

CATE Annual Business Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2014

Town and Country Hotel

San Diego, California

Present: Michelle Berry, Bob Chapman, Carrie Danielson, Susan Dillon, Angus Dunstan, Kim Flachmann, Bob Foreman, Anne Fristrom, Punky Fristrom, Trevor Guina, Jill Hamilton-Bunch, Richard Hockensmith, Nancy Himel, Liz McAninch, Denise Mikkonen, Kristy Orona-Ramirez, Pam Stark, Carol Surabian, Jeannine Ugalde, Joan Williams Absent: Charleen Delfino

I. Introductions

The CATE Board introduced themselves by name and office.

II. Motion by Greg Johnson, seconded by Carol Surabian, to adopt the Agenda and Rules of Conduct as printed in the CATE 2014 Convention brochure.

Motion approved.

III. Motion by Angus Dunstan, seconded by Richard Hockensmith, to approve minutes for the CATE 2013 Annual Business Meeting.

Motion approved.

IV. President's Remarks

President McAninch commends those responsible for CATE 2014 Convention.

Announcement of CATE 2015 Convention to be held February 20-22, 2015 in San Jose, California.

Annual Reports of all members of CATE are available at [www.cateweb.org](http://www.cateweb.org)

V. Resolutions

A. Commendation of the CATE 2014 Convention Committee

**CATE 2014: Board Resolution  
Commendation of the Convention Committee**

This convention happens only because of the efforts of many teachers and other volunteers who donate their time and energy to make this weekend possible.

Let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) thank and commend the following outstanding volunteers and members of the convention committee:

<b>Convention Chair</b>	Carole LeCren, La Jolla High School, San Diego
<b>Convention Coordinator</b>	Michelle Berry, Retired, Windsor High School, Windsor
<b>Senior Convention Coordinator</b>	Punky Fristrom, Retired, San Diego Unified School District
<b>Program Chair</b>	William Foreman, CSU Stanislaus, Turlock
<b>Registration Area</b>	Richard Hockensmith, Summit High School, Fontana
<b>Hospitality Chair</b>	Jo Anne Mitchell, John Marshall High School, Los Angeles
<b>College Credit Chair</b>	Kim Flachmann, CSU Bakersfield, Bakersfield
<b>Autograph Chair</b>	Felicia Heck, Vista del Lago High School, Moreno Valley
<b>New Teachers Booth</b>	Akiko Morimoto, Retired, Washington Middle School, Vista
<b>President's Reception</b>	Elizabeth McAninch, Mercy High School, San Francisco
<b>Technology/AV Co-Chairs</b>	Robert Chapman, Eureka High School, Arcata Brian Jeffrey, Montclair High School, Montclair
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Angus Dunstan, California State University, Sacramento
<b>Convention Photographer</b>	Ron Lauderbach, Retired, San Ysidro High School, San Diego
<b>Major Speakers Chair</b>	Nancy Himel, Paramount High School, Paramount
<b>CATE Membership Booth</b>	Joan Williams, Retired, Arcata High School, Arcata
<b>Pre-Convention</b>	Jayne Marlink, California Writing Project, Berkeley
<b>CATE Treasurer</b>	Anne Fristrom, Retired, San Diego
<b>Exhibits/Advertising Manager</b>	Nancy Himel, Paramount High School, Paramount
<b>Registrar</b>	Cindy Conlin, Stratham, New Hampshire
<b>Flyer/Program Publication</b>	Carole LeCren, La Jolla High School, San Diego
<b>Printer</b>	Rick and Carol Benson, Golden Ink Litho, San Diego

B. Moved by Bill Foreman, seconded by Angus Dunstan to approve the following resolution commending Governor Jerry Brown.

**Resolution Commending Governor Brown**

Whereas continuing concerns about state budgets have placed pressure on all elements of California government, and

Whereas the federal government has attempted to place sometimes unreasonable and expensive mandates on the states regarding standardized testing, and

Whereas Governor Jerry Brown has helped direct recent increased revenues toward public schools and prioritized funding for K-12 schools, and

Whereas Governor Brown has courageously resisted excessive testing for California public school students, in the face of threatened funding cuts from Washington,

Therefore

Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) commend Governor Brown for his support of public education, which demonstrates his commitment to California's future.

. Discussion of resolution.

Motion approved.

#### VI. Candidates for CATE Board State Offices and speeches

- A. President - Denise Mikkonen
- B. Vice President - Trevor Guina
- C. Member at Large, Middle-Kristy Orona-Ramirez
- D. Member at Large, College

Mary Adler

Daniela Sow

- E. Member at Large, Unspecified

Carmen Carrillo (no speech as candidate was not in attendance)

Announcement about ways to vote:

1. At this CATE Annual Business Meeting
2. *California English* (April 15 deadline)
3. [www.cateweb.org](http://www.cateweb.org) (April 15 deadline)

#### VII. New Business

- A. Trevor Guina invited everyone to the CATE 2015 Convention
- B. Drawing

Membership fee is the prize for the drawing. 699130--Julia Peacock, Southland Council won.

C. Michelle Berry requested feedback about the CATE 2014 Convention.

VIII. Motion by Angus Dunstan, seconded by Robert Chapman, to adjourn the CATE 2014 Annual Business Meeting. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Danielson, CATE Secretary