



TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

WCAA BIENNIAL MEETING, Maynooth 2010

1. *Ethics is important because common values are a foundation for joint action.* Should we develop some general ethical statement based on the ethics statements we have received from the various organizations? Are there some basic principles we agree on that would be useful to articulate? Could WCAA make a statement of principles, such as "do no harm to those we work with," and "improve the lives of all people", "respect others' right to cultural diversity", "reject the use of tradition as a justification for acts of cruelty"? Should we have a database of all of our national ethics codes?
2. Are there any global issues to which WCAA should give priority focus on over the next two-year period? We could make these priority issues the topic of our forthcoming sessions at major conferences. *Examples of include: human rights, environmental justice, anthropology and politics / the state, cultural diversity.*
3. What is the state of publishing in different associations and what are the problems that we are facing? Can we collect this information and create a report online that might guide us in our thinking about what we could contribute? Could WCAA be a clearing-house for issues to do with international publishing? *One example of a global publishing problem is the gradual domination of academic journals and book publishers by multinational corporate entities, and the increasing attempts of governments to control how value or prestige is assigned to different journals (which has an undesirable hegemony-enforcing effect). Another example is the problem of translation and participation.*
4. What are greatest needs of member associations? Each group please make a list (rank ordered) so that we can collate it and gain a better picture of what the concerns are of our 30 member organizations, and how WCAA can be of assistance in solving some of these problems.
5. What kinds of concerns might we encounter if we grow even larger?
6. Do we need to offer our members more information services? Would an active listserv be useful? Should we increase communication, and if so, at what level (between delegates or between members)?