

# Minutes

**CATE Board of Directors Meeting,  
February 9, 2012  
Ontario Doubletree Hotel**

**Thursday, February 9**

**Present:** *Michelle Berry, Robert Chapman, Charleen Delfino, Susan Dillon, Angus Dunstan, Kim Flachmann, Bill Foreman, Anne Fristrom, Punky Fristrom, Carol Jago, Jill Hamilton-Bunch, Nancy Himel, Richard Hockensmith, Cheryl Hogue-Smith, Jim Kliegl, Ron Lauderbach, Lisa Ledri, Jayne Marlink, Debra Martinez, Liz McAninch, Denise Mikkonen, Kristy Orona-Ramirez, Maggie Potter, Carol Surabian, Joan Williams. Absent: Bill Younglove, Tish Griggs, Shelly Medford* **Guests:** *Shelly Garnett, Megan Schimmel*

I. Call to order 8:42

II. Approval of December 2011 board minutes

**Motion: Anne Fristrom moved, Joan Williams seconded the approval of the minutes. Motion carried.**

III. Adoption of February 9, 2012 agenda

**Motion: Joan Williams moved, Carol Surabian seconded to accept revised agenda. Motion carried.**

IV. CATE Board Reports

A. President (Delfino)

1. **Motion: Jim Kleigl moved, Nancy Himel seconded that we accept the money from the Southland Fund (not to be confused with Southland Council). Motion carried.**

**Motion by Bob Chapman, Liz McAninch seconded that we use the money from Southland Fund (\$8,800) to reinstate the May meeting. Motion carried.**

2. Reminders for Convention

- Awards schedule
- Board Members should be spread among all the tables except for Saturday Banquet. Bring business cards and encourage people to fill out "Interest Cards."
- Reserved tables are for Council Presidents of winners, winners' families, speakers and introducers, Convention Coordinators and Convention Chairs.
- Come to hospitality suite to welcome speakers and award winners
- Presidents meet your winners and escort them to the suite and to the event
- No Council Breakfasts. Individual councils have established their own timing.

3. Correspondence

- Two letters were sent to all award winners and some administrators
- Letter of Appreciation went to CETA

4. NCTE Promising Young Writers Contest

- The essays will all be sent online from now on.

5. Report from NCTE Convention

- Event and Location were wonderful

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6. Councils need to let everyone know of their spring activities. Be sure they go on CATEweb.
  7. Thank you to CTA and Debra Martinez for the support and financial assistance for the convention.
  8. Thank you for help submitting reports for Annual Report
- B Vice President (McAninch)
1. Due to motion to reinstate May meeting, Liz will now organize the location.
  2. Board Reports--thank you for submitting reports
- C. Past President (Chapman)
1. Award schedule

Distinguished Service Award:

Carleen Hemric for the DSA and honoring her with our admiration

Classroom Excellence Award: The following are receiving awards

Lisa Ledri-Aguilar, Grossmont College, El Cajon  
College Classroom Excellence Award,  
Nominated by GSDCTE - Friday Luncheon

Mark Olsen, Independence High School, Bakersfield  
Secondary Classroom Excellence Award  
Nominated by Kern Council - Friday Dinner

Dan Reynolds, Mt. Diablo High School, Concord  
Secondary Classroom Excellence Award,  
Nominated by CCCTE - Friday Dinner

Megan Day, Jacoby Creek Charter School, Bayside  
Elementary Classroom Excellence Award  
Nominated by Redwood Council - Saturday CYRM Luncheon

Kelly Baker, Waite Middle School, Norwalk  
Middle School Classroom Excellence Award  
Nominated by SCTE, Nancy Hime, President - Sunday Brunch

Laura Behrens, Jim Maples Academy, Porterville  
Middle School Classroom Excellence Award  
Nominated by TUCATE, Carol Surabian, President - Sunday Brunch

Award of Merit:

Los Angeles County Museum of Art "Evenings for Educators"  
Award of Merit  
Nominated by SCTE, Nancy Himel, President - Sunday Brunch

Virginia Reid: This year the Virginia Reid Scholarship is the responsibility of the Southland Council.

America Vasquez, Fairhaven Elementary School, Orange  
Virginia Reid Scholarship Award  
Nominated by SCTE, Nancy Himel, President - Saturday CYRM Luncheon

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2. As of the board meeting the following candidates are running for positions on the CATE Board. Names can still be submitted before the Annual Board Meeting.

President – Elizabeth McAninch (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014)  
Vice President – Susan Dillon (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014)  
MAL Secondary – James Kliegl (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015)  
MAL Small Council – Jill Hamilton-Bunch (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015)  
MAL Unspecified – Richard Hockensmith (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015)

3. Bob Chapman will be unable to go to Advocacy Day in Washington D.C.
4. NCTE Elections

1. One Californian running for the NCTE Executive Board – Vice President – Barbara Flores, CSU San Bernadino
2. Three Californians are also running for NCTE Section positions – Elementary Section Nominating Committee – Laura Alamillo, CSU Fresno;  
CEE Executive Committee – Nancy Frey, San Diego State University;  
CEE Nominating Committee – Nelson Graft, San Francisco State University

5. There are opportunities to nominate people for different NCTE awards.

NCTE Awards and Deadlines

- SCOA Newsletter submissions
- 2012 Advancement of People of Color Leadership Award – April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- 2012 Distinguished Service Award – April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom Award – May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- NCTE Fund Teachers for the Dream Award – May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- High School Teachers of Excellence Award – May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- NCTE Affiliate Leadership Development Award – Unfunded at this time
- NCTE Affiliate Multicultural Program Award – May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- NCTE Affiliate Excellence Award – July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline
- NCTE Affiliate Journal Award – May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- NCTE Affiliate Website Award – May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline

## D. Secretary (Danielson)

- a. The December 2011 minutes are posted to CATEweb
- b. Roster was sent around for an update.
- c. Business cards were distributed

## E. Treasurer (A. Fristrom)

Checking Account	\$71,578.37
Memorial CD (Transferred \$ 6, 732.17 to Vanguard GNMA) now closed	
Marilyn Kahl Scholarship Fund	\$16,135.71
Vanguard GNMA Portfolio	\$57,879.83
Vanguard Index Trust	<u>\$36,128.58</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$181,722.49</b>

## F. Membership ( Williams)

1. Membership update—electronic rosters available on request

### **CATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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# COUNCIL	2/10	4/10	10/10	2/11	4/11	9/11	11/11	2/12	+/-
1 Redwood	22	23	21	18	23	24	28	25	-3
2 Upper	17	16	16	---	30	31	30	7	-23
3 Capitol	38	43	38	42	88	83	80	21	-59
4 Central	180	203	278	281	308	235	252	177	-75
5 Fresno	20	31	28	28	26	24	22	15	-5
6 TUCATE	19	30	25	24	12	11	9	8	-1
7 Kern	31	33	35	29	60	70	68	49	-19
8 Southland	226	426	403	416	267	271	334	250	-84
9 San Diego	72	80	70	74	75	77	78	68	-10
50 Out-of-state	17	21	19	20	15	16	16	11	-7
55 Libraries	20	20	19	18	17	17	17	17	--
99 Comps	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	--
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>-287</b>

2. Make sure you are a CATE member and an NCTE member
  3. NCTE Rosters are available
  4. Gifts are again luggage tags because they are popular and available.
  5. Council ribbons are available
  6. Booth Needs—baskets, flowers, balloons, computers, coverage
- G. Convention Coordinator (Fristrom)
1. 2012 Convention
    - a. Thank you to the many volunteers and thanks to Kim Flachmann and Jill Hamilton-Bunch for their incredibly hard work.
    - b. Thank you to Carole LeCren for all the work designing the program
    - c. Thank you to Cheryl Hogue-Smith for her work organizing the program
    - d. Many new things have come up that needed attention
  2. 2013 Convention
    - a. Maggie Potter and Susan Dillon will be working on the convention
    - b. Location is Santa Clara
- H. Convention Chairs 2012 (Jill Hamilton Bunch and Kim Flachmann)
1. Update about details of convention
  2. Thank you to all the volunteers
  3. Please go to the exhibit hall and thank all the exhibitors
  4. Thank you to Punky Fristrom for all the amazing work he does.
  5. Thank you to the board.
- I. Convention Chair 2013 (Maggie Potter and Susan Dillon)
1. Theme--*Keep Calm and Read On*
  2. Flyers are available to distribute
- V. Report of Liaisons**
- A. CWP Jayne Marlink(at the Pre Convention)
1. Everyone is busy trying for continued funding
  2. People are retooling to make sure everything they do is aligned with the Common Core
- B. CLRP/California English (Jago)
1. The support of the Publications Committee is a real "shot in the arm"
  2. Focus is on the September issue.

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3. Jago is encouraging the Writing Project to information or advertising since many of the entries are from its members.
- C. CCCC Younglove (not in attendance)
- D. CTA Martinez (online)
  1. CTA voted to endorse the Governor's tax plan.
  2. CTA is opposing the paycheck initiative
  3. There is Pre-Con on the Common Core at the Good Teaching Conference
- E. CYRM Annie Gervais (not in attendance)

## VI. Standing Committee Meetings

A. **Policy/Censorship** – *Jim Kliegl, Bob Chapman, Carrie Danielson, Angus Dunston, Carol Jago, Debra Martinez, Kristy Orona-Ramirez, Absent: Bill Younglove, Absent: Jayne Marlink (attending to Pre-Con)*

1. CATE resolutions--Bill Foreman revised the resolutions based on the suggestions of the CATE Board
2. Legislative Update--Discussion of job market and its implication for education
3. Resolutions:

- a. **Moved by Bill Foreman to forward this resolution to the Annual Business Meeting. Seconded by Angus Dunstan, motion carried**  
**World Credential**  
**Resolution on the Credential in World English**

Whereas the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) is developing a new credential in World English, and  
Whereas this new credential concentrates on the needs of English language learners (ELLs), and  
Whereas ELLs make up a substantial portion of the California school population, and serving the needs of ELLs constitutes a major challenge for California teachers and schools, but  
Whereas, just as the existing English subject matter does not adequately prepare English teachers to meet the challenges faced by ELLs, so the proposed World English subject matter requirements would not adequately prepare World English teachers to meet all the challenges of teaching the general student population, and  
Whereas the literacy needs of California students vary based on their linguistic backgrounds, and  
Whereas the CCTC is considering authorizing credential holders in World English to teach English Language Arts to all students,  
Be it resolved that CATE commend the CCTC for developing a credential that specifically prepares teachers to instruct English language learners, but  
Be it resolved that CATE encourage limiting World English credential holders to teaching ELD and SDAIE classes.  
Distribution:  
California Commission on Teacher Credentialing  
California Department of Education  
Teacher Ed Programs Throughout the State

- b. **Moved by Bill Foreman to forward this resolution to the Annual Business Meeting. Seconded by Angus Dunstan, motion carried**  
**Professional Development**  
**CATE Resolution**  
**Professional Development**

Whereas the California Common Core State Standards are currently being implemented, which will require that teachers and administrators receive professional development, and  
Whereas there is a national and statewide demand that our schools improve, and  
Whereas the fundamental way to improve schools and student achievement is to foster the highest quality teachers possible, and  
Whereas California at this time, provides no requirement for teachers to continue learning and growing as educators, and  
Whereas professional organizations are ready to provide meaningful professional development based on the most recent research and pedagogy, and  
Whereas instruction in English Language Arts is pivotal to improvement in our educational system, therefore,

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Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English urge the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to re-establish meaningful professional development as a condition of renewing the credential for all teachers, particularly those teaching English language arts.

Distribution:

CCTC

CDE

Education Committees in the California Legislature

Districts throughout the state

**c. Moved by Bill Foreman to forward this Teacher Autonomy resolution to the Annual Business Meeting. Seconded by Liz McAninch, motion carried.**

**Draft Resolution on Teacher Autonomy  
at the Advent of the Common Core**

Whereas the State of California has adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) as the basis of its English Language Arts standards, and

Whereas the Common Core provides criteria and guidelines for the selection of readings that local teachers can utilize to develop materials and curriculum, and

Whereas the best English Language Arts education occurs when teachers can create 'teachable moments' during which students are fully engaged with course material, and

Whereas students engage with readings most deeply when those readings meet their cognitive, social, and emotional needs, and

Whereas classroom teachers are uniquely qualified to identify the cognitive, social, and emotional needs of their students,

Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge teachers and districts to develop curricula locally, utilizing the skills of local teachers, informed by teachers' understanding of students and teachers' knowledge of classic and contemporary texts.

Distribution:

California Department of Education

Various school districts

**d. Moved by Bill Foreman to commend the 2012 Convention Committee in the form of this Board Resolution. Seconded by Angus Dunstan, motion carried.**

**CATE 2012: 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:

Convention Chairs	Kim Flachmann, CSU, Bakersfield Jill Hamilton Bunch, Point Loma Nazarene University, Bakersfield
Convention Coordinator	Punky Fristrom, Retired, San Diego Unified School District Anne Fristrom, Retired, San Diego
Program Chair	Cheryl Hogue Smith, Kingsborough Community College, CUNY
Decorations	Nora Traut, CSU Bakersfield Darlene Stotler, CSU Bakersfield
Registration	Cindy Conlin, Stratham, New Hampshire Richard Hockensmith, Summit High School, Fontana
Registration Assistants	Carol Surabian, Washington Intermediate School, Reedley Susan Dillon, Central Catholic High School, Modesto
Hospitality Chair Local Committee Chair	Greg Johnson, Kern High School District Jan Stallones, Corona-Norco Unified School District

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	Maureen Rippee, Wilson High School, Long Beach
College Credit Chair	Brett Schmoll, CSU Bakersfield
Autograph Chair	Peggy Dwane-Pope, Stonecreek Junior High School, Bakersfield
New Teacher Booth	Akiko Morimoto, Retired, Washington Middle School, Vista Carole LeCren, La Jolla High School, San Diego
Pre-Convention	Jayne Marlink, California Writing Project
President's Reception	Charleen Delfino, Retired, San Jose State University
Technology/AV Chair	Brian Jeffrey, Los Osos High School, Alta Loma
Volunteer Coordinators	Angus Dunstan, CSU, Sacramento Phil Bowles, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego Lael Borches-Lloyd, Heritage Charter School K-8, Escondido
Publicity	Brad Ruff, Kern County Superintendent of Schools Julie Paulsen, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bakersfield
Signs	David Ryan, CSU, Bakersfield
Two Minutes for CATE	Liz McAninch
Flyer/Program Publication	Carole LeCren, La Jolla High School, San Diego
Convention Photographer	Ron Lauderbach, Retired, San Ysidro High School, San Diego
CATE Membership Booth	Joan Williams, Retired, Arcata High School, Eureka
Consultant	Michelle Berry, Windsor High School, Windsor
CATE Treasurer	Anne Fristrom, Retired, San Diego
Exhibits Manager/ Advertising Manager	Tammy Harvey, Chico
Webmaster	Cindy Conlin, Stratham, New Hampshire

Approved by the CATE Board, February 9, 2012

**B. Convention Committee: - *Punky Fristrom, Michelle Berry, Charleen Delfino, Susan Dillon, Kim Flachmann, Anne Fristrom, Nancy Himel, Cheryl Hogue-Smith, Liz McAninch, Maggie Potter***

**1. CATE 2012**

- a. Financial report on CATE 2012 is looking positive
- b. Discussed needs: Help at registration, stressed need to scatter in audiences and talk to new people

**2. CATE 2013**

- a. Maggie Potter and Susan Dillon will be working together to organize convention
- b. Theme: Keep Calm and Read On

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3. CATE 2014 Moved by Punky Fristrom and GSDTE to accept Carole LeCren as chair for the convention. Michelle Berry seconded. Motion approved.

**C. Leadership** *Carol Surabian, Richard Hockensmith, Lisa Ledri-Aguilar, Ron Lauderbach, Denise Mikkonen, Joan Williams Absent: T. Griggs,*

1. Concern that many leaders came to CATE through Resolutions and since Resolutions is not a separate committee, encourage new people to come to meetings and be involved

2. Committee is working on awards.

3. **Motion by Bob Chapman, seconded by Richard Hockensmith to give Leadership Committee the authority to choose between two nominees for NCTE High School Teachers of Excellence Award. Motion carried.**

**D. Executive/Finance:** *Liz McAninch, Michelle Berry, Bob Chapman, Carrie Danielson, Charleen Delfino, Anne Fristrom, Punky Fristrom, Jill Hamilton-Bunch*

1. Additional ways to cut expenses

a. For May meeting we have to find the very cheapest location

b. Discussion of ways that councils can give a larger contribution to CATE

2. Discussion of results of Advisory Board Meeting on Web Ex

3. Discussion of financial Support for NCTE Teacher of Excellence

4. Ways to reactivate inactive councils

a. Possibly reduce the number of councils by reorganizing the councils

b. Encourage chapters in different parts of the councils

**E. Publications:** *Angus Dunstan, Susan Dillon, Bill Foreman, Carol Jago, Nancy Himel, Richard Lauderbach, Jayne Marlink, Maggie Potter, Jim Kleigl. Absent: Bill Younglove,*

1. Discussed problems of lack of advertising in *California English* maybe we will eventually lower the number of issues of CE. Committee felt that they would rather push for more advertisers than lower the number of issues.

2. CATenet is improved and is coming out more regularly. Angus Dunstan will check on it monthly and see if he can find things to add to CATenet

3. Professional Writing Contest has strong entries. A new prompt is under development for summer. This new prompt will be in April CE

4. Charleen spoke about letters she's received from Torlakson to apply for panel of experts for revision of ELD standards for California schools. She will email this to the board.

**F. Membership:** *Joan Williams, Kim Flachmann, Richard Hockenship, Lisa Ledri-Aguilar, Debra Martinez, Denise Mikkonen, Carol Surabian, Maggie Potter, Carol Surabian Absent: Tish Griggs*

1. During the meeting, the committee prepared gifts and thank you cards

2. The booth will be set up Friday

3. An email "hotspot" will be available in the booth

4. Discussed concerns about inactive councils and ways to stimulate participation

5. Discussed the ability to send email reminders for renewal of membership.



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6. Members-at-Large should be utilized to increase membership.

## VII. Reports of CATE Councils

- A. Capitol Council (Dunstan) Goal to contact past members who have not renewed.
- B. Central Council (Dillon) ONLINE
- C. FACET (Taylor) Membership concerns--trying to recruit
- D. GSDCTE (Ledri-Aguilar) ONLINE
- E. Kern Council (Flachmann) ONLINE Activity focused on the convention (not filled) A group is meeting regularly, combined with Redwood Writing Project. Bob Chapman will step in as president on a temporary basis in order to build leadership in some of the interested members.
- F. Redwood
- G. SCTE (Himel) ONLINE Scholarship Tea is on March 11 (typo in ONLINE report)
- H. TUCATE (Surabian) ONLINE Working on professional development about the Common Core
- I. Upper Council No report

## VIII. Old Business

### A. Professional Writing Contest

- First Place  
Mark Gozonsky  
Krenshaw High School
- Second Place  
Susan Strauss  
John Adams Middle School

B. The writing prompt for Professional Writing is now complete and will be in CE

## IX. New Business

Bob Chapman discussed the possibility of making MAL Unspecified into a specified position--for instance, Community College and/or English Language Learners

## X. Adjourn Enjoy the convention

Motion to adjourn Bob Chapman, seconded by Angus Dunstan. Motion carried.

Next meeting:

May 19-20

Location TBA