

CATE CONVENTION CHAIR REPORT: Feb. 2011

Submitted by Michelle Berry

CATE 2011 is upon us. I am excited about the program, and thrilled that so many roadblocks have been averted, thanks to perseverance, negotiation, a crew of supportive folks, and plain good luck. Great thanks, as always, to Punky(!), Anne, Cheryl, Charleen, Carol, and Carole. These are the people for whom any success in this convention is owed. Thanks also to my local committee, especially Angus and Shelly, who volunteer with little chance of enjoying what the convention offers.

These are critical times for CATE, as they are for schools in our state. It has never been more crucial that we stay informed, work together, and remain committed to what's best for our students.

Thanks to the Board for their unending support. Onward to CATE 2012 in Ontario!

Upper Board Report -February 2011

Submitted by Shelly Medford

Since the beginning of the year, Upper has selected Vicki Silva as its Classroom Excellence Award Winner. Vicki is an elementary level reading specialist and will be attending the conference on Saturday as well as attending the Saturday luncheon to receive her award. Upper also received one writing contest submission which will be recognized on a local level. Upper has secured several student teacher volunteers to work the conference. Upper also expects more conference attendees due to the closeness of the location.

CCCTE REPORT - Feb 2011

Submitted by Susan Dillon

Central Council is pleased to announce our Kathleen Cecil Scholarship winner, Genny Garcia, who is a first-year teacher at Orestimba High School in Newman. She will be introduced at the Saturday evening banquet.

We will be providing members the opportunity to continue to support new teacher scholarships through our Chiyo/Cecil baskets (booth 706, exhibit hall). Thanks, Punky and Michelle, for your support.

April will find us hosting our Young Authors' Reception at Mercy High School in San Francisco. Our authors will receive books, gift cards, and a platform to share their work. The event will be videotaped and put on our webpage.

We are in the planning stages of a professional development opportunity this spring. Professor Tony Perrello of CSU Stanislaus has invited Central to enrich the Nineteenth Annual California State University Shakespeare Symposium May 5-6, 2011, by offering a workshop or two.

President's February Report

Charleen Silva Delfino, President

As President, I worked with Michelle on the convention by helping with publicity, coordination with CYRM, plan president's reception, and the Saturday night dinner and the Distinguish Service award and other jobs as needed. I attended NCTE Convention and served as liaison in Bob's absence. I serve as CATE representative to CDE as representative to the Joint Committee on Instructional Materials.

Good Afternoon,

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Feb 2011

Submitted by Carrie Danielson

Since our last meeting, I have finalized and updated the minutes, had them edited (thank you Punky) and sent them to be uploaded onto CATEweb. I updated the roster and sent it out with the edited minutes. I have just gotten a new battery for our CATE computer and it is working a lot better. Also, I sent out a few reminders for the CATE 2011 Flyer and Program and a few odds and ends as needed for those publications. Today I am sending out an email to see if anyone wants updated business cards. See you at CATE 2011!

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT – Feb 2011

Submitted by Liz McAninch

I want to extend a huge "thank you" to all the board members who made my job easier by your quick response to room requests for the convention (Bob even e-mailed from Nepal). I have also taken care of a few requests for room and/or length of stay changes in the last few weeks.

Since the October board meeting, I have worked with the bids from hotels for the spring board meeting. Punky Fristrom forwarded a number of proposals from the Marriott chain and one from the Hyatt. I also contacted various Hilton hotels and Embassy Suites as well as the Town & Country in San Diego. After telephone and e-mail negotiations with these hotels, Punky agreed with my assessment that the Town & Country offered CATE the best deal. While their room rates were higher than we sought, their other concessions were so generous that CATE accepted their proposal for the April 30-May 1 board meeting.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Submitted by Ron Lauderbach

San Diego continues to work on membership and prepare for writing contest awards at the end of February. Robin Luby and I looked over the CATE and GSDCTE financial records. We were satisfied with their integrity and do not recommend a full audit.

EDITOR, CALIFORNIA ENGLISH: Feb Board Report

Submitted by Carol Jago, *California English* editor

The January issue focused on “What’s in a List” and examined the pros and cons of book lists like those provided in the Common Core Standards. The call garnered many more excellent manuscripts submitted than we had room for in the 24-page format. Rather than reject them, I decided to extend this professional conversation over two issues. The next issue of *California English* —which will include the CATE ballot — will feature an essay by Donalyn Miller, author of *The Book Whisperer*, among others.

The January issue also featured the program and particulars of the CATE2011 convention. I think this was a terrific idea of the conventions committee and hope the board decides to make this a regular aspect of the pre-convention issue of *California English*. What better way both to showcase the richness of the program and promote publicity? I am happy to juggle dates for when the magazine comes out in order to best serve these purposes.

The CATE Board has been fabulous at helping me locate artists for the magazine. Please, please, if you have a friend, relative, or colleague who is an artist, send him or her my way. The upcoming issue of the magazine will include art by Bruce Badrigian’s sister-in-law, Michaela Doud.

California English

Call for manuscripts

May 2011

LGBT Issues in the Classroom

(deadline April 1, 2011) Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons, their advocates and their detractors are in the news almost daily. Teachers of English are known for providing safe places where students can talk about sensitive social issues. Students remain interested in learning about marginalized groups and about issues of gender and sexuality. How do English-language arts teachers at all levels include age-appropriate reading, writing, speaking and listening on gender and sexuality in their classrooms? How can teachers and students learn more about issues that confront LGBT persons? What resources are available to enhance the discussion? What are some workable models and success stories?

Manuscripts are peer reviewed. Please send submissions to California English editor, Carol Jago. Articles should be limited to 2,500 words. Please submit manuscripts via email to jago@gseis.ucla.edu. <http://www.caroljago.com>

GSDCTE Feb Board Report

Submitted by Lisa Ledri-Aguilar

My board is gearing up for this year. We have the Writing Awards event in February for K-College, Promising Practices Conference in March, and the Writing Awards Banquet in May. We are always looking for new board members and others to join the GSDCTE.

SCTE BOARD REPORT – Feb 2011

Submitted by Nancy Himel

This is very short and sweet as SCTE hasn't done much since our last meeting.

We are working on two spring events: a tour of Homeboy Industries with Father Greg Boyle and a walking tour of literary haunts with Mike the Poet. We are hoping that by adding more events throughout the year we can grow our membership.

CATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT: February 2011

Submitted by Joan Williams

# COUNCIL	12/08	2/09	5/09	9/09	12/09	2/10	4/10	10/10	2/11	+/-
1 Redwood	18	26	29	31	34	22	23	21	18	-3
2 Upper	33	11	22	20	20	7	17	16	16	---
3 Capitol	95	80	98	70	60	38	43	38	42	+4
4 Central	402	354	411	317	250	180	203	278	281	+3
5 Fresno	51	28	35	36	34	20	31	28	28	---
6 TUCATE	17	12	13	21	20	19	30	25	24	-1
7 Kern	47	29	30	24	25	31	33	35	29	-6
8 Southland	655	306	335	310	303	226	426	403	416	+13
9 San Diego	167	101	103	106	94	72	80	70	74	+4
50 Out-of-state	37	21	23	17	18	17	21	19	20	+1
55 Libraries	21	21	21	20	21	20	20	19	18	-1
99 Comps	2	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	---
TOTAL	1545	990	1123	975	882	655	929	954	968	+14

- Membership numbers are holding steady up to convention. Hopefully, we won't lose too many of our members from the south.
- Electronic membership rosters are available to board members. Let the membership chair know if you would like to receive them. Consider using them to check against past rosters to contact the members that have dropped off of your list.
- Membership brochures are available at the meeting and at the booth. Please take them and distribute them.
- We have quite a few people choosing the new 2 year memberships. Encourage your local council members to choose that option. Hopefully we won't lose quite as many people when the convention moves north and south.
- Membership gifts are the orange luggage tags.
- Council ribbons will be available at registration. I will also keep some at the booth to catch anyone that comes by without a badge ribbon.
- Lucinda pins will be available for sale at the booth.
- A free membership will be offered in the drawing at the annual business meeting.

Convention Coordinator Report: Feb 2011

Submitted by Punky Fristrom

I greatly appreciate the help from Liz McAninch, Carrie Danielson and Nancy Himel to make the coordinator's job easier. Liz is handling board housing at the convention. Carrie coordinated the printing of the convention flyer and the convention program. Nancy will help by covering the convention events at the hotel. Michelle Berry is working with me on all aspects of the convention. I welcome any additional volunteers who can help during the convention.

As usual, Carole LeCren has done a wonderful job designing and editing the convention program. The sheer amount of detail she deals with in the program boggles the mind, but she has produced another outstanding and accurate convention program.

I received proposals for the 2011 AV from both the hotel and the convention center and will use the hotel AV service at the hotel and the Convention center service at the convention center. At the direction of the board, I have finished negotiations and signed an addenda for the CATE 2012 convention. The hotel addendum reduces the number of hotel rooms we must guarantee from 705 to 325, lowers the food and beverage minimum from \$39,565 to \$17,000, and lowers the room rate from \$157 to \$129. The probable saving for CATE is \$91,325. In return CATE loses the use of some breakout rooms, loses some comp rooms, loses a rebate on sleeping rooms and will pay a rent of \$15,000. The convention center addendum, reduces the number of breakout rooms CATE will have from fifteen to ten, reduces the rent from \$28,000 to \$18,000 and lowers the food and beverage minimum from \$30,000 to \$9,000, saving CATE \$31,000.

A key discussion topic at the board meeting will be CATE 2012. Based on the figures for 2011, we may need to make some decisions about next year's convention.

CTA Liaison Report: Feb 2011

Submitted by Debra Martinez

As liaison I attend CTA State Council four times a year and then bring back this information to the CATE board meetings. Usually this information includes political and legislation matters but also and CTA events and conferences. I was also able to obtain funding again for this year's annual CATE conference through CTA board approval. At my CTA liaison group I report out on CATE's issues and events.

TUCATE - Feb Report

Submitted by Carol Surabian

TUCATE participated in the CATE writing contest, sending our winners on to the Publications committee. We are looking forward to a reception for our writing contest winners along with our Classroom Excellence Award winner in the spring.

