Writer, Artist Conference to Offer $1,000 in Prizes

Contest Is Set June 6-8 on USL's Campus

LAFAYETTE, La. — Approximately $1,000 in literary and art prizes will be offered at the Deep South Writers and Artists Conference to be held in Lafayette next June, it was revealed following a board of directors meeting held in Lafayette.

The 1968 contest will be held June 6-8 on the University of Southwestern Louisiana campus. It is under the sponsorship of the Louisiana Branches of the National League of American Pen Women in conjunction with the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Mrs. Madeline G. Lambou, New Orleans, president of the group, presided at the meeting. Dr. Mary Frances Fletcher, Ruston, director of the conference, gave a report on the 1967 conference and brought before the group over-all plans for the 1968 conference.

Miss Julia Collier, Mansfield, contest chairman, reported on the various prizes and categories of contests which will be included in the 1968 Conference and pointed out that with new categories added there will be approximately $1,000 in prizes available to participants. Winners will also be awarded certificates.

Also reporting were Dr. Lena deGrummond, Hattiesburg, Miss., program chairman; Mrs. Ethel Harvey, Baton Rouge, treasurer; and Dr. Carl Wooten, USL assistant professor, and Mrs. Mathe Allain, instructor, campus coordinators. Mrs. Mecca McCoy, Baton Rouge, 1967 art director, reported that Mrs. Drew Hays, Ruston, will serve as 1968 art director.

Plans are to house the participants in campus dormitories and to hold the meetings in Angelle Hall. Artists and writers from all parts of the United States participate in the contests and attend the conference. In other business the board voted Dr. Clyde L. Rougeou, USL president, an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Deep South Writers and Artists Conference.

The three-day conference of artists and writers includes workshops, panel discussions and talks by authorities in the field.