

CATE Board Reports for September 13-14, 2015 Board Meeting at Hilton Costa Mesa Orange County

President's Report – Denise Mikkonen September 2015	
Denise Mikkonen, President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm looking forward to year two, we have lots of work to do. In May I attended the NGSS Coalition meeting in Sacramento at the Yolo Department of Education. It is an interesting collection of folks from the private sector, science sector, and education. It was a great opportunity to re-vitalize relationships we have had in the past with CRA, DOE and re-establish ourselves in the field of Education, not to mention the private sector. I'm participating in a conference call next week with CRA about CYRM dues. The goal of the coalition is for folks to be champions of confidence and information, informing and engaging stakeholders and to sustain the agenda. • Summer was busy with SMWP writing camps, we had camps in Oceanside, San Marcos, Vista and Poway school districts. It is great to be able to work with teachers in many districts. NWP gave us a grant and we had a camp of 100 Vista High School students who wanted to come to write from 8 – 3 for five days, not only the students but teachers were revitalized and inspired to included student friendly writing practices into the regular school year. I believe we had an excess of 500 students attend camp from grades 2nd to 12. The camps not only inspire students to write, they provide teachers with opportunities to co-teach and share best practices. Our district leaders were impressed with the amount of writing students generated in such a short time. • As an ELA Instructional Leader for PUSD I am working on some integrated units of study for PUSD, using Understanding by Design methodology. Our first unit was presented all 4th grade at a district wide PG day and was well received. The essential question was "How does where we live affect how we live?" The unit integrates social studies, science, reading and writing. I'm thrilled to be working on team with Nancy Frey's support to help with the roll-out of ELA CCSS. Nancy Frey presented to all PK-5 teachers prior to our unit debut. • Attended Adaptive Schools Training for 3 days focusing on communication, team building. Learned a great deal about the difference between dialogue and discussion and developing better listening strategies. • Researched Growth Mindset as you will find in reading my Presidents Perspective latest article. I'm really happy with the results in my class and the reception of growth mindset vs. fixed mindset at Back to School Night and day to day with my students. • I'm excited to get our SBAC scores to see how the work we have been doing with CATE/DOE/WP is playing out. • Looking forward to a great year.
Liz McAninch, Past President	<p>In June, CATE 2017 Co-Chairs Susan Dillon and Kathy Nichols held an early planning meeting for the local committee. The chairs shared their vision for the Convention and have suggested some interesting new possibilities for the program and design of the weekend. Some of my most enjoyable weeks this summer occurred while teaching writing workshops for groups in grades 7-8 and then students in grades 5-6. Although I've been involved in summer programs for middle grades, I had never taught students as young as nine and ten. It was an eye-opener and a rewarding experience in which I certainly gained new insights about teaching. In July, I represented CATE at the NCTE Leadership Conference in San Jose. The weekend provided opportunities to meet with council and state leaders from not only the western U.S. but also from New England and the Southern states.</p> <p>At the beginning of June, I invited CATE Past Presidents to submit nominations for the 2016 Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Replies arrived from three presidents and I received one nomination. Councils may also bring a nomination for DSA to the September business meeting. Nominations must include full information on the nominee, a list of his or her noteworthy accomplishments by the nominator, and a letter of recommendation from those making the nomination. The letter should particularly address the leadership and service to the profession that the nominee has provided. Please give your DSA nomination to me by the beginning of the meeting on Saturday, September 12. Review the guidelines outlined in Policy 10.3 for complete information.</p> <p>It's not too early for Councils to start the search for their Teachers of Excellence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elementary - Capitol and Redwood Upper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Middle – SCTE, TUCATE, Secondary – CCCTE and Kern College – Fresno and San Diego</p> <p>Council Presidents must submit complete nomination packets for CATE Awards and scholarships at the beginning of the December meeting. Award packets include 1 original plus 2 copies of the nomination form and letters of support from colleagues, administrators, students and parents. Please check the nomination form to be sure that it contains all of the recipient's contact information (home address, school address, school and home e-mail, and telephone numbers).</p> <p>The Virginia Reid, Henke and Fristrom Scholarship winners will be selected by SCTE this year. Please review Policy 8.8 for Virginia Reid and Policy 8.10 for qualifications of candidates for both the Henke and the Fristrom scholarships. Names of candidates must be submitted to the Finance Committee at the December meeting.</p> <p>The following positions will be up for election in 2016: Members-at-Large Secondary and Elementary, President and Vice-President. If a Council nominates a candidate for a board position, the Council President must turn in a completed nomination form with the nominee's photo at the December meeting. Candidates may also submit a petition with fifteen signatures. Petitions are accepted until the beginning of the business meeting in February.</p>
Trevor Guina, Vice President	
Carole LeCren, Secretary	<p>As secretary, I worked on the following since the last board meeting: I finished the May minutes and sent them out and created a list of the board members for this year with e-mails. I will also create namecards for the upcoming September board meeting, and take a look at the policies that need to be updated. I designed business cards using VistaPrint that I will have available at the September board meeting in case anyone else would like business cards to advertise their board positions.</p> <p>In addition (but not necessarily in my role as secretary) I worked on the design of the new membership brochures and reminder cards for Joan Williams, and the design of the convention flyer for Janis Stallones and Michelle Berry.</p> <p>Professionally, I took it easy this summer, but I did attend the California Teachers Summit on July 31 with Jeannine Ugalde at the Town & Country Hotel in San Diego. We picked up some ideas (pro and con) about both teaching strategies and convention/conference formats.</p>
Greg Johnson, Treasurer	
Angus Dunstan, Capitol Rep	<p>Capitol Council Report</p> <p>I was hoping to have better news. I've recruited good people to the Capitol board over the years, but they leave teaching, go on to Master's programs, burn out, or otherwise drop by the wayside.</p> <p>So far this semester I have been able to recruit two (2) board members, both really good people</p>

	<p>Most of the CATE/Capitol members who have expressed interest in leadership over the last couple of years have either declined my invitation (quite reasonably, too busy) or not answered calls/emails. I will persevere.</p> <p>And on behalf of Capitol, let me be the first to pledge \$1000 in support of CATE 2016!</p>
<p>Susan Dillon, Central Rep/CATE 2017 Co-Chair</p>	<p>CCCTE Representative's Report September 2015</p> <p>Central Council met to discuss its role in CATE 2017 at our end-of-year meeting. We had a good time with our discussion, and Central knows it will have full support from our board and the CATE board at large, so thank you all ahead of time. We also discussed having a "light" tech conference (half-day) in the spring to generate interest in CATE 2017. We are currently looking at venues, and we are grateful to have the Presidents' handbook to guide our way.</p> <p>I was able to attend a part of the NCTE affiliate meeting in San Jose this summer, and it was great to connect with Central/CATE board member Liz MCAninch and our exhibits manager Nancy Himel and meet with some other affiliates.</p> <p>Our biggest concern is growing the board. We received a few names from CATE 2016, so we will be inviting those interested to our next meeting, after the Asilomar conference. Speaking of Asilomar, Central Council sponsors the Friday night reception, and we hope to see you there. We will be providing opportunities to support a new teacher scholarship to the next Asilomar through our Chiyo Basket event. Your winning ticket will be drawn Saturday evening.</p> <p>The Great Valley Bookfest (Manteca) is the same weekend as Asilomar, and the organizers have always given Central a free table to promote our writing contest, convention, and membership. We hope to staff the table once again.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Susan Dillon</p> <p>CATE 2017 Co-Chairs' Report</p> <p>Our June Central board meeting spent most of its energy on discussing CATE 2017. It was very fruitful, and some of the ideas will be shared at the CATE board meeting, including our struggle with a theme that will properly represent our objective.</p> <p>Kathy Nichols has done informal surveying with teachers of note in the ELA/Tech world (CUE rock stars, Google certified, etc.). She has learned some reasons as to why some people are not registering for CATE conferences. She has also heard about other subject matter conventions and the incentives they offer for registration and presenting. We are interested in having conversation at the CATE board meeting on these matters, as well as pursuing the possibility of the program printed on demand (fee based) as done by NCTE. This will free up a great deal of money to be put towards speakers and technology.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Susan Dillon Kathy Nichols</p>
<p>Janina Schulz, FACET Rep</p>	<p>FACET Report</p> <p>*As the previous school year ended, many board members transitioned out of board roles. We have a new president and treasurer. We also have several new board members. FACET would like to see a few more board members, especially as it relates to contributing to the execution of events.</p> <p>*FACET remained quite busy this summer. Despite the wonderful vacations our board members took (my family vacationed in the Pacific Northwest, another board member traveled to Samoa), we met multiple times to continue planning upcoming events.</p> <p>*FACET sponsored a mixer/fundraiser on August 28 called Books for Brews. The event was held at a local pub and attendees were able to try three free beer samples and appetizers in exchange for a book. As a part of our raffle, which included wine from Fresno State, local fare, and a new 32" TV, new teachers in attendance had the chance to walk away with all of the books donated to start their classroom library.</p> <p>*We continue to help plan and support the Yosemite Conference. Our biggest concern is attendance. We are advocating for districts to send teachers.</p> <p>*FACET board collaborated on a new, updated mission statement. We also are working on a logo. We have created promotional flyers as well. We will continue working on increased FACET membership.</p> <p>The board has planned all of our events for the year. We will have a mixer/fundraiser to promote CATE in December, which will be a holiday party Star Wars style.</p> <p>* * I personally am busy working towards my National Board Certification, and I am looking forward to starting a part time teaching position at Fresno Pacific University in the credential program.</p> <p>Thank you so much for welcoming me so kindly. I look forward to meeting you all this weekend.</p>
<p>Jeannine Ugalde, GSDCTE Rep</p>	<p>This summer I directed our Teen Writers Camp sponsored by the San Marcos Writing Project. I'm losing track, but I think this is our ninth year.</p> <p>I also taught and directed our High School Writing Camp – finally held this year on a high school campus J This is perhaps year six for this camp.</p> <p>We added two wonderful teachers to our GSDCTE Board: Carol Battle is our Member at Large, Middle School and Elise Hunt is our MAL, Elementary. Daniela Sow (who previously ran for a CATE position) resigned from our board in preparation for the October appearance of her first baby. We have two or three additional teachers who have expressed interest in joining our board. Here's hoping J</p> <p>GSDCTE's Promising Practices will be held October 24, 2015 at PLNU's Liberty Station Campus with Kelly Gallagher as our speaker.</p>

	<p>Our board is considering a January event to prepare for and kick off CATE 2016!</p> <p>On a personal note my husband and I enjoyed a week in (a very hot) Sedona, AZ in June. In July my husband and I and our 19-year-old son went to NYC to visit our 22-year-old son who was interning at Bloomberg. We had SO MUCH FUN! We saw 3 musicals and 1 play. We visited 2 museums and multiple landmarks. We walked 10 miles in one day (exhausting and exhilarating). So much to see and do. I hope he works there again so we have a convenient excuse to continue our adventure.</p>
<p>Kim Flachmann, Kern Rep</p>	<p>CATE: Kern Council Board Members 2015-2016</p> <p>President Kim Flachmann kflachmann@csub.edu</p> <p>Vice President Jill Hamilton-Bunch jhamilto@pointloma.edu</p> <p>Resolutions Chair Robert Polski Robert_Polski@khsd.k12.ca.us</p> <p>Treasurer Greg Johnson Greg_Johnson@khsd.k12.ca.us</p> <p>Secretary Crystal Huddleston chuddleston@garces.org</p> <p>Writing Competition Chair Katie McNamara Katie_Mcnamara@khsd.k12.ca.us</p> <p>Membership Chair Lori Campbell Lori_Campbell@khsd.k12.ca.us</p> <p>KHSD Liaisons Vickie Spanos VSpanos@khsd.k12.ca.us Lewis Gillham LGillham@khsd.k12.ca.us</p> <p>KCSOS Liaison Teresa Twisselman tetwisselman@kern.org</p> <p>AVID Liaison Brad Ruff bruff@khsd.k12.ca.us</p> <p>Middle School Liaison Julie Paulsen jpaulsen2621@yahoo.com</p> <p>Writing Project Liaison Mark Olsen Mark_Olsen@khsd.k12.ca.us</p> <p>Publicity Joan Swenson Swenson@bak.rr.com</p> <p>Meetings Sept 8, 2015: To confirm activities and get details in place for our Back-to-School party.</p> <p>Upcoming Membership Drives Oct 12, 2015: Art Costa Nov 6, 2015: Nancy Frey Jan 30, 2016: Kelly Gallagher</p> <p>One Book/One Bakersfield: <i>The International Bank of Bob</i> We will be giving three awards for essays related to the ERWC module related to book (Grades 9, 10, 11)</p> <p>Book Club Scheduled to meet Sept 25 to discuss <i>The International Bank of Bob</i></p> <p>Upcoming Events Sept 18: Back to School Beer Fest at Temblor Brewing Company (starting the year with beer!)</p> <p><u>Submitted May 2015</u></p> <p>KERN COUNCIL CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH 2015-16 ACTIVITIES</p> <p>2015-16: Jill delivers recruitment speech for CATE at all RIAP activities</p> <p>Sept 18, 2015: Back-to-School party at Temblor Brewing Company; every Kern County board member brings at least one guest; honor our Writing Project participants and our CATE Excellence in teaching awardees; drawing for paid conference registration and 3 Runner Reader books; 1 ticket per guest; 1 ticket for members; Starbucks cards for those who join CATE on the spot</p> <p>January 2016: Advertise writing competitions, including Runner Reader (see list below, compiled by Tammy McDonel)*</p> <p>Feb 2, 2016: Presenter Prep Night at the Padre Wine and Cheese social "Basket of Books" drawings</p> <p>February 18-20, 2016: CATE state conference; sponsor memberships for college participants; free membership through AVID newsletter; "ditto exchange" for Kern meeting at conference.</p> <p>March 8, 2016: KCTE meeting; debriefing after conference</p>

	<p>Lori: Recruit members from BTSA w/ Jan Kenney</p> <p>Keep Facebook presence updated (Lori)</p> <p>Send Summer Recruitment postcard (Lori)</p> <p>*Writing Contests and Possible Rewards: Forthcoming (Katie)</p>
Gini Wozny, Redwood Rep	<p>The schools in our area are all starting at different times, but the signs are everywhere that it's time to get back to school! We will have our first Redwood meeting on Monday September 14th and we are trying a new venue in the hopes it will be in a better location for many of our members. We ended the academic year with our annual local writing contest award ceremony on May 30th on the HSU campus. It was a beautiful Saturday and we had a great turnout of members of the community to celebrate writing. There is a video on our website and pictures as well. Thanks to Sherri Hicks our VP who did all the work of coordinating, and also provided the refreshments for the ceremony. Also all the members who volunteered their time to judge the entries. A special thanks to Joan Williams who graciously hosted the judging at her home.</p> <p>We are looking forward to having lots of entries into the CATE writing contest "Inspiring Literate Lives" and maybe even having a state winner again this year. If you haven't already distributed the flyer to your councils here it is so that you may easily get it out to local schools. With that segway into my role as publications chair; I have been working with Cindy Conlin on the update of our CATE site and hope to have something to show you at the meeting. I will also be sharing some of the insights and analysis of the momentum and reach our Facebook page is having in the realm of social media.</p> <p>Again, thank you for this opportunity and if you have any questions feel free to contact me directly. gwozny@fuhsdistrict.net</p>
Courtney Lockwood, Southland Rep	<p>After a quiet summer, we are back to work!</p> <p>SCTE is hosting its annual Fall Conference, October 17, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. I have attached the flyer. We moved the location this year after doing an analysis of members. The majority of our members live in/around Los Angeles, so our Conference will be in the UTLA building just west of downtown Los Angeles. It's less expensive to use than the hotel in Whittier; our hotel costs were going up and last year's conference was in the red. Hopefully, with a more centrally-located venue and reduced costs, we can go back to making a profit on this event. We will have a breakfast speaker (Dale Allender, Ph.D.) and lunch speaker (Simon Silva) and nine one-hour workshops in the morning. Topic: "Visual Literacy: Image as Text."</p> <p>Last spring (late May) our "Spring Fling" was a walking tour of Chinatown. It was a small group, but our tour guide was from a multi-generation Chinese family and she dispensed many facts about history, families, retailers, etc.</p> <p>Our next Spring (winter?) activity will be a behind-the-scenes tour of the Getty Center.</p> <p>We added a new board member in our last meeting, so we continue to bring in new board members. There is a core of members who have been attending board meetings for decades, and it is great to have their dedication. In order to develop potential leaders, however, we need to attract people who haven't been SCTE-ers for many years. We have a large number of teachers who attend events, express interest in getting involved, and receive many e-mails about board meetings, etc. Getting them to make the leap into coming to a meeting is a long-term project.</p>
Carol Surabian, TUCATE Rep	<p>TUCATE has been working hard helping out with the Yosemite Conference. If you have an opportunity to attend, I urge you to consider it. It is shaping up to be a stimulating weekend. More information to follow.</p> <p>We have garnered some interested young teachers, who we hope will start to fill in the leadership roles. I am ecstatic to see beginning teacher enthusiasm and hope that it sparks more to come. We have read Hector Tobar over the summer and are now reading Dennis Lehane. We are trying to read the authors of the convention so that our enjoyment of their presentations is enhanced.</p> <p>We are looking forward to having more activities in the near future.</p> <p>Hope you have experienced an outstanding start to the new school year and look forward to seeing you all this next weekend.</p>
Gina Cole, Upper Rep	<p>The English department at Sutter Union High School has been diligently preparing for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Clark Consulting and Training, a California-based organization hired by the administration, has set up workshops and in-class demonstrations that will enhance reading comprehension and academic writing. Also, the English professors at Yuba Community College have invited all local area English teachers to take part in meetings for meaningful, ongoing collaboration between the schools. This will be a perfect opportunity to promote the CATE Convention in February! The next meeting will take place sometime this month.</p> <p>One of our new English teachers, Stefanie Danna, is expecting her second child this month. Kelly McNeil, our other new English teacher, is now teaching English full-time. Since Pam's retirement, Rick Tuttle has been our new English department head, and he is also the adviser for the newly-established Junior State of America (JSA) Debate team.</p> <p>That is all for now . . . looking forward to our meeting next weekend!</p>
Patrick Keough, MAL Elementary	<p style="text-align: center;">Board Report-MAL Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last month I joined many of my district colleagues in attending a presentation by Nancy Frey. The talk focused on close reading and text dependent questions. The presentation was well received, and I look forward to seeing her at the CATE conference this school year. • I was recently reelected to the board of the Poway Federation of Teachers. I will continue to work as our treasurer and provide input as an executive council member. • I changed grade levels this year, moving from fourth grade to fifth grade. I spent part of my summer researching the curriculum and looking over the standards. While the beginning of the school year has proved challenging, I'm looking forward to new learning opportunities.
Kristy Orona-Ramirez, MAL Middle	<p>My apologies for doing this from my phone, however, I gave up my laptop to my oldest daughter who just started her first semester at Dakota Wesleyan University in South Dakota.</p> <p>I was recently appointed to my school's leadership team and this news was bittersweet. Last year I took over for a staff member who was</p>

	<p>terminally ill with pancreatic cancer. We miss him dearly.</p> <p>This year my leadership position continues but I have just been appointed my school's Department Chair for English/Language Arts. As a point of history, I am the only 6th grade teacher who holds a department chair at my school site. Or who has held a department chair position.</p> <p>My big focus professionally this year is to do more presenting. I've taken the last two years off from this, but feel that it is time to come back in full force.</p>																																																																																																																																																										
Marina Santos, MAL Secondary																																																																																																																																																											
Sue Sommer, MAL Secondary	<p>Hi, everyone -- I'm attaching my alleged report to this email because some say they couldn't open it. I have been organizing some ideas for the Conference decor, but I don't have much else to report. Cleaning out 17 years of classroom detritus, completing retirement paperwork with Medicare and Calstrs, organizing a trip for 21 to Europe, and writing/giving the first staff commencement address at NHS (without blubbering and sobbing through it!) was quite enough to keep me busy...but I am particularly interested in the issue of arts funding for schools, so I wrote about a touching experience we shared while the group was in Rome. I'm including it here. See you all soon -- Sue</p>																																																																																																																																																										
Mary Adler, MAL College	<p>A major project this summer was collaborating with John Edlund, a rhetorician at Cal Poly Pomona, to direct the first ERWC Module Writing Institute, focusing on curricular materials for grades 6-12. Between June and August, we brought 28 teachers from all over California (from Humboldt to San Diego) together for a total of five days in order to develop meaningful concepts; locate relevant, related, complex texts; draft curriculum for reading and writing processes; and provide useful peer feedback. Teachers are piloting their modules in classrooms this fall and we will come together for a sixth day in December to look at student work and debrief/reflect on the process. Hopefully this process will develop new curricula for the ERWC community to use in the coming years. As facilitators, we found the process opened up new ways to think about professional development and are planning a couple of articles about the experience.</p> <p>In July I collaborated with an Oxnard middle school teacher to facilitate two weeks of Young Writers Camp (through the National Writing Project, at California Lutheran University). We had about 20 students ranging from grades 6-9 and who were thrilled (as were we) to engage in imaginative writing activities.</p> <p>I attended Jim Frederickson's terrific presentation at SCWrip's summer institute, on the power of narrative.</p> <p>Finally, I continued to serve as board member and treasurer for SCTE, which included submitting our Annual Budget Report and attending the August 22nd board meeting at Courtney Lockwood's home in Santa Monica, where we discussed publicity and logistics for our upcoming fall conference on visual literacy.</p>																																																																																																																																																										
Richard Hockensmith, MAL Unspecified	<p>Worked with my district to acquire Burke's CC books for ELA teachers. Contacted CSUSB new teacher prep program. Will work with them to create a positive relationship with CATE. Will contact Inland Writing Project and try to start new collaboration with my district. Contacted many ELA teachers informing them about the conference.</p>																																																																																																																																																										
Carmen Carrillo, MAL Unspecified																																																																																																																																																											
Jill Hamilton-Bunch, MAL Small Council	<p>What a busy start to the school year this has been!</p> <p>We are meeting as a local board on Tuesday, so I will let Kim share about our KCTE work.</p> <p>I have been working on the flier for that, as well as setting up the pay system on CATE Web.</p> <p>I also received our final payment check from our Spring conference two weeks ago. Just glad that last one finally got here!</p> <p>I will be presenting at the Yosemite Conference in November. Looking forward to that!</p> <p>At our meeting next weekend, I am looking forward to taking on some specific tasks that would be beneficial to the organization at the state level, whatever those might be.</p> <p>So if you have some random tasks that you need taken care of, I am happy to help!</p> <p>Enjoy the day!</p>																																																																																																																																																										
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I contacted board members who need to join CATE and/or NCTE. • I have an inventory of our council ribbons—thanks to Michelle—and will order what we need for the upcoming convention. I will ask councils to help fund these. • I have been working on bad addresses to clear up errors and have also been cross checking my convention list against the CATE master list. • I am still working on a calendar of responsibilities for the Membership Chair and will have it completed this year. • I participated in the Advisory Board conference call. • I serve as Redwood Council secretary and have registered for CATE 2016! • Conferences: Please check CATE Board Policies for instructions regarding submitting names and payment for new and renewing members. Send these memberships to Precision as soon as possible and send me a copy of the report. Be sure to request a current roster for your event’s registrar to use. Please contact me with any questions. • Councils that are planning conferences this year need to use the new fees for memberships.
Michelle Berry, Convention Coordinator	<p>Convention Coordinator’s Report – September 2015</p> <p>On Saturday you all will receive the beautiful CATE 2016 convention flyers for distribution in your council areas to local conferences, schools, districts, and other meetings you might attend where potential convention attendees might be. Please be sure to get these in those folks’ hands. Flyers will be mailed to CATE members going back to 2012. The flyer is also present on our FB page as well as CATEweb. The beauty of the flyer we must credit to Carole; the substance comes from the hard work of Jan, and the reg form redesign was a collaboration of Carole and Cindy.</p> <p>Online registration opened September 2nd. As in the past, both workshop presenters and Board members are expected to register for convention by December 1. Thanks to those who already have.</p> <p>Jan and I will meet with Ryan Lytle, the Hilton’s convention services manager, just prior to our Board meeting for the site tour. The Board will receive a tour on Sunday morning around 10am.</p> <p>One week prior to the Board meeting, Bill Foreman has received about 30 workshop proposals. Another call went up on our FB page, and we anticipate the Board members will submit proposals by October 1 to flesh out our program.</p> <p>I received an intriguing proposal from producers/marketers of a film via email. I will let the Board know about that opportunity at the meeting.</p> <p>To honor the partnership between CATE and CWP as we have before, we will be hosting the CWP reception this year on Thursday evening, after her pre-con and our Board meeting.</p> <p>Cindy Conlin’s contract for registrar work is in process of signatures.</p> <p>I’ve received outreach emails/phone calls from two companies about their ability to secure convention sites for us in the future. Veteran Board members will recall that we let Helms-Briscoe’s services go many years ago when our membership and attendance took a steep decline. The Convention Coordinating Committee will discuss their proposals.</p> <p>The September Board meeting means we’ll create again a list of “must reads” from members. Can’t wait to add your recommended titles to my collection!</p>
Cindy Conlin, Webmaster/Registrar	
Nancy Himel, Exhibits Manager	<p>I have sent out letters inviting companies to exhibit. We have 13 booths reserved so far, all premium. I have meetings this week with two big publishing companies who say they want to sponsor super sessions and more. Another publisher is working toward sponsoring too. I am hoping to have news by our meeting this weekend. I continue to look for other companies who may be interested.</p> <p>I encourage all exhibitors to advertise in CE and the program. I try to find others.</p> <p>I made contact with the manager of Mitsuwa Marketplace, which is across the street from the hotel. I am hoping for some kind of partnership with them, but it is a work in progress.</p> <p>I would like to offer a 50 dollar referral fee to any exhibitor who refers a new company to us. I also want to offer a 50 dollar discount to the company they referred. These will take board approval.</p> <p>As an NCTE SCOA rep., I attended the leadership meeting in July, and I participate in monthly conference calls with Millie Davis and the other reps. I will be attending the NCTE Executive Board Meeting in Minneapolis in November. I had NCTE send us a roster of NCTE members who live in California.</p> <p>My busy time is coming...</p>
Janis Stallones, CATE 2016 Chair	<p>Convention Chair Report</p> <p>I’ve been working closely with Michelle and others over the summer to shape CATE 2016! I was told the hardest part of this job was securing the speakers. It was a formidable task, but they are finally all signed and scheduled!</p> <p>Nancy Himel did a great job right out of the gate securing Kelly Gallagher and Doug Fisher and Nancy Frey for our Friday and Saturday morning Super Sessions. Carol LeCren designed our beautiful flyer, which is ready for distribution. Here is a quick overview of our speakers:</p> <p>Friday Lunch: 2015 CYRM Winner and illustrator Tom Lichtenheld</p> <p>Friday Night: Journalist and biographer Miriam Pawel</p>

	<p>Saturday Lunch: Novelist and television writer Dennis Lehane Saturday Banquet: Journalist and author Hector Tobar Sunday Brunch: Columbia University professor, writer, and past president of NCTE Ernest Morrell</p> <p>I tried to gather speakers that together would form a range of voices that reflect the different ways writing infuses and influences our world by telling powerful stories. I'm excited about our speakers!</p> <p>I've been circulating our flyer to Southland school districts, universities, and county offices of education. I am also providing flyers to area ERWC training teams for them to distribute in their workshops this fall. I worked with Bill to add a new strand to our presentation menu this year – <i>Literacy Across the Disciplines</i> - and I've already heard from one university professor who prepares science teachers who will be presenting a proposal for that strand. Nancy Brynelson, one of the authors of the California ELA/ELD Framework, has agreed to lead a session explaining how the new framework supports inter-disciplinary literacy in K-12 schools.</p> <p>I am meeting with area visitors bureaus to begin gathering information and small items for our convention bags. Nancy Himel is talking with Pearson to provide those bags. If you have any suggestions or connection for bag items, please let me know.</p> <p>The slate of convention chairs is almost complete and I will finalize the list and discounted positions very soon. Michelle and I will be meeting with Ryan Lytle, the hotel's Conventions Service Manager, on Friday afternoon before our meeting, and then we will all have a facilities tour during the weekend. Michelle and I have been discussing an exciting opportunity to screen a film during the convention. Michelle will provide more details on this opportunity when we meet. Sally James is working to gather gift books for our Friday lunch. Online registration should be up and running soon.</p> <p>It's truly an honor, to be working on CATE 2016. Thanks so much to all of you for your suggestions, support, advice, and hard work!</p>
Kathy Nichols, CATE 2017 Co-Chair	<p>CATE 2017 Co-Chairs' Report</p> <p>Our June Central board meeting spent most of its energy on discussing CATE 2017. It was very fruitful, and some of the ideas will be shared at the CATE board meeting, including our struggle with a theme that will properly represent our objective.</p> <p>Kathy Nichols has done informal surveying with teachers of note in the ELA/Tech world (CUE rock stars, Google certified, etc.). She has learned some reasons as to why some people are not registering for CATE conferences. She has also heard about other subject matter conventions and the incentives they offer for registration and presenting. We are interested in having conversation at the CATE board meeting on these matters, as well as pursuing the possibility of the program printed on demand (fee based) as done by NCTE. This will free up a great deal of money to be put towards speakers and technology.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Susan Dillon Kathy Nichols</p>
Debra Martinez, Liaison CTE	<p>VICTORY! EDUCATORS SPEAK, SENATORS LISTEN, ESEA REWRITE PASSES BY HUGE MARGIN</p> <p>The Senate voted 81-17 on July 16 to pass the bipartisan, NEA-supported Every Child Achieves Act (S. 1177). The victory is a product of unprecedented member engagement that included 216,000 emails and 15,000 phone calls to Congress; 32,000 tweets; 26,000 petition signers; 367,000 views of GetESEARight.com; and nearly 2,000 face-to-face meetings with members of Congress and key staff by state affiliate leaders, NEA officers and board members, and lobbyists.</p> <p>While S. 1177 is moving in the right direction, it remains an imperfect bill. Further progress could be made when a conference committee, composed of members of both the Senate and the House, tackles the next hurdle: ironing out differences between the bills passed by the two chambers. The committee is expected to convene later this year, perhaps as early as September. Both chambers must pass the final bill before President Obama can sign it into law.</p> <p>Debate Over School Reserve Cap</p> <p>The debate over how much money school districts should be allowed to sock away has been resurrected in California as lawmakers reconvene in Sacramento over the next month to finish their work for the year.</p> <p>School finance leaders and education officials from throughout the county and state have launched a last-ditch effort in recent days to persuade the Legislature to lift new limits on so-called "rainy day funds."</p> <p>The reserve cap was included in the state budget last year in a trailer bill. The restriction limits school districts to setting aside no more than 6 percent of their budgets in reserve accounts to prepare for economic downturns.</p> <p>The cap goes into effect the year after the state makes any payment into a new rainy day fund for schools and community colleges under Proposition 2, approved by voters last year.</p> <p>Administrators and school boards have argued that the cap puts districts at financial risk by preventing them from adequately preparing for a fiscal crisis — from a potential decline in state tax revenue once Proposition 30 expires, to troubles brought on by natural disaster.</p> <p>According to a report from the Legislative Analyst's Office, in the 2013-14 school year the state's largest districts — those with more than 30,000 students — reported a median reserve of 15 percent of expenditures. The state's smallest districts with fewer than 300 students reported a median reserve of 66 percent.</p> <p>Friedrichs Lawsuit Targets "Fair Share"</p> <p>Friedrichs v. CTA was filed on April 30, 2013, in federal court in Santa Ana, and seeks to overturn agency fees as an unconstitutional violation of non-members' First Amendment rights. The suit also contends that it is unconstitutional for the unions to require non-members to "opt out" of supporting non-chargeable expenditures. The U.S. Supreme Court has decided to hear this case during the 2016 session with a decision expected in June 2016.</p> <p>Fair Share is a common-sense way to ensure fairness and protect equity, individual rights, and the pocketbooks of educators.</p> <p>Every educator who enjoys the benefits and protections of a negotiated contract should, in fairness, contribute to maintaining the contract.</p> <p>Fair Share fees are not used for political or ideological activities. NEA and CTA conduct a thorough analysis of their finances each year, with review by an independent auditor, to ensure that the amount charged to feepayers does not include any political or ideological activities.</p> <p>Fair Share does not force individuals to join CTA. In fact, Fair Share protects the individual rights of educators to choose whether to join the Association. Fair Share simply makes sure that all educators share the cost of negotiations for benefits that all educators enjoy, regardless of whether they are Association members.</p> <p>Under Fair Share, all members enjoy the benefits, rights, and protections of the bargained contract, but the similarities end there. The importance and power of CTA membership cannot be overstated.</p>
Bill Younglove, Liaison Common Core	<p>Since the May 2nd-3rd meeting, I have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbied May 18th-20th selected Congresspersons in DC, as part of the UCLA Bruin Caucus: Issues-Pell/Perkins/Work Study Grants; Reauthorizations of ESEA/NCLB and Higher Education Acts. • Presented May 29th on "Anne's World: Speaking Frankly" to Long Beach Wilson High School faculty/selected students. • Attended June 13th SCTE Board Meeting, at Jane Medina's home

	<p>in Orange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took part June 14th-16th in Association of Holocaust Organizations Conference, Media and the Holocaust, in Las Vegas. • Presented, on July 16th, at CSULB Teacher Training Endowed Workshop on the Holocaust: Why Genocide? Holocaust/Genocide Literature for Young Adults; Lesson Planning, in Long Beach. • Attended on July 31st Better Together: California Teachers Summit at Four Points by Sheraton, LAX (CSUDH). • Had phone conversation August 7th with CA Department of Education's Tom Adams regarding the Sacramento's 8/6/15 announcement that the Digital Version of the <i>ELA/ELD Framework</i> is now available. Hard copies unlikely (estimated cost would be \$75 for the 1073-page document). An L.A. area Rollout (familiarization) is being planned. • Attended August 22nd SCTE Board meeting at Courtney Lockwood's home in Santa Monica.
<p>Jane Medina and Siegrin Heiss, Liaisons CYRM</p>	<p>CYRM Issues to Report to CATE Board September 13, 2015</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need for a CATE representative to replace Cathy Blackler. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Three-year term, beginning in January 2016. b. The new representative would be required to attend the January meeting of CYRM. 2. Will CATE be willing to raise their yearly CYRM dues to \$400? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The dues are currently \$300. b. Reasons for the request: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The set-up expenses for our new, updated website were high, though less than previous expenses for the same work ii. Online voting, domain name, website hosting, and training videos are ongoing expenses. iii. We would like to update our logo*, which would necessitate paying a designer and eventually having new stickers made, as well as other possible merchandise* for purchase. (*See further discussion of these issues below.) c. Issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. CRA is our founding organization and has veto power over our decisions. They have said that we must charge all four organizations the same amount for dues. CLA is having financial difficulties at this time, and we considered having the other three organizations absorb the increase in dues temporarily, but CRA would not permit it. ii. We, therefore, need a unanimous agreement by the four organizations in order to raise our dues. 3. CATE's input regarding a redesign of the CYRM logo. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Most committee members feel that our logo needs updating, due to its design's exclusion of female and minority children. b. Sally James asked a professional designer to come up with various other designs to choose from. The designer agreed to forego payment until approval was reached. c. The committee had a straw pole and chose a logo featuring a California bear reading a book. d. The CRA board did not approve either our desire for a new logo, nor its design. They would prefer a logo that includes something indicating that the CRA founded the CYRM, or to merely use the current design, redone in high definition. 4. CATE's input regarding CYRM Merchandise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The aim is providing merchandise is not to raise money, but rather to encourage literacy through the promotion of participation in CYRM voting. b. In reviewing the results of a survey of schools and libraries, we found that many of those who participate in CYRM voting are requesting merchandise be available for purchase, such as posters, bookmarks, and spine labels. c. We currently sell stickers to winning authors and their publishers to put on their books. d. CRA has stated that any merchandise should be sold through their website. e. CYRM can easily sell merchandise through CYRM's website as well. The issue is filling orders. We have considered using a service such as Café Press to do this. We would have a CRA liaison who would coordinate merchandising with CRA. f. What does the CATE board believe regarding our venture into merchandising and what types of merchandise we should offer?
<p>Jayne Marlink, Liaison CWP</p>	<p>[shared a personal letter and decal with each member of the board]</p>
<p>Aileen Allison-Zarea, Liaison CDE</p>	<p>ELA/ELD Framework Launch Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration has opened for the next three rollout events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ San Bernardino County Office of Education at Etiwanda Gardens on October September 30th ○ Butte County Office of Education at Chico State University on October 21st ○ Orange County Office of Education on November 6th ○ Information is available on the CDE ELA/ELD Framework Launch Event Web page (http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/rl/cf/elaeldfwlaunchevents.asp) • Additional rollouts will take place in Los Angeles County (January 29th), and Santa Clara County (April 25). <p>Secondary Literacy Partnership</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secondary Literacy Partnership will host its first Webinar on October 14th. The topic will be on Implementation of the ELA/ELD Framework with a focus on secondary literacy with Nancy Brynelson and Jo Ann Isken presenting. The Webinar target audience will be teachers and teacher leaders. This webinar is part of a series of five webinars scheduled for 2015-16. Please contact Letty Kraus at lkraus@cde.ca.gov if you or someone you know would like to be added to our SLP newsletter list. We will provide information about the webinars through this list. <p>Longview Grant Award/Global Summit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CDE received a \$20,000 grant award from the Longview Foundation to support a “California Global Education Summit” in Santa Clara on February 11, 2016. This summit is part of a global education effort led by the PLSD and will result in a guiding document for California educators. We are currently recruiting educators with a passion for globally-focused education to participate in this summit. For more information, contact Stacey Greer at sgreer@cde.ca.gov PLSD now has a Twitter feed! Follow us @CaEdGlobal where we will post updates related to the Global Ed effort https://twitter.com/CaEdGlobal .
<p>Carol Jago, California English Editor</p>	<p>The September issue of <i>California English</i> is in production as I write. We did not garner as many manuscripts on the topic of “The Digital Matthew Effect” as I had hoped, but fortunately there was a backlog of excellent articles to draw from to complete the issue. I was very excited to be able to include essays by both Kelly Gallagher and Tom Newkirk. I think teachers will be thrilled to read what they had to stay about starting the new school year.</p> <p>The issue – which I expect you will all have in your hands by the time of the CATE Board meeting – also includes an ad for CATE2016, details of the CATE Creative Writing Contest, and an ad for the NCTE convention. The featured artist is a former colleague of mine at Santa Monica High School, Amy Bouse.</p> <p>I am sorry that I won’t be able to attend the CATE Board meeting in Costa Mesa. If anyone knows of artists: potters, photographers, painters, or sculptors that might be interested in having their work featured in <i>California English</i>, please send them my way. I have artists lined up for the next two issues but always like to plan far ahead.</p> <p>Any and all suggestions for future calls for manuscripts are most welcome. Please help me distribute this next set of calls throughout your councils and social networks. It’s important to cast a wide net.</p> <p>California English Call for manuscripts November 2015 Educating the Imagination (deadline October 1)</p> <p>Although the Common Core calls for narrative as one of the three types of required writing, the practice of having students write fictional stories seems to be falling by the wayside. In our urgency to prepare students for college and career are we forgetting about educating their imaginations? What might be lost if students neglect their storytelling skills? How do you integrate the writing of fiction, poetry, and drama into your curriculum? How do you assess and/or celebrate these products of students’ imaginations?</p> <p>January 2016 Teaching Civility and Citizenship (deadline December 1, 2015)</p> <p>Preparing young people for democratic life requires more than a semester-long course in civics. We need to help students understand both their rights and their responsibilities as members of a democracy. Are their books, lessons, and writing tasks that can help students take up important roles within their communities? How can we foster concern for the welfare of others? Do current events have a place in the English Language Arts classroom? Please share stories from your classroom, kindergarten through university. 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.</p>