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Major funding for the contests in Ohio is provided by Standard Oil Company (SOHIO). Several area businesses and engineering firms have also assisted in funding the local competition.

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SCHOOL

COACH

Boardman Center Middle

Monica Stilson

East Palestine

William Webb

Edison Jr. High (Niles)

Ralph Tolbert

Hayes Jr. High (Yo.)

Rosemary Sicafuse

Orchard Hill (Leetonia)

Dave Kornbau

Austintown Middle

Steve Melek

Brookfield Jr. High

Ernie Falhammer

Byzantine Catholic Central (Yo.)

Mary Tsimouris

Canfield Middle

Deborah Haverstock

Crestview Middle (Columbiana)

Judy Migliore

East Jr. High (Warren)

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Farmington

Suzanne Holderbaum

Holy Family (Poland)

Sister Carol Ann Higgins

W. S. Guy (Liberty)

Kathy Rotar

Lincoln Elementary (Lisbon)

Linda McCowin

Lordstown High

Tony Costarella

Lowellville High

Nancy Prosenjak

Maplewood Jr. & Sr. High (Cortland)

Fam Lubich, Janet Rice

Mt. Carmel (Niles)

Al Conti

Frank Ohl Middle (Austintown)

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Poland Middle
Reed Middle (Hubbard)
South Range West
St. Anthony (Yo.)
St. Charles (Boardman)
St. Dominic (Yo.)
St. Edwards (Yo.)
St. Luke (Yo.)
St. Mary Middle (Warren)

St. Matthias (Yo.)

St. Patrick (Yo.)
H. B. Turner Jr. High (Warren)
United High (Hanoverton)

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Mary Jane Twells
Mrs. Chris Gehring
Jack Nemergut
Mrs. Cardon
Marilyn Deluca
Denise Gorman
Jane Durkin
Stephanie Anthony
Juanita Papa, and
Marlene Battaglia
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He will serve for two years.

Through its conference sessions, its journal, English Education, and its task groups, CEE provides a forum for sharing ideas on pre-service and in-service teacher education for English. Besides chairing the CEE Executive Committee, Dr. McCracken's duties include representing teacher educators on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Dr. McCracken, who joined the YSU faculty in 1970, resides in Canfield. He received Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the State University of New York at Oswego, a Master of Arts degree from Middlebury, Vt. College, and a doctoral degree from the University of Illinois.

Before joining the faculty here, Dr. McCracken supervised student teachers of English at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, taught humanities at Parkland College, Champaign, Ill., and taught English at the State University of New York at Cortland.

The National Council of Teachers of English is a non-profit organization of teachers of English at all levels of education. It's aim is to improve the teaching of English.

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