

President's Report May 2011

Charleen Silva Delfino, President

NCTE

After attending the NCTE Convention in November, I have worked to increase CATE's presence in the national organization. I agreed to run for the Secondary Nominating Committee because I would like to see more representation of California teachers and the commitment is for a short time. If I am elected (there are two other people running who are very active in NCTE) I will need to get names of people who would be willing to run for Secondary Section Steering Committee. I will keep you posted.

I also chaired the California scoring of the Promising Young Writers contest. After a large decline in entries last year, there was a surge of participants this year. I want to thank **Susan Dillon, Punky Fristrom, Bev Kreps** (CCCTE member) **Liz McAninch, Carol Surabian, and Bill Younglove** who scored the student entries. Thanks for your support.

Remember that all CATE board members must be members of NCTE. Please make sure that your NCTE dues are up-to-date.

Addressing the Budget

Anne and Punky have worked tirelessly to give us an accurate account of our finances and to find ways to improve the financial situation. I am very impressed with the work of board members. Unfortunately, Shelly Medford cannot attend this meeting, but she has forwarded suggestions on ways to save money. I will bring her good ideas to the meeting. I also have some suggestions and I hope that many of you will have good ideas, as well. Nancy Himel has worked with Barnes and Noble since the convention and has developed a program that has the potential to bring in a substantial amount of income for CATE. This will only happen if all members work to make it a success. I will include a few key points so that you can start thinking of ways that we can promote this program and bring those ideas to the discussion this weekend. Nancy will give a more complete report of the program at our meeting. A huge thanks to the Fristroms, Nancy, and Shelly and all of you for ideas. No idea is too small. Many small savings can up to a substantial saving.

B&N Program

All stores in California will participate and CATE will get a 10-15% of the sales made from Aug. 6-Sept.5. Anyone can purchase books: teachers, students, grandparents, neighbors—anyone as long as they give the code number that B&N gave us; however, the purchase of gift cards and textbooks will not count. B&N will honor all discount cards. Purchases can be made in the store or online. We have nothing to lose and we can make a considerable amount of money if we get enough people to support the program. Please come with concrete ideas on ways to make this work.

CYRM

I have been working with CYRM to try to bring about a better working relationship for our two groups. We have had problems at the convention over the past several years. I will attend the CYRM meeting on June 11 and hope to have some resolution to the problem to report to you.

Website

Together with other board members, I have been working to bring the website up-to-date. Cindy Conlin has been immensely helpful to help us resolve this and other CATE issues.

Political Presence

I have worked with Jim on ways that we can improve CATE's presence and influence on state issues.

Convention Coordinator's Report, 4/30/11

The 2011 convention was a success and did well financially considering the economic conditions, as the treasurer's report shows.

The good work of convention chair Michelle Berry and her local committee was reinforced by strong support from the board in planning and putting on the event. I particularly need to thank Nancy Himel for her outstanding work during the convention. She had the major responsibility for events held at the hotel, while I was at the convention center. The goal of having a smooth running convention with all the problems occurring behind the scenes, unseen by the attendees, was almost reached.

There have been some problems in finishing the work on 2011, but a financial problem with the hotel was settled in CATE's favor and we continue to work on other problems which will be discussed at the board meeting.

Kim and Jill have been working on 2012 and will ask for board approval as needed at this meeting. With everybody's busy schedules, it was difficult to find a time for our usual meeting at the hotel, but we finally were able to put together a meeting in late May.

I have started to renegotiate the contract for 2013. The original contract was signed when attendance was over 1,000 and it contains many financial clauses that are difficult for CATE to handle with attendance at 500. The process is difficult, but I hope to have a good report at the board meeting.

Punky Fristrom

Work continues to build relationships with elementary teachers. The local Writing Projects will mention professional organizations with this years Summer Invitational. Additionally they will encourage fellows to submit their presentations at next years CATE Convention.

I'm heading to Chicago in July for a leadership conference focusing on Digging Deeper into the Core Standards: Beyond Awareness to Implementation with Reeves.

Denise Mikkonen

TUCATE

TUCATE is planning a reception in May for our Classroom Excellence Award winner and our student writers. We hope to encourage more membership through various activities. Our board will be discussing this over the summer.

carol Surabian

CATE Activities: Kern Council

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Constitution of Board for Kern Council

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Meetings

Local Board Meeting: April 22, 2011, 4:00-6:00, Marie Callender's

Membership Drives

Let's Celebrate Us—party at Lengthwise Pub, March 25, 2011

45 attended

Teresa Sweeney (Kern 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner) and Peggy Peggy Dewane-Pope (Kern 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner) were honored

13 new memberships!!

Publicity

Continue CATE column in AVID Newsletter, edited by Brad Ruff

Upcoming Events

Doug Fisher All-Day Workshop on Vocabulary (July, 2011), CSUB Student Union

Kelly Gallagher All-Day Workshop on Reading (Sept, 2011), CSUB Student Union

Discussion: One Book/One Bakersfield/One Kern (November)

Submitted May 2011

Vice-President's Report

Submitted by Liz McAninch

I have enjoyed working with the staff at the Town & Country Resort in preparation for the board meeting. They have been gracious in accommodating our requests and making changes, as necessary.

I joined other members of the Central Council as we hosted our annual Young Writers' Reception in Rist Hall at Mercy High School, San Francisco on Sunday, April 3. Over seventy-five guests, including writers, parents, teachers and friends filled the room. The hall echoed with laughter, applause and delight as we listened to an amazing array of young writers. The range and diversity of their work brought home the importance of CATE and NCTE's writing contests in giving a voice to student writers. All of the students went home with books, gift cards and a certificate.

In my role as California Coordinator of the NCTE Achievement Award in Writing, I came back from spring break to discover three plastic mail bins full of this year's entries. I have begun sorting the student work into packets for the readers and hope to distribute them soon.

CATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April 2011

#	COUNCIL	2/09	5/09	9/09	12/09	2/10	4/10	10/10	2/11	4/11	+/-
1	Redwood	26	29	31	34	22	23	21	18	23	+7
2	Upper	22	20	20	7	17	16	16	---	30	+14
3	Capitol	80	98	70	60	38	43	38	42	88	+46
4	Central	354	411	317	250	180	203	278	281	308	+27
5	Fresno	28	35	36	34	20	31	28	28	26	-2
6	TUCATE	12	13	21	20	19	30	25	24	12	-12
7	Kern	29	30	24	25	31	33	35	29	60	+31
8	Southland	306	335	310	303	226	426	403	416	267	-149
9	San Diego	101	103	106	94	72	80	70	74	75	+1

50 Out-of-state	21	23	17	18	17	21	19	20	15	-5
55 Libraries	21	21	20	21	20	20	19	18	17	-1
99 Comps	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	-1
TOTAL	990	1123	975	882	655	929	954	968	922	-46

- Membership numbers are still holding fairly steady. Unfortunately, we lost 149 members from the southern part of the state.
- On the bright side of membership numbers, note that Kern continues to grow—doubling their membership since February! Capitol also doubled in size—a natural effect from the conference. Hopefully, Capitol can find some members from this group to help keep the council involved.
- 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, or welcome your new members from convention.
- Membership brochures are available at the meeting. Thank you to the Fristroms for bringing them. Please take them and distribute them.
- We have quite a few people choosing the 2 year memberships. Encourage your local council members to choose that option. Hopefully we won't lose quite as many people in the future when the convention moves north and south.
- Thank you again to Akiko Morimoto for providing the funds for the Lucinda pins. After strong sales at the convention, we were able to reimburse her.
- My apologies to the board for missing this very important meeting. I encourage the board to bring back the meeting in December. Perhaps we can do a conference call type of meeting in the fall or spring, but I just feel that missing the December meeting is too difficult for convention planning.
- Please actively work to build membership in your councils. The membership committee will hopefully share some ideas during its report on Sunday for bringing in new members or bringing back former ones.

FA CET REPORT

FACET met last February 26,2011. Facet has decided to re-initiate the effort to plan a mini-conference in Yosemite for 2012 or October 2013. We are very excited about this plan. The main conference will be held on Saturday and a guest speaker and brunch for Sunday....still planning! Facet also has decided to hold a membership drive/get together for May 2011.

Shannon Taylor

CTA Liaison Report

1. California is in “A State of Emergency” over the drastic cuts that are hurting our public schools, colleges and communities. Please join a rally in your area on May 13th in Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Fresno, Inland Empire, San Diego or Palm Springs. Find more information and resources at www.castateofemergency.com.
2. Talked with CRA’s liaison and was told that the President and chair of the annual conference had resigned and so was not able to make a connection with Reading Association.
3. Information palm cards were passed out to members about the truth of teachers’ retirements. The recent economic collapse in our state and nation is the result of many factors--the supreme mortgage crisis, deregulation of financial institutions, Wall Street banking scandals, and unbridled greed. It was not caused by middle-income teachers who work hard and contribute part of their pay so they can afford a modest retirement.
4. Two members of CTA are currently on the advisory committee for the new state standards for ELD.
5. Applications are being accepted until May 27, 2011 for presenters for the Good Teaching Conference. And applications for the Equity and Human Rights Conference will be accepted until May 6, 2011. Both can be accessed by going to cta.org and then to Conferences under the Professional Development tab.
6. Sent a letter to state senator Bob Huff to allow citizens to vote on extending the present tax increases. He sent me back a nice letter explaining exactly why he is opposed to placing that on the ballot.

FROM: Carol Jago, *California English* editor

RE: April board report

The March issue of *California English* included the CATE ballot as well as hot-off-the-camera photos of CATE2011 by Ken Allen. I will be using other images from this collection to promote CATE2012 throughout the coming year.

The upcoming June issue focusing on LGBT issues is the brainchild of Phil Bowles. Originally envisioned as a sabbatical project, Phil has devoted countless hours to garnering outstanding articles and ensuring that they represent the best possible instructional guidance for teachers. The

artist for this issue will be Kate Hovey whose collection of masks seemed a perfect fit with the theme. I owe huge thanks to Joan Williams for sending me in Kate's direction. For a sneak peek at her work, go to <http://katehovey.com/>.

I am putting on my thinking cap for possible advertisers in the magazine. Jeff Wilson has not been having much success selling ads. If you have ideas or leads, I'd be happy to follow through.

I am in the curious position of having a large number of manuscripts worth publishing but not specific to any of our past or future calls for manuscripts. It is a good position to be in and speaks well of the magazine as a venue writers want to see their work appear in. Several of these are from first-time writers who attended the "Meet the Editor" session in Sacramento at CATE2011. I also attracted a new group of reviewers from the session.

Sorry not to be with you for the Board meeting.

California English

Call for manuscripts

September 2011

Developing Relentless Readers with Harry Potter and Other Contemporary Classics

(deadline August 1, 2011)

November 2011

Evergreen Ideas for Teaching

(deadline October 1, 2011)

January 2012

Crossing Boundaries

(deadline December 1, 2011)

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.

Subject: Secretary Report May 2011

Since the February CATE Board meeting, with the help of Carole LeCren and Cindy Conlin, I have posted minutes and the CATE Resolutions from the 2011 Annual Business Meeting. I have updated the Board roster and sent it out. I made revisions and have sent it out again. Also, I have just recently finished the minutes from the February 2011 Board meeting and sent them out. This was very slow this time and I apologize.

I have not had the opportunity to meet with my local legislators but still plan to do so. I will see you all at the May meeting at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego.

If anyone needs an updated binder and/or business cards please let me know!

Carrie

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Subject: Re: CCCTE report

Central Council held a reception on April 3 to honor the students who received awards in our annual writing contest. It was held at Mercy High School in San Francisco and was very attended. All award winners received a certificate of achievement, books, and gift cards to bookstores. Our webmaster videotaped the student readings, and all are available to view on our website www.cccte.com.

The board also helped coordinate a special session for high school teachers at the annual CSU Shakespeare Symposium, which is being held at Stanislaus State this year. Bill Foreman, CCCTE resolutions chair, will be co-presenting a session on teaching Shakespeare to high school students. We are looking forward to continuing our relationship with Stan State, so CCCTE can provide workshops for our members on campus next academic year.

We are pleased to announce that CCCTE raised \$354.00 to be applied toward a new teacher's scholarship to Asilomar (September 23-25) next fall. We are grateful to the 2011 Convention Chair and Convention Coordinator for allowing us to set up a booth to sell Chiyo/Cecil baskets.

Susan Dillon

CCCTE Representative

GSDCTE

Our board had a very lively CATE Writing Awards Contest on February 25 held at the Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center in San Diego. We had six winners total, with three in the middle and high school division, and three in the elementary division. Teachers and parents and

the principal from Olympia High School were present, and we honored all of these people as well as the student winners for their fine contributions to the art of writing. Next, Virginia Loh, a local young adult fiction writer, was our keynote speaker, and the students really connected with her, so we may consider her as a keynote speaker for one of our future Promising Practices events in San Diego.

The most recent event some of our board members and guests attended was the Lake Arrowhead Retreat at the UCLA Family Conference Center. With the snow blowing into the trees, and everything covered in white when my husband and I arrived early Friday evening on April 8, I thought we were pulling into a scene from Narnia; however, things changed quickly as the sun came out the next day, and the snow melted. More importantly, we heard some great presentations by Carole Le Cren on Travel Memoir Writing and ways to trigger the memory into writing. Also, Martha Snead did a fabulous presentation on the Women in Dickens Life, all of which was very informative and entertaining at times. The meals that UCLA prepares are buffet style, but the food is five star and well worth the money. Overall, the service and the events were excellent, and we encourage you and your councils to consider joining us at Lake Arrowhead next spring. The weather is usually temperate in April, so don't expect snow next year.

The last event our board is planning is our Writing Awards Banquet which is scheduled for May 25 at the University of San Diego. The NCTE student writing award winners from our area will be honored, and their families are invited as well as their instructors. Our keynote speaker for that evening is Dr. John Mark Reynolds, the director for the Torrey Honors Program at Biola University, and he will be speaking about the nature and necessity of writing in his address to all of us.

That's my report for this quarter, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in San Diego very soon.

Lisa Ledri-Aguilar

SCTE.

On Sunday, March 13, we held our Victorian Tea and NCTE Scholarship Ceremony at West High School, where we awarded 17 students with 50 dollar checks. Joanne Fahey did an amazing job planning the day as she has done for over 20 years!

On Saturday, April 12, 24 members of SCTE joined Mike the Poet for a guided tour of downtown Los Angeles. We began at Union Station, wandered through Olvera Street and Little Tokyo, then through the Bradbury Building and Grand Central Market, up Angel's Flight to the library and Disney Music Hall. All the while, we were told stories and given background on the people and places and buildings of old. Mike also performed a few poems, much to the delight of us all.

On Tuesday May 3, the LA Theatre Center, our Award of Merit winner for 2011, has invited us to an evening at the Kirk Douglas Theatre for a performance of The Cripple of Innishman.

We are planning our Fall Conference for next October 22; Kelly Gallagher will speak at breakfast, and Greg Boyle will hopefully speak at lunch.

Cindy Conlin is designing our new website. Carmen Carrillo, Bill Younglove and I met on April 23 to discuss its content. The web address is www.SCTEweb.com. We have high hopes for it. A sample page is up now.

We also welcomed 3 new people to our board, trying to keep its numbers up. All three expressed an interest at CATE. YAY for follow-through.

Nancy Himel

CATE Past-President's Report

April/May 2011

Welcome, Gratitude & Confusion:

As I have stated before, I give warm thanks to Charleen, Michelle, Punky/Anne and Liz for all the help they give me. I couldn't accomplish much without the support from all of you.

CATE 2011 Election: Winners need to be ratified by the Board

Winners:

Secretary – Carrie Danielson

Membership – Joan Williams

Member-at-Large – Kristy Orona-Ramirez

Member-at-Large – William Foreman

Member-at-Large – Michelle Berry

Angus Dunstan – Capitol

Susan Dillon – Central

Shannon Taylor – FACET

Kim Flachmann – Kern

Lisa Ledri-Aguilar – San Diego

Nancy Himel – Southland

Carol Surabian – TUCATE

Shelly Medford – Upper

Ballots: A total of 62 ballots were received – 49 at the Business Meeting, 7 via the web, and 6 by mail.

There was some confusion over the mail-in version – 2 ballots had no votes for the contested seat and 2 ballots had votes for all three candidates for the position.

NCTE 2011 Election:

I hope CATE BOD members will participate in the NCTE elections this year, as there are a two CATE members running for office.

NCTE Vice President – Bobbi Ciriza Houtchens

NCTE Nominating Committee, Secondary Section – Charleen Delfino

I will have Cindy run an announcement for CATENet encouraging this as well

NCTE Liaison:

Sadly, neither Charleen nor I were involved in Advocacy Day for NCTE on the 28th in DC

The following Awards are available to us and I have e-mailed Millie and Felisa Mann for an extension (to May 15th), if we decide to nominate for any of them this weekend:

- NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom Award – May 1st deadline
- NCTE Fund Teachers for the Dream Award – May 1st deadline
- High School Teachers of Excellence Award – May 1st deadline
- NCTE Affiliate Leadership Development Award – May 1st deadline
- NCTE Affiliate Multicultural Program Award – May 1st deadline
- NCTE Affiliate Excellence Award – July 15th deadline

CATE 2012 Awards: Work on these over the summer, please! This summer, I will be e-mailing CATE BOD members regarding these.

Virginia Reid: Capitol, FACET, Kern, Redwood, TUCATE, Upper have this responsibility *Classroom Excellence:* Are the following...

Capitol – elementary

Kern – secondary

Southland – middle

Central – secondary
middle

Redwood – elementary

TUCATE –

FACET – college

San Diego – college

Upper – middle

Award of Merit: Time to consider people/organizations for this – due in September

Distinguished Service Award: Time to consider people for this too –due in September

Bob Chapman, April 30, 2011