

Past President Report

Charleen Silva Delfino

With Completion of President Duties in June, I wrote several letters of thanks for services that supported CATE. These included letters to CTA President for ongoing generous contributions to support recent CATE Conventions; to Anne Hencke, Leni Cook and Larry Grodsky board members of the Southland English Fund for their generous donation that exceeded \$54,000 to support CATE Scholarships and other CATE needs, and to Carole LeCren, Divona Ray and Elizabeth Meeham. Usually we thank CATE members for their sharing of expertise in teaching, or organizational skills or volunteering at the convention; however, these letters thanked teachers for giving their time exerting hard physical labor. They cleaned CATE’s storeroom in Escondido by sorting, hauling, disposing of old materials and reorganizing the storeroom providing space so that CATE members can work more efficiently in the coming year. As Past President and working with a committee, I am organizing the selection of recipients and the giving of awards especially the Award of Merit, Virginia Reid, Classroom Excellence and Distinguish Service Award. Also, I will be organizing the new Scholarship to attend the convention that is a result of the money that came from the Southland English Fund. I will also be serving as the CATE Liaison to NCTE. I am working on the convention as one of the Speaker Chairs and as the Meals Chair. We are very excited about the great convention that we are planning.

Vice President Report

Susan Dillon

I have, with the encouragement and assistance of Punky and Anne Fristrom, arranged for the board meeting with all the accoutrements necessary for its success: room arrangements, food and beverage, and incidentals. I also set up the advisory call which precedes every board meeting.

Secretary Report

Carrie Danielson

As CATE Secretary, since May, I have worked on minutes and updating the roster. It has been a very busy summer for me, so was slow at getting some of that done! This isn't a very long report, but that is it!

Membership Report

Joan Williams

September 2012

# COUNCIL	10/10	2/11	4/11	9/11	11/11	2/12	5/12	9/12	+/-
1 Redwood	21	18	23	24	28	25	29	24	-5

2 Upper		16	---	30	31	30	7	12	13	+1
3 Capitol	38	42	88	83	80	21	28	32	+4	
4 Central	278	281	308	235	252	177	207	203	-4	
5 Fresno	28	28	26	24	22	15	31	32	+1	
6 TUCATE	25	24	12	11	9	8	16	51	+35	
7 Kern	35	29	60	70	68	49	78	73	-5	
8 Southland	403	416	267	271	334	250	470	466	-4	
9 San Diego	70	74	75	77	78	68	82	81	-1	
50 Out-of-state		19	20	15	16	16	11	17	16	-1
55 Libraries	19	18	17	17	17	17	17	16	-1	
99 Comps	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
TOTAL	954	968	922	860	935	648	988	1008	+20	

- Participated in the advisory board meeting on August 27.

Capitol council

Angus Dunstan

We're looking forward to our late September workshop with Kelly Gallagher. The Area III Writing Project (A3WP) has already changed their schedule assuming many of their teachers will attend, and I've contacted the BTSA program at SCOE. Hoping for a big turnout, the opportunity to distribute CATE 2013 flyers.

- Updated council rosters are available upon request. Please consider contacting your new members to welcome them to your council.
- Amazing membership jump in TUCATE! Welcome to the new TUCATE members.
- I have been going through a box of old membership files to get important data on the computer so that records are easy to maintain and transfer.
- I will bring membership brochures. Please distribute them. This is a great time of year to welcome new pre-service teachers into our ranks. Consider a gift of a membership to a student teacher, and consider visiting the college programs.

Redwood Council Report**Bob Chapman, Acting President**

Since ending my term as CATE Past-President in June and taking on RCTE President in July, not much has happened. I am in the planning stages for meetings for the year and have met with Tom Gage regarding RCTE support of Tara Nuth's - a local teacher and now a HSU student - project regarding standards for teaching English in international schools overseas. Redwood Council will have an initial meeting later this month to reunite, welcome student teachers to our local council and to introduce Tara and her project to RCTE members.

SCTE Report**Nancy Himel**

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We need to find a way to build our board. Any ideas would be welcome.

FACET Report**Megan Schimmel**

Hello! I hope that this report finds you doing well. Things have been very exciting for FACET since the last board meeting! I have managed to gather a board and we have planned two gatherings for our members as well as secured a date for the Yosemite conference in October of 2013! Things have been running smoothly this summer and I have renewed hope that FACET will be great again! I am sure to have many questions in regards to planning a conference and

will also be looking for support from other boards to make this conference live again. Our first FACET gathering is titled "FACET with Friends!" and will take place on September 14th.

GSDCTE Jeannine Ugalde

Carrie Targhetta is the new Secretary

Our Fall Promising Practices is October 27 from 8 - noon at Marina Village. Carol Jago is our speaker and will focus on Common Core reading and writing.

We will continue our Creative Writing Awards Ceremony in the spring to honor our local county winners and our May Awards banquet to honor teacher and student award winners.

We are preparing to host the CATE convention in 2014.

And, we are now on facebook :-)

Central Council Report Susan Dillon

Plans are underway for Asilomar, where we look forward to greeting the winner of the Chiyo Scholarship, and raising funds for the next scholarship winner. We are also busy planning CATE 2013! We have met new friends who are excited to help us with this convention.

TUCATE Report Carol Surabian

We have gotten started on another interesting year. By the end of last year, we had provided in-servicing on CCSS writing to 39 new members. We had hoped to do something similar this semester as well, but the county beat us to it. We will be looking for other ways to increase membership and provide all these new members with interesting and up-to-date information.

KCTE Report Kim Flachman

Meetings

KCTE Board Meeting: Oct 4, 2012

Membership Drives

RIAP Event (open to CATE): October 22, Nancy Frey, speaker

One Book/One Bakersfield

Provided ERWC module on *House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros, Fall 2012

Publicity

Continue CATE column in AVID Newsletter, edited by Brad Ruff

Upcoming Events

Planning mini-conference for May 5, 2013: Doug Fisher, speaker

MAL Secondary

Jim Kliegl

There is nothing to report this summer. Looking forward to a busy year and a successful convention.

MAL Elementary

Denise Mikkonen

Writing Project Work

- Coordinated/supervised 11 writing camps in North San Diego 2 HS, 2 MS, 8 Elementary. 5 camps were first time at site. (Jeannine Ugalde directed 3)
 - o Opportunity for Professional Development for teachers, imbedded daily de-briefs.
 - o Team teaching – collaboration, critiquing
 - o Several local authors spoke fostering the love of reading and writing
 - o Several Open Mics at Barnes and Noble Books Stores

- Taught 2 day Common Core Workshop @ CSUSM. 43 participants some from LA (thanks CATE Web). 5 principals attended with teams from their schools. Focus was unwrapping CCS and Smarter Balanced Assessments, how to roll out at schools.

State Department of Education

- Supplemental Materials Review (3 day training, reviewing curriculum from 2 publishers grades K – 6. Checking standards line by line, 3 day deliberations. (My office is filled with curriculum – 2 pallets - I really know the ELA standards for K- 6 nowJ)

District Work

- Developed rubrics and prompts for all three Common Core Text Types, for grades K to 5. Reformatted ELA progress notice to align with CC, developed parent letter for trimester benchmarks.
- Implementing CC for Writing K -5 this year
- Leading district wide book study group- A Curriculum Plan for Writing Workshop – Calkins
- Planning/developing district wide professional day for January focus on CC and writing. Grades divided by site, all K @ one location, etc....

Policy committee had no activity this summer either.

MAL College

William Foreman

Since our last meeting, I've started drafting on-line surveys for our present and former members, asking about the services they like and those they might like to see (and run a first draft past my Central Council president),

- consulted with a local private high school about their plans for the future in light of the Common Core,
- attended the 2013 Convention kick off meeting, where I was named co-chair of volunteers, along with Angus Dunstan, and
- solicited suggestions for resolutions from our council presidents.

MAL Small councils

Jill Hamilton Bunch

Since our last meeting, I have been invoicing for our May Event with Kelly Gallagher. This event went so well, as you know, thanks to Kim Flachmann's great leadership.

Senior Convention Coordinator

Punky Fristrom

Maggie Potter, Megan Petersen, Susan Dillon, Michelle Berry, Liz McAninch, Anne Fristrom and I met in Santa Clara on May 8 with the hotel and convention center representatives to review plans for CATE 2013. They were excellent meetings and we accomplished a great deal in planning the convention. Many items discussed at these meetings will need to be discussed by the Convention Committee and the board at the September, 2012 meeting.

As a result of a proposal by Cheryl Smith, convention advisor, I have negotiated a contract with the Hyatt to allow CATE to count room pick-up at our 2012 board meetings against the minimum room minimum for CATE 2013. By holding the September board meeting at the Hyatt, we will reduce our minimum by 30 rooms, saving us money at the convention.

Carole LeCren has designed the flyer for 2013. It has been printed and Michelle will have copies for distribution to board members at the September board meeting.

Carole is also chair for CATE 2014 and is already planning that convention. In August she joined Anne and me to meet the sales manager at the Town and Country Hotel and had an opportunity to tour the site. I met with the T&C sales manager on August 28 and should have a proposal to reduce our room block for presentation to the board at the meeting. It will require different public space for the convention. Details should be available at the meeting.

Perhaps my most important accomplishment this summer, has been to work with Michelle Berry as she takes over the job of convention coordinator. We discussed the work of the coordinator during three days of meetings in San Diego in August. I have transferred electronically 24 contracts to her covering conventions between 2013 and 2017. I have several pounds of files and machines that I will turn over to her at the board meeting. She was the key person in working with Carole to get the flyer designed, printed and ready for distribution.

She has been an adviser or the lead negotiator in all the discussions with the hotel and the convention center since she was appointed convention coordinator by the board in May.

Susan Dillon has done a wonderful job under difficult circumstances in planning the September board meeting. Because of the link to the 2013 convention, there have been many unusual details that she has had to learn and to implement. The success of the meeting's organization will be a tribute to her outstanding work.

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Convention Coordinator's Report Michelle Berry

Since the May Board meeting I have been busy learning all I can to meet the expectations of this position, including:

1. Attending the May meeting with the Hyatt and Convention Center with the Fristroms, Maggie Potter, Megan Petersen, Susan Dillon, and Liz McAninch to review CATE 2013 plans.
2. Meeting with Punky and Anne Fristrom mid-August for a weekend of training, resulting in the creation of a timetable of expectations for the Convention Coordinator's job. (Certainly this must be considered a "fluid" document as rarely do events occur the same way twice.) Carole LeCren joined us for dinner one evening to discuss her taking the Program Chair's job for CATE 2013, and her work so far as Chair of CATE 2014.
3. Providing information for and proofreading the flyer for publication. (Great job, as always, Carole LeCren!)
4. Inquiring of Board members the number of convention flyers each would like for distribution in their area and for local events. I added to those numbers the number of CATE members as of January 1, 2011, plus a few hundred extra.
5. Notifying Ric Benson of Golden Ink our required number of flyers (9,000), and gave him distribution instructions for those completed flyers.
6. Placing in *California English* and on CATEweb an announcement: "CATE needs your help in distributing flyers..."
7. Receiving, printing, and organizing MANY documents related to convention contracts/amendments sent to me by Punky Fristrom.
8. Asking Cindy to post the convention flyer as a link on CATEweb.
9. Asking Carole to provide a special registration form for critical convention workers to mail to the registrar.
10. Communicating with Punky, Anne, Maggie, Megan, and Susan regarding issues pertinent to CATE 2013.

11. Updating the Board of Directors page on CATEweb so that it accurately reflects people's positions and dates of term. Ongoing project: updating the Board History page, which goes only to 2009. (Thanks, Punky, for taking it that far!)
12. Participating in the Advisory call on August 27th.

CATE 2013 Convention Chairs' Report

Maggie Potter, Megan Petersen

Since the May Board meeting we (Maggie, Susan and I) have been busy coordinating the 2013 Convention, including:

1. Planning and hosting the Kick-Off Party at Maggie's home in June.
2. Finding volunteers from our own Council and CATE to fill Convention responsibilities.
3. We are deciding on the bag we want to use.
4. We are continuing to look for sponsors for the bags.
5. Committee has been asked to look for items to add to the bag.
6. We are in the process of communicating with the hotel for the meal choice meeting, we are planning on having it in December.
7. Almost all contracts have been returned for speakers, we are still waiting on Charleen and Liz to submit signed contracts to Anne.
8. We have created a Keep Calm and Read On T-shirt, which is for sale for 12.00. (See Susan if you would like a shirt)
9. We are in the process of strategizing the most effective mailing for our area for CATE flyers.
10. We have been following the Convention Handbook Calendar and we are all up-to-date on what needs to be accomplished by now.

CATE 2014 Chair Carole LeCren

I am organizing my committees, but have not yet formally invited anyone to serve on those committees.

I have met with the powers-that-be at the Town and Country and scoped out the rooms that we currently are contracted to use. Punky and Anne Fristrom arranged this meeting and also attended.

I am working on my theme of "Pay It Forward" or "Paying it Forward" and think it would be beneficial to write an explanation (perhaps on ongoing blog?) of what the theme means, to be published online or perhaps in California English.

I have one speaker lined up so far: Richard Lederer.

I have met with Michelle Berry and Punky and Anne Fristrom to discuss further issues, including how to do the program (printed) and the program (getting workshop presenters).

California English Editor Report Carol Jago

The first news I have already shared with the Board is that we have negotiated a reduction in publishing costs of \$500 per issue without any reduction in quality, pages, or color. The new costs will begin with the November issue.

This is very welcome news as ads are increasingly difficult to garner. The only luck I have had is to solicit Heinemann myself with ideas for their advertising particular books that are due out. I did this with the new Lucy Calkins book for September and plan to do the same for the new edition of Jim Burke's *English Companion* for November. We did receive a perfect unsolicited ad from a Native American curriculum development initiative for the September issue

Alas, although I submitted the December 2011 issue of *California English* focusing on evergreen ideas for teaching to NCTE it was not chosen. For next year I plan to submit the September issue on Native American Voices. It is hard to say what they are looking for.

I am currently well-stocked with artists thanks to all your assistance with leads.

In other CATE news, I will be speaking at 3 CATE councils this fall: Oct. 13 in Yuba City, Oct. 20 for Southland's fall conference in Whittier, and Oct. 27 for Promising Practices in San Diego.

Looking forward to seeing many of you then as I am unable to make the September board meeting as I have to speak in Tennessee.

Below is the current call for manuscripts.

California English

Call for manuscript

November 2012

Spotlight on the Arts in Language Arts

(deadline October 1)

Research demonstrates that the study of music, painting, sculpture, dance, and drama stimulates learning across the curriculum. According to the College Board, “The arts are intrinsic to who we are as human beings, and just as they have always been at the core of what we call ‘civilization,’ they also need to be at the core of education.” Unfortunately, too often the arts have been stripped from the very classrooms where they could have the greatest effect. How do you fight back against the narrowing of the curriculum and integrate the arts into your lessons? This issue of *California English* will showcase lessons that demonstrate how to tap the potential of the arts to stimulate high-level thinking and student engagement.

February 2013

Keep Calm and Read On

(deadline December 15)

The theme for our CATE2012 convention in Santa Clara February 8-10, 2013, is “Keep Calm and Read On.” In keeping with this focus, *California English* invites you to write about books, articles, speeches, or films that stirred up your thinking about teaching. Who are your influences? What professional development experiences have changed your practice? What books do you return to for inspiration, guidance, and courage? Why is it important as a teacher to “keep calm”?

CCSS Liaison Report Bill Younglove

- Acted as go-between for Olga Kokino and the Publications Committee re: The Professional Writing Contest submissions (plan to bring same, at least five entries, to the Board meeting).

Since (being appointed Common Core Curriculum Consultant in) May, I have:

- Compiled CCSS data according to topics listed below; will bring same to September meeting (Note: I would gauge that, in virtually every major educational news report now, at least 2 out of 10 items relate in some way to the CCSS.)
- Attended a July/August, 3-day [U.S. Department of Education and Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy](#) Conference at the Anaheim Hyatt Regency, which encompassed the CCSS greatly.
- Attended an August 6th ELD Standards hearing at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (AB 124, Fuentes required the ELD Standards to be aligned by grade level to the state’s CCSS English Language Arts Standards by November 2012.).
- (Will have) attended a one day August 29th Los Angeles County Office of Education: Getting Started on the Common Core Workshop for District Administrators, Principals, and Teachers.

- Volunteered to serve on the English Language Arts/English Language Development Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee (ELA/ELD CFCC), one of 557 to do so (9-20 members will be needed).
- Volunteered to give a breakout session, (CCSS: An Appetizer, a Main Course, or a Whole Meal?) at SCTE's October 20th Whittier Fall Conference: Taking a Bite Out of the Common Core.
- Emailed George Manthey about the possibility of co-presenting with the Association of California School Administrators on the CCSS at February's CATE Convention (have also purchased ACSA's excellent "Standard Finder" software). No word back yet.
- Emailed Bill Foreman about the possibility of CATE helping English teachers define and shape "informational text." (i.e., nonfiction) A resolution—or two?
- Monitored continued feedback on and promulgations of my own "The Eighty-five Percent Solution?" (including an Achieve, Inc. invitation to call or meet with them).

Topics

ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) and the CCSS Assessment(s)?
 CCSS "in the news"
 College and Career Ready(iness)?: CCSS
 Commercial/Professional Organization Publications: CCSS
 ELD Standards Information: CCSS
 Financing the CCSS?
 History of the CCSS [The American Diploma Project]
How to Proceed (to the) CCSS
 Individual District/Consortia Approaches to the CCSS
 Legislation re: CCSS
 "Myths"/Concerns about the CCSS
 NCTE Inputs Regarding the CCSS
 Publisher/Text Matters: CCSS
 Reading (Close/Evidence-based): About (and the CCSS)
 SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) Announcements (recent to older)
 Social Science/History and the CCSS
 State Board of Education/State Superintendent of Public Instruction CCSS Promulgations
 Technology Aspects of the CCSS
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 Common Core State Standards Documents (plus Appendices A,B, C)
 SBAC Documents

CTA Liaison Debra Martinez

At this time all of CTA's work is focused on the upcoming election.

Vote YES on 30 - Our Schools Need New Revenue!

In the past 4 years, more than \$20 billion has been cut from public education in California. We rank 47th in the nation in per-student funding and now have the largest class sizes in the

country. This year an additional \$8 billion in new cuts are being proposed. And without new revenue, an additional \$6 billion will be cut from public education.

CTA stands with the Governor in support of Proposition 30, the “Schools and Public Safety Protection Act”. It is the only funding initiative that takes care of the whole state by closing the budget deficit and paying down the state’s wall of debt, while providing billions for public schools and essential services. It does not raise income taxes on the poor or middle class.

Prop 30 is a tax on millionaires that asks the richest Californians to pay their fair share to help fund public education and other essential services.

- Individuals making below \$250,000 and families making below \$500,000 will pay NO additional income tax, so the middle class and poor are not impacted by the income tax increase.
- The revenue increases are temporary, with the income tax provisions lasting 7 years and the sales tax provisions lasting 4 years.
- Prop 30 guarantees that new revenues will go to education, bars funds for administrative costs and all funds are subject to an independent audit.