

2007 Annual Business Meeting

Radisson Hotel Fresno
Sunday, February 11, 2007
Lorraine Tracey, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 a.m. by President Michelle Berry. Members of the CATE Board of Directors and Resolutions Committee were introduced. In addition to President Berry, Board members in attendance included Member-at-Large Kathy Allen, CATENet Moderator Jim Burke, Member-at-Large Bob Chapman, FACET Representative Cathy Cirimele, Member-at-Large Carole Clarke, CSDCTE Representative Carrie Danielson, Vice President Charleen Delfino, Member-at-Large Susan Dillon, CCTE Representative Angus Dunstan, Treasurer Anne Fristrom, Convention Consultant Kermeen Fristrom, Resolutions Chair Tish Griggs, Resolutions Committee Members: Karen Brown (Upper), Kathleen Cecil (Central), Elizabeth Erickson (Redwood), Joan Fleetwood (Capitol), Van Fleetwood (Capitol), Karen Martinez (Southland), Charlene Pate (GSDCTE), Cheryl Smith (KERN), Tish Griggs (FACET), Carol Clarke (TUCATE), Convention Coordinator Teisha Hase, SCTE Representative Lisa Hernandez, CATE Chair 2008 Nancy Himel, Member-at-Large Richard Hockensmith, California English Editor Carol Jago, KERN Representative Greg Johnson, CATE Webmaster Larry Jordan, Member-at-Large Susan Karpowicz, Member-at-Large Karen Martinez, CCCTE Representative Liz McAninch, UPPER Representative Shelly Medford, Past President Maureen Rippee, Convention Chair 2007 Pauline Sahakian, Redwood Representative Anne Sahlberg, Member-at-Large Cheryl Hogue Smith, TUCATE Representative Carol Surabian, Secretary Lorraine Tracey, Membership Chair Joan Williams, CCCC Liaison Bill Younglove.

Delfino moved and Dunstan seconded the adoption of the agenda and the rules of conduct. MOTION CARRIED.

Johnson moved and Chapman seconded that the minutes of the February 5, 2006 Annual Business Meeting at the Hyatt Orange County Hotel be approved. MOTION CARRIED. Correction to the minutes include that the signature on back of minutes is incorrect and it should read Carleen Hemric.

President's Report is ONLINE. NCTE attendance noted. While at the convention, Berry reported she was honored to nominate Carol Jago for Vice President.

2006 Annual Report on CATEweb.org.

Rippee explained the Rules for CATE Elections: There are three different ways to vote. The new rule is that you may vote at the end of the annual business meeting. Tear off the bottom portion of the ballot so your vote is anonymous then place the ballot in box on the table as you exit. Write your name on the tear off and hand it to Rippee. The two other options are voting Online at CATEweb.org and/or by mail.

Statements for those running for the 2007 CATE election were presented by Lorraine Tracey for Secretary; Joan Williams for Membership Chair; Kathy Allen for Member-at-Large Elementary; and Tish Griggs For Member-at-Large Secondary. Council Representatives are approved each year and listed on the ballot.

Resolutions Chair Griggs explained the resolutions process and V. Fleetwood read the Commendation of the Convention Committee.

Pate moved and Karpowicz seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 1: Increase Library Funding to make Possible Compliance with the Williams Settlement. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the legislature, with the support of the California State Department of Education, to increase funding to public school libraries and media centers for textbook and curricular materials and library personnel in order to ensure students equal access to textbooks and so that the schools can effectively enforce and comply with the Williams Settlement.

J. Fleetwood moved and Dunstan seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 2: Support for CSMP Funding. Carol LeCren (GSDCTE) suggested a friendly amendment to strike the word commend. Friendly amendment accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution: Younglove made a correction to the background data including changing the year to 1974 and add U.C. Berkeley. Carol LeCren (CSDCTE) suggested that professional organizations be replaced with subject matter projects since professional organizations are not dues paying.

Resolution: Be it therefore resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the legislature to continue funding the California Writing Project and the California Reading and Literature Project, to support those responsible for seeking additional funding, and express its continued support for the activities of these two excellent professional development projects.

Brown moved and Johnson seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 3: Scheduled Reauthorization in 2007 of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. MOTION CARRIED. Discussion followed with

suggestions. **Jeanine Langinheim (FACET) moved to remove “congress to eliminate the NCLB act as it exists or fully fund.” Carol LeCren (Southland) seconded. MOTION CARRIED. Resolution as amended. MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution: Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge

- Congress to consult carefully with teachers and local school officials to fashion revisions to the Act as it comes up for renewal, and
- the U. S. Department of Education to adopt a peer grand review system for Reading First made up of independent panels of scholars representing multiple perspectives to make recommendations on the basis of observable evidence, and
- the U. S. Department of Education to include Growth Models to track learning improvements for students over the course of the year and implement multiple measures to support these models.
- the U. S. Department of Education to implement performance-based multiple measures to support the Growth Models and, finally,
- Congress to eliminate the NCLB Act as it exists, or, if renewed, to fully fund it.

Martinez moved and McAninch seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 4: Recruitment that supports diversity Carol LeCren Greater San Diego, had questions and suggestions to expand the list of who resolution is sent to.

Dunstan suggested a friendly amendment to strike incentive programs and add programs to encourage students to consider teaching as a career. Minlim suggested a friendly amendment to add after the word different ethnic, racial and socioeconomic backgrounds Friendly amendments accepted MOTION CARRIED

Resolution: Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge all recruitment centers, state programs, foundations, and those in the teaching profession to reach out and encourage men and women of different ethnic, racial and socio-economic backgrounds and communities to become English/Language Arts teachers. Additional programs need to be created and implemented beginning at the middle school level to encourage students to consider teaching as a career. Additionally, we need to retain teachers with these broad backgrounds.

Smith moved and Clarke seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 5: Exit Exam requirements for English Language Learner. MOTION CARRIED.

Melissa Menkin (Southland) moved that changing residency in the United States an exemption from passing the English Portion of the

CAHSEE instead of taking the English portion of the CAHSEE. LeCren seconded. Danielson indicated it implies all cannot pass the test. It's a generalization. Clarke objects as some who want to take the tests should be allowed to. MOTION FAILED.

A friendly amendment was proposed to strike who have less than 3 years of residency in the US to fewer than 3 years. P. Fristrom clarifies Carole LeCren San Diego urged voting against the entire resolution.

Dunstan speaks in favor of the motion and clarifies with a friendly amendment to strike the word student and change it to English learners.

Dunstan moved, Hockensmith seconded the amendment. MOTION CARRIED

Clarke moved that an exemption from being required to pass be added as a friendly amendment. Amendment accepted

Resolution: Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the State Board of Education to allow English Learners who have had less than three years of study in the United States, an exemption from being required to pass the English portion of the CAHSEE if they successfully complete all their units to graduate.

Cecil (Central) moved and Defino seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 6: Balanced curriculum. MOTION CARRIED.

Carol LeCren (GSDCTE) moved to change the resolution, to read the State Department of Education to ensure curriculum balanced with. Clarke seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Jeanine Langinheim (FACET) moved. Jo Anne Mitchell (Southland) seconded adding to the background in the first paragraph after expense of career tech classes, and in the third paragraph following including, career tech classes. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) request the State Department of Education to encourage school districts to ensure a curriculum balanced with a variety of subject offerings for all students.

Erickson (Redwood) moved and Clark seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 7: Multiple Assessments to Determine Individual Progress. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution: Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English urge the California Department of Education to support multiple measures (e.g., portfolios, essays, interdisciplinary projects, etc.) to count toward student progress and achievement, along with STAR test scores, when evaluating student proficiency for AYP and API.

Tish Griggs and committee were thanked and commended for their work.

New Business

Pauline Sahakian was commended for the very successful Fresno convention.

Al Adams (Central) offered a sense-of-the-house motion. He moved that CATE offer a lifetime membership for retired members such as a one-time fee of \$300. Chapman seconded. This is an advisory motion which will be voted on at the next board meeting. MOTION CARRIED

Announcements

Rippee shared a poem about the success of CATE 2007

Dillon invited attendees as Central representative to a Steinbeck Workshop at the Steinbeck Center in San Jose on March 24th.

Hernandez announced that Southland will host a workshop on April 22 at the Museum of Tolerance.

Luby of Greater San Diego announced that they will host Promising Practices, April 28th.

Himel announced the 2008 CATE Convention in Long Beach March 7-9, 2008. They are proposing adding a Gay and Lesbian strand.

The drawing for the free IPOD took place and Felicia Lopez of Southland won it.

Rippee moved and Karpowicz seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 A.M.. MOTION CARRIED.