

2009 Annual Business Meeting
Santa Clara Marriott
Sunday, February 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 A.M. by President Robert Chapman. Members of the CATE Board of Directors and the Resolutions Committee introduced themselves. In addition to President Berry, Board members in attendance included: *Member-at-Large* Kathy Allen, *Past President* Michelle Berry, *SCTE Representative* Carmen Carillo, *Resolutions Chair* Kathleen Cecil, *Resolutions Committee Members*: Karen Brown (UPPER), Blair Campbell (FACET), Kathleen Cecil, (CCCTE) Joanie Fleetwood (CCTE), Jill Hamilton-Bunch (Kern), Lisa Ledri-Aguilar (Greater San Diego), Tim McGlasson (TUCATE), JoAnn Moore, (Redwood), *Member-at-Large* Carrie Danielson, *Vice President* Charleen Delfino, *Member-at-Large* Susan Dillon, *CCTE Representative* Angus Dunstan, *Treasurer* Anne Fristrom, *Convention Consultant* Kermeen Fristrom, *Member-at-Large* Tish Griggs, *CATE Chair 2010* Nancy Himel, *Member-at-Large* Richard Hockensmith, *GSDCTE Representative* Ron Lauderbach *CCCTE Representative* Elizabeth McAninch, *Upper Representative* Shelly Medford, *Redwood Representative* Anne Sahlberg, *Member-at-Large* Cheryl Hogue Smith, *TUCATE Representative* Carol Surabian, *Secretary* Lorraine Tracey, *Membership Chair* Joan Williams, and *CCCC Liaison* Bill Younglove, Excused: *Kern Representative* Barbi Lapp and *California English Editor* Carol Jago

Berry moved and Delfino seconded to accept and adopt the agenda and the Rules of Conduct. MOTION CARRIED.

McAninch moved and Dunstan seconded to accept the minutes of the 2007 Annual Business Meeting in Fresno. MOTION CARRIED.

Chapman read his annual report.

Chapman announced that his report and the annual CATE report are posted on www.CATEweb.org

Berry explained the Rules for the CATE Elections: There are three different ways to vote. A member may vote at the end of the annual business meeting. Fifteen minutes after the meeting a ballot may be handed to Berry with a separate page listing name, etc. The second page is to verify you are a member and that you have voted so there will be no duplicate votes. The two other options are voting Online at CATEweb.org or by mail.

Statements for those running for 2008 CATE election were presented by Jill Hamilton-Bunch for Member-at-Large – Small Council, Jim Kliegl for Member-at-large – Secondary, Richard Hockensmith for Member-at-Large – Unspecified, Carrie Danielson for Secretary, and Joan Williams for Membership Chair,

Resolutions Chair Cecil was introduced and explained the resolutions process and the rules for amending the resolutions.

CATE Resolution #1 was read by Hamilton-Bunch.

Moved and seconded at the board meeting of CATE Resolution #1: Commendation of the Convention Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution: Resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English thank And commend the following outstanding volunteers

Convention Chairs Charleen Delfino and Elizabeth McAninch

Convention Coordinator Punky Fristrom

Program Chair Cheryl HogueSmith

Hospitality Bev Kreps

Meals/Décor Chairs Susan Dillon, Megan Petersen

Registration Charles Schaefer

Concierge John Thomas

Lesson Plan Exchange Lorraine Tracey

AV Chair William Foreman

CATE Membership Booth Joan Williams

Pre-Convention Jayne Marlink

Autograph Chair Brucine Doherty

Volunteer Coordinator Jan Goodspeed

College Credit Jonathan Lovell

Technology Kathy Nichols

New Teacher Reception Trevor Guina

President's Reception Robert Chapman

Signage Michelle Berry

CYRM JoAnne Mitchell

CATE Treasurer Anne Fristrom

Exhibits Jeff Wilson and Tammie Harvey

Registrar Eddie Hase

Flyer/Program Publication Carole LeCren

Printer Rick & Carol Benson

Awards Robert Chapman

Certificate Creation Tamra McCarthy

Cecil read CATE Resolution #2.

Cecil moved and Delfino seconded the approval of CATE Resolution #2: Eligibility for CAHSEE

Resolution: Therefore, let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) recommends the State Board of Education adopt a regulation allowing districts flexibility so that any student who takes CAHSEE as a 10th grader is automatically eligible to take any subsequent administrations of the test and protecting districts from any fiscal penalties for administration of the CAHSEE for these students. MOTION CARRIED.

Ledri-Aguilar read CATE Resolution #3.

Ledri-Aguilar moved and Dunstan seconded the approval of CATE Resolution #3 Drop-out categories.

Resolution: Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers

of English (CATE) urges that the California Department of Education eliminate the term dropout for those students who have completed coursework but not not passed the CAHSEE. And let it be further resolved that CATE urges the California Department of Education establish a new category called “non-graduate” to describe those students. **MOTION CARRIED**

McLassen read CATE Resolution #4

McLassen moved and McAninch seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 4: Community College English Placement Tests

Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) supports efforts to ensure community college English placement tests reflect more closely how English Language Arts are being taught and assessed in the high schools so K-14 educators can work more collaboratively to support student success.

Jake Sanford of SCTE and Hockensmith seconded that the motion be tabled. MOTION DEFEATED.

Further discussion followed. The original MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

Williams moved and Hogue Smith seconded the approval of CATE Resolution 4: Community College English Placement Tests. MOTION DEFEATED

Ledri-Aguilar read CATE Resolution #5.

Ledri-Aguilar moved and Hogue Smith seconded approval of CATE Resolution #5: One Book, One City

Resolution: Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) commends the efforts of libraries and other organizations throughout the state to organize celebrations such as One Book, One City and encourages local councils to work with schools and libraries to promote and sponsor these events. MOTION CARRIED.

By-Laws Amendment

7.3.4 Eight (8) total Regular Members who shall serve as at-large members, three of whom shall be elected annually, except for 2007 and every three years thereafter, when two shall be elected, and shall serve for three years. They shall assume their offices on July 1 of the year in which they are elected. In order to accomplish greater diversity of the Board of Directors at all times, one (1) of these eight (8) Directors shall be affiliated with elementary school teaching (generally known as grades kindergarten through sixth grade); one (1) of these eight (8) Directors shall be affiliated with middle school teaching (generally known as grades sixth through eighth); two (2) of these eight (8) Directors shall be affiliated with high school teaching (generally known as grades ninth through twelfth), one (1) of these eight (8) Directors shall be affiliated with college teaching; and one (1) of these eight (8) Directors shall reside in a geographic region represented *by a Council Committee which has fewer than five hundred (500) Regular Members.* Italicized phrase to be changed to: **A council committee whose membership is less than 10% of the total CATE membership, as of September first of the previous year.**

Berry moved and Delfino seconded to accept the By-Laws Amendment. MOTION CARRIED

The word By was incorrectly struck and should not have been in the printing of the by-laws.

No new business.

Berry commended Delfino and McAninch for their fine work in presenting the highly successful conference.

Bob Infantino asked if the board would be commenting regarding the new budget legislation to the Legislature

Announcement:

Jean Wood of the Central Council announced the Asilomar Conference to be held October 2, 3, 4, 2009.

Himel announced the theme of 2009 Convention in Los Angeles: “Taking the Road Less Traveled” with major speakers: T.A. Barron, Michelle Serros, Sonia Nazario, Joy Harjo, and Junot Diaz.

Chapman announced the drawing of prizes by McAninch and Delfino, which included 2 baskets and 2 gift certificates. The winners were: Janet Finitzer from Upper Council won a basket, Jean Wood of Central Council won a basket, Jessica Jamera of FACET won 2 nights at the Marriott and Michael Watson, of Central Council won a one year membership extension. These were drawn from the leadership cards submitted.

Berry moved and Dunstan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 A.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Tracey