

CATE 2010 Annual Business Meeting
February 14, 2010
LAX Marriot

Present: CATE Board--Bob Chapman, Michelle Berry, Carol Surabian, Joan Williams, Bill Younglove, Liz McAninch Charleen Silva Delfino, Kathleen Cecil, Debra Martinez, Anne Fristrom, Punky, Jim Kliegl, Richard Hockensmith, Kim Flachmann, Shelly Medford, Angus Dunstan, Carrie Danielson, Shannon Taylor, Kathy Allen; Resolutions Committee-- Meghan Schimmel, Shannon Taylor, Jane Medina, Joanie Fleetwood, Tim McGlasson, Barbi Lapp, Rita Smith,

7:32 Call to order by Bob Chapman

- I. Introductions of board and resolutions committee
- II. Acceptance of agenda: Moved by Michelle Berry; Seconded by Richard Hockensmith; Motion carried
- III. Acceptance of minutes from CATE 2009 Annual Business Meeting: Moved by Michelle Berry; Seconded by Cheryl Hogue Smith; Angus Dunstan corrected dates in minutes; Motion carried.
- IV. Summary of President's Report
- V. Summary of President's Report posted on CATEweb.org
- VI. Clarification of Rules for Elections: Michelle Berry
 - Three ways to vote:
 - 1. Annual Business meeting,
 - 2. Online at CATEweb.org and
 - 3. California English(Directions are found at those locations)
- VII. Election speeches
 - 1. Denise Mikkonen for Member-at-Large Elementary.(Ron Lauderbach spoke on her behalf.)
 - 2. Ron Lauderbach for Member at Large Secondary
 - 3. Liz McAninch for Vice President CATE
 - 4. Charleen Delfino for President CATE
- VIII. Report of Resolutions Committee

A. CATE 2010 RESOLUTION -- Commendation for the 2010 Convention

Resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English thanks and commends the following outstanding volunteers:

Convention Chair: Nancy Himel
Convention Coordinator: Punky Fristrom
Program Chair: Cheryl Hogue Smith
Meals/Decor Chair: Marilyn Wells
Registration: Lisa Hernandez, Charleen Delfino

Technology AV Chairs: Brian Jeffrey, Richard Hockensmith
Reception: Phyllis Shub, Joanne Fahey
CATE Membership Booth: Joan Williams
Pre-Convention: Jayne Marlink
Autograph Chair: Kathy Allen
Volunteer Coordinator: Courtney Lockwood
President's Reception: Robert Chapman
CATE Treasurer: Anne Fristrom
Exhibits: Tammie Harvey
Registrar: Eddie Hase
Flyer/Program Publication: Carole LeCren
Printer: Rick Benson, Carol Benson
Photographer: Ken Allen

B. CATE 2010 Resolution #1—Eligibility for University of California
Moved by Rita Smith; Seconded by Angus Dunstan; Motion carried

CATE 2010 Resolution #1—Eligibility for University of California

Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge UC and CSU to limit non-resident college admissions to the average percentage used in the past 5 years, and

Let it be further resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge UC and CSU to examine any barrier to matriculation by qualified California residents.

C. CATE 2010 Resolution #2—Access to Literacy
Moved by Meghan Schimmel; Seconded by Angus Dunstan; Motion carried

CATE 2010 Resolution #2—Access to Literacy

Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the governor, the legislature, and the California Department of Education to ensure that school district budget-cutting measures not target support classes for literacy.

D. CATE 2010 Resolution #3—Dropout Prevention
Moved by Tim McGlasser ; Seconded by Charleen Delfino
Amendment; Moved by Carole LeCren; Seconded by Liz McAninch; Motion defeated.
Motion to table resolution until reading of Resolution 4 by Cheryl Hogue Smith; Seconded by Richard Hockensmith
Tabling carried

Motion carried when reconsidered.

CATE 2010 Resolution #3—Dropout Prevention

Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge that legislators provide essential funding, ensuring that California achieves at least the national average in per pupil spending, allowing all California residents to master English language arts.

E. CATE 2010 Resolution #4—Support for Writing

Moved Joanie Fleetwood; Seconded by Liz McAninch

Amendment change in wording by Carole LeCren;

Seconded by Angus Dunstan

Amendment carried

Motion carried

CATE 2010 Resolution #4—Support for Writing

Therefore let it be resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) demand that the California Department of Education direct school districts to restore class size reductions for K-12 English language arts courses,

And let it be further resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the California Department of Education to encourage school districts to provide teachers additional time to evaluate writing.

F. CATE 2010 Resolution #5—English Assessment at California Community Colleges

Moved by Lisa Ledri-Aguilar;

Seconded by Cheryl Hogue Smith

Amendment by Richard Hockensmith

Accepted as friendly

Time expired

Motion defeated

IX. Motion to increase dues: Moved by Joan Williams, Membership Chair;

Second by Carol Surabian

\$40.00—one year membership (no change)

\$75 –two year membership (new)

\$110—three year membership (no change)

\$250--retired teacher membership (no change)

\$20—student teacher (increase)

Motion carried

X. Sense of the House Motion—Resolution regarding funding of California Writing Projects

Moved by Schimmel; Seconded by Angus Dunstan
Motion to extend the motion by Phil Bowles;
Seconded by Richard Hockensmith
Motion carried; Call for question
Motion failed

General agreement to seek further information and clarification about problems of funding for California Writing Project and desire to create a resolution if facts warrant.

XI. Carole LeCren should get the seat nearest the microphone for future Annual Business Meetings.

Motion by Ron Lauderbach; Seconded by Michelle Berry
Motion out of order

XII. Michelle Berry commended Southland Council and Himel for great convention

XIII. Shelly Medford commended those who helped with Skype discussion with Junot Diaz—Richard Hockensmith

XIV. New Business: Michelle Berry—2011 Convention Chair

Theme: NEVER MORE CRUCIAL

Feb. 11-13 Grand Sheraton in Sacramento

Invitation for all to attend—

Open the proposals for presentations on Feb. 5—

XV. Door Prizes

Steve Catron----offered document camera for prizes

Annie Gervaise—2 nights in Sheraton

Cynthia Torres-Nusse—Document Camera

XVI. Motion to adjourn Angus Dunstan; Seconded by Charleen Delfino; Motion carried

8:30 a.m.

Next Annual Business Meeting at CATE 2011; February 13, 2011; Sacramento, California

Addendum: The following CATE 2010 Resolution was moved by Angus Dunstan; Seconded by Richard Hockensmith; CATE Board voted by email and Resolution carried.

(Background is included for the benefit of the Board.)

Whereas the California Writing Project with its seventeen sites has brought together University and K-12 teachers to bring research-based best practices to thousands of California teachers each year and

Whereas the California Writing Project and the California Association of Teachers of English represent many of the finest, most skilled and highly regarded language arts teachers in California and

Whereas the proposed consolidation of National Writing Project funding under the Effective Teaching and Learning umbrella will effectively undermine both the National Writing Project and the California Writing Project which it supports, diminishing, straining and even destroying thirty years of capacity building and collaboration,

Be it therefore resolved that The Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English unanimously urges California Senators Feinstein and Boxer to work to restore direct funding of the National Writing Project Network in the 2011 Federal budget so that it and the state projects it serves can continue its work to improve the teaching of writing of the nation's children to better prepare them for their future and

Be it further resolved that The Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English commends Representative Miller for his past advocacy on behalf of the National Writing Project and urges him to seek continued direct funding of the National Writing Project in the 2011 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Danielson
March 24, 2010