

2008 Annual Business Meeting
Long Beach Hyatt Regency Hotel
Sunday, March 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 A.M. by President Michelle Berry. Members of the CATE Board of Directors and the Resolutions Committee were introduced. In addition to President Berry, Board members in attendance included: *Member-at-Large* Kathy Allen, *CATENet Moderator* Jim Burke, *SCTE Representative* Carmen Carillo, *Resolutions Chair* Kathleen Cecil, *Resolutions Committee Members:* Karen Brown (UPPER), Blair Campbell (FACET), Kathleen Cecil, (CCCTE) Joanie Fleetwood (CCTE), Jill Hamilton-Bunch (Kern), Lisa Ledri-Aguilar (Greater San Diego), Tim McGlasson (TUCATE), JoAnn Moore, (Redwood), *Member-at-Large* Bob Chapman, *Member-at-Large* Carol Clarke, *GSDCTE Representative* Carrie Danielson, *Vice President* Charleen Delfino, *Member-at-Large* Susan Dillon, *CCTE Representative* Angus Dunstan, *Treasurer* Anne Fristrom, *Convention Consultant* Keermeen Fristrom, *Member-at-Large* Tish Griggs, *Convention Coordinator* Teisha Hase, *CATE Chair 2008* Nancy Himel, *Member-at-Large* Richard Hockensmith, *California English Editor* Carol Jago, *Member-at-Large* Susan, Karpowicz, *Kern Representative* Barbi Lapp, *CCCTE Representative* Elizabeth McAninch, *Upper Representative* Shelly Medford, *Past President* Maureen Rippee, *Redwood Representative* Anne Sahlberg, *Member-at-Large* Cheryl Hogue-Smith, *TUCATE Representative* Carol Surabian, *Secretary* Lorraine Tracey, *Membership Chair* Joan Williams, and *CCCC Liaison* Bill Younglove,

Karpowicz moved and Dunstan seconded to accept the agenda as posted in the Convention program. MOTION CARRIED.

McAninch moved and Dunstan seconded to accept and adopt the Rules of Conduct. MOTION CARRIED.

Delfino moved and Rippee seconded to accept the minutes of the 2007 Annual Business Meeting in Fresno. MOTION CARRIED.

Berry announced that her report and the annual CATE report is posted on www.CATEweb.org

Rippee explained the Rules for the CATE Elections: There are three different ways to vote. The new rule is that a member may vote at the end of the annual business meeting. Hand your ballot with a separate page listing name, etc. to Rippee at the end of the meeting. The second page is to verify you are a member and that you have voted so there will be no duplicate votes. The two other options are voting Online at CATEweb.org or by mail.

Statements for those running for 2008 CATE election were presented by Bob Chapman for President, Charleen Delfino for Vice-President, Karen Brown for Member-at-Large – Middle, Carrie Danielson for Member-at-large - Unspecified, and Cheryl Hogue-Smith for Member-at-Large – College.

President Berry asked attendees to accept numbered tickets for the drawing of the bicycle.

Resolutions Chair Cecil was introduced and explained the resolutions process and the rules for amending the resolutions.

CATE Resolution #1 was read by Ledri-Aguilar.

Ledri-Aguilar moved and Delfino seconded approval of CATE Resolution #1: Commendation of the Convention Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution: Resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English thank

And commend the following outstanding volunteers

Convention Chair Nancy Himel

Convention Coordinator Teisha Hase

Program Chair Cheryl Hogue-Smith

Hospitality Joanne Mitchell

Meals/Décor Chair Marilyn Wells

Registration Lisa Hernandez

Concierge Joyce Bennett

Lesson Plan Exchange Barbara Abramovitz

AV Chair Bob Chapman

CATE Membership Booth Joan Williams

Pre-Convention Jayne Marlink

Autograph Chair Kathy Allen

Volunteer Coordinator Courtney Lockwood

Tech Chair College Credit Richard Hockensmith

New Teacher Reception Akiko Morimoto

President's Reception Michelle Berry

Awards Michelle Berry

Exhibitors' Reception Teisha Hase

CYRM Audrey Fleming

CATE Treasurer Anne Fristrom

Exhibits Jeff Wilson

Registrar Eddie Hase

Flyer/Program Publication Carole LeCren

Convention Consultant Punky Fristrom

Printer Rick and Carol Benson

Campbell read CATE Resolution #2.

Campbell moved and McAninch seconded the approval of CATE Resolution #2: Teacher Professional Development.

Carol LeCren moved to revise the resolution to read as below. Cecil seconded and accepted as a friendly amendment.

Resolution: Therefore, let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English urges that the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing continue to include ongoing professional development as a requirement for part of the credential

renewal process in order to emphasize the value of professional development for teachers. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Brown read CATE Resolution #3.

Brown moved and Medford seconded the approval of CATE Resolution #3: CAHSEE test questions and prompts. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution: Therefore be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English urges the California Department of Education and the State Board of Education to enlist the assistance of experienced English Language Arts teachers, who are familiar with California state standards, and have worked with a variety of student skill levels, to review current and future CAHSEE questions and writing prompts to assure that they include clearly defined wording and instructions, are free of cultural, socio-economic and gender bias, are grade-level relevant, and are accessible to all students.

Brown read CATE Resolution #4

Brown moved and Karpowicz seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 4: CST Test Questions (all grades) and Essay Prompts (4th and 7th grades.) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution: Therefore be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English urges the California Department of Education and the State Board of Education to enlist the assistance of experienced teachers who have a background in English, are familiar with California state standards, and have worked with a variety of student skill levels to review current and future CST questions and writing prompts to assure that they include clearly defined wording and instructions, are free of cultural, socio-economic and gender bias, are grade-level relevant, and are accessible to all students.

Fleetwood read CATE Resolution #5.

Fleetwood moved and Dunstan seconded approval of CATE Resolution #5: Grading of Writing on State-wide Standardized Tests. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution: Let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English requests that the California Department of Education and State Board of Education have student writing graded in-state by experienced English Language Arts teachers, some of whom are currently in the classroom.

And let it be further resolved that two or more readings be given to the papers to ensure reliable scores are maintained.

McGlasson read CATE Resolution #6

McGlasson moved and Danielson seconded to accept CATE Resolution #6: 21st Century Literacies. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution: Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English asks that the California Department of Education assist with eliminating the digital divide in California schools to guarantee that all California students have access to computers with broadband connections in multiple school locations.

Cecil read CATE Resolution #7

Cecil moved and Clarke seconded approval of CATE Resolution #7: Support for

Journalism Teachers. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution: Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) supports protection for student media advisers from intimidation, harassment, termination, involuntary transfer, reassignment, removal or other discipline for refusing to suppress the legally protected expression of student journalists.

Let it be further resolved that CATE recommends that the California Department of Education and the State Board of Education compel school districts to develop freedom of expression policies within the framework of the First Amendment and the California Education Code. Such policies should include reasonable guidelines concerning adviser support of student expression, and which specifically restrain public schools from disciplinary action against advisers for supporting protected student expression.

Be it further resolved that CATE supports SB 1370 (Yee) which is the Journalism Teacher Protection Act.

Karpowiz moved and Hogue-Smith seconded to suspend the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Carole Clarke gave her statement for running for Member-at-Large--Unspecified as she had driven a major speaker to the airport at the time the others were given.

Amendments to By-Laws

Delfino moved and Chapman seconded to accept the amendments of the by-laws as printed in the convention program. MOTION CARRIED.

Defino moved and Dillon seconded to accept the lifetime retired teachers membership of \$125. MOTION CARRIED

No new business.

Announcement:

Delfino announced the theme of 2009 Convention in Santa Clara: "Voices at the Epicenter of Change." Taylor Mali and Gail Sukiyama will be major speakers.

Himel drew a number for the Honda Bicycle. Courtney Lockwood from Southland won the bicycle.

Chapman moved and Hogue-Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Tracey