

# CBWS

## The Conference on Basic Writing Skills

CBWS is a new professional organization for teachers, researchers, and administrators in basic writing. Our purpose is to respond to the needs of this rapidly growing professional field. For too long, teachers and scholars across the country have worked in relative isolation, with far too little opportunity for professional growth and recognition. CBWS will be working to provide those opportunities.

A young organization, we have received strong support from CCCC and from people all over the country who have written for information, responded to our membership survey, and contributed time and money to help us get started. Yet while much has been accomplished, much more remains to be done. More than anything, we need your participation.

### READ

Your membership in CBWS includes a subscription to the highly regarded *Journal of Basic Writing*, published by the Office of Educational Resources at City University of New York. You will also receive a regular newsletter with feature stories, interviews, announcements of professional interest, and practical suggestions for the classroom.

### RESPOND

Our Annual Membership Survey gives you a chance to let us know what we can do to serve you better. It gives you a chance to volunteer for committee service, and it will give you a chance to see how your needs and interests correspond with those of your colleagues.

### GROW

Beginning this year, we also plan to sponsor a series of workshops and seminars which will allow teachers and scholars from around the country to consult with experts on research, program development and pedagogy.

### PARTICIPATE

As a CCCC special interest group, the Conference on Basic Writing Skills will play an active role at the annual conventions. Besides having our own session on the program, we will help the program chair to shape and coordinate the other basic writing sessions. These annual conventions will also provide the opportunity for the informal discussions, social gatherings and idea sharing so essential to a professional organization.

To join CBWS, please fill out and return the attached coupon, along with your check or money order for \$12.00 to:

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Yes, I'd like to join the Conference on Basic Writing Skills. Please enroll me as a charter member and enter or extend my subscription to *The Journal of Basic Writing*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send me the first issue of the newsletter as soon as it is ready.

Please send First Membership Questionnaire.

\$12.00 annual membership fee enclosed.

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