesota Breakfast on Friday morning, Nov. 26.