

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 15 and 16, 2004  
Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Sunnyvale

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Anna Roseboro, and after a moment of silence in honor of Chiyo Masuda, introductions were made.

Other members in attendance included Member at Large Kathy Allen, CATE 2004 Chair Oscar Browne, CYRM Representative Peggy Clifford, Capitol Representative Angus Dunstan, Member at Large Bob Chapman, Central Representative Charleen Delfino, Treasurer Anne Fristrom, Convention Coordinator Punky Fristrom, Upper Representative Teisha Hase, Secretary Carleen Hemric, *CALIFORNIA ENGLISH* Editor Carol Jago, Member at Large Cheryl Joseph, Resolutions Chair Jim Kliegl, Southland Representative, Catherine Linn, Policy/Legislative Chair Don Mayfield, Member at Large Liz McAninch, Member at Large JoAnne Mitchell, Vice President Akiko Morimoto, California Writing Project Liaison Faith Nitschke, FACET Representative Jeannie Oppliger, Member at Large DeShea Rushing, Past President Aaron Spain, TUCATE Representative Carol Surabian, Member at Large Joan Williams, Member at Large Bill Younglove, Legislative Analyst Martha Zaragoza-Diaz. Absent: GSDCTE Representative Phil Bowles, Redwood Representative Cheryl Schachter, California Department of Education Representative Beth Brenneman, and representation from Kern.

Hase moved and Williams seconded the approval of the February 6, 2004, minutes. MOTION PASSED.

Younglove moved and Karpowicz seconded the approval of the agenda. MOTION PASSED.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Roseboro noted that CATE Resolutions had been mailed to the appropriate people, but no responses have been received.

Flowers and a note were sent to the family after Chiyo Masuda's passing.

Roseboro expressed appreciation for the warm reception she has received in her visits to the various councils and their events.

P. Fristrom moved and Mitchell seconded the approval of Peggy Clifford as CYRM Representative for an additional year. MOTION PASSED.

VICE PRESIDENT - Morimoto explained hotel and lunch details.

PAST PRESIDENT - Spain moved and Hase seconded that the election of President Maureen Rippee, Vice President Akiko Morimoto, Member at Large Secondary Jaimi Kreilaart, Member at Large Elementary Kathy Allen, Member at Large Unspecified Oscar Browne, Capitol Representative Angus Dunstan, Central Representative Charleen Delfino, FACET Representative Jeannie Oppliger, GSDCTE Representative Phil Bowles, Redwood Representative Jenny McBride, Southland Representative Catherine Linn, TUCATE Representative Carol Surabian, and Upper Representative Teisha Hase be validated by the CATE Board. MOTION PASSED.

Chapman moved and Browne seconded that President Maureen Rippee, Vice President Akiko Morimoto, and Treasurer Anne Fristrom be authorized to sign CATE checks with only one signature is required. MOTION PASSED.

Delfino nominated Sushanna Ellington for the NCTE Classroom Excellence Award, and the Board voted to approve her nomination.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT - Oppliger reported that the council representatives had met. Representatives from Capitol, Central, and Kern were absent. Roseboro has been in contact with Kern. The writing contest was discussed, and a less restrictive prompt was suggested. The Power of One is the group's suggestion for next year's prompt. The group suggests winners in three categories of writing- fiction, non-fiction, and poetry with winners posted on CATEWeb and published in *California English*. To save money it was suggested that the least costly locations be considered for Board meetings and that individuals pay for their own meals.

SECRETARY - Hemric reminded Board members to submit directory updates. The directory will be placed on the website accessible to members only.

TREASURER'S REPORT - A. Fristrom reported a Checking Account balance of \$20,388.11, a Savings Account balance of \$7,513.45, a Memorial CD of \$9,79.04, a Marilyn Kahl Memorial CD of \$5,755.17, a Marilyn Kahl #2 CD of \$10, 037.07, a Vanguard GNMA Portfolio of \$124,772.02, a Vanguard Index Trust of \$26,166.94.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Roseboro reported that current membership totals are Capitol - 90, Central - 512, Fresno - 63, Kern - 31, Redwood - 25, San Diego - 277, Southland - 711, TUCATE - 26, Upper - 34, Libraries - 28, Out-of-state - 40, and Comps - 2 for a total of 1977.

CATE 2004 - Browne reported that the Convention was successful. He included evaluations in his report as well as suggestions for speakers at future conventions. There were 996 registrations.

CONVENTION COORDINATORS - P. Fristrom thanked Oscar Browne and his committee for the successful convention and its profit of \$35,000. A tour of the Santa Clara Convention Center will take place at 4:00 p.m. The on-line registration company we have been using is going out of business.

## **REPORTS OF CATE COUNCILS**

CAPITOL - No report.

CENTRAL- Delfino reported that Central Council had been devastated by the passing of Chiyo Masuda. A memorial fund has been established in her honor to send teachers with less than five years experience to the Asilomar Conference. The Napa Conference was very successful but will not be held next year since CATE '05 is in Santa Clara. The conference will resume in 2006. Central partnered with the San Jose Area Writing Project and McDougall Littell for an inservice day to support new teachers and rejuvenate teachers' classroom libraries with more than 200 free books left over from the ALAN Conference.

FACET - Oppliger reported that FACET is working on making communication between the Board and the members easier. A web page is being developed to add to the CATE website and activities and events that might increase involvement are being planned. A book club has been started. Carol Jago will be conducting a workshop in Fresno this spring, followed by a FACET-sponsored reception where local teachers can meet her. Bonds (\$50.00) were given to four Young Writers Conference students. A new teachers' reception is planned for the beginning of the school year.

GREATER SAN DIEGO - Bowles reported that GSDCTE has filled all Board positions except two. The last meeting of the year will be the annual Awards Dinner on May 27 at the University of San Diego to honor CATE 2004 honorees, CATE Creative Writing Contest winners, NCTE Achievement in Writing Award winners, and NCTE Promising Young Writers as well as an outstanding local new teacher and a supportive administrator. The special speaker of the evening will be CATE President Anna Roseboro.

KERN - No report.

REDWOOD - McBride reported that the Redwood Council has been busy coordinating the CATE Creative Writing Contest with teachers at Arcata High School organizing the event. The winners' publications are being printed, and an awards ceremony will be held May 17. Redwood hopes to increase its membership as more counties are added to that council.

SOUTHLAND - Linn reported that Southland's Spring Fling at Santa Anita Park held on April 3, 2004, was very successful. The Teacher Roundtables have continued. The Fall Conference in Ontario is being planned in Ontario with the support of the Inland Area Writing Project. State Farm Insurance funded a grant written by Linn for \$6880.00 for 172 new memberships for 2004-2005.

TUCATE - Surabian reported that President Roseboro had conducted a workshop for Tulare County teachers with very enthusiastic responses.

UPPER – No report

Committees met from 10:45 to 12:30 when the group adjourned for lunch. Following lunch the group reconvened and began with appreciation and gifts for those who are leaving the board: Jim Kliegl, Joan Williams, and Aaron Spain and presentation of a gavel to the incoming president, Maureen Rippee. Roseboro was thanked for her leadership as president.

## **REPORTS OF LIAISONS**

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT - Breneman's report will be posted online.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Zaragoza -Diaz reported that Governor Schwarzenegger had achieved behind closed doors his four goals: reforming workers compensation, the rebasing of Prop. 98 reducing funding for K-12 by \$2 billion, the Higher Ed Compact, and a local government budget agreement. This was all done without legislative input. Ruth Green is the new president of the State Board of Education, and ETS has been the successful bidder for administering the CAHSEE exams. Zaragoza-Diaz shared the bills she is following and the May Revise Growth and COLA totals.

*CALIFORNIA ENGLISH* - Jago reported that the February issue of *CALIFORNIA ENGLISH* has been submitted to NCTE for the 2004 professional journal award. The criteria has been changed to reflect how an affiliate publication should serve members who are classroom teachers rather than as a venue for the publication of academic research. The April issue is already in members' hands and includes our first installment of "The Power of One" stories by CATE Board members Punky Fristrom, Jo Anne Mitchell, and Faith Nitschke. Jago's CATE '04 session resulted in some young teachers' submissions. Future calls for manuscripts include June 2004 - Leaving No Child Behind (deadline - April 15), September 2004 - African American Literature (deadline July 1).

CYRM - Clifford reported the primary focus of the spring meeting was to count the 500,000 votes for the five categories of books. Titles of winners as well as titles of the 17 nominated books for 2005-06 are present on websites of all sponsoring organizations. Arthur Clement, author of *The School Story*, is being invited to the CYRM luncheon on February 19 in Santa Clara. Members examined a draft of the 2005 resource book written by all committee members. An editing committee will meet at CRA on July 16. Copies of the book will be available at the annual conferences/conventions of the four sponsoring groups. The nominations for 2004-2005 are Primary - *Blabber Mouse* by True Kelley, *Daisy Come Home* by Jan Brett; *Duck on a Bike* by David Shannon, "Let's Get a Pup!" said Kate by Bob Graham; *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* by Candace Fleming; Intermediate - *Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech, *Secret School* by Avi; *When the Circus Came to Town* by Laurence Yep; Middle School/Junior High - *Breaking Through* by

Francisco Jimenez; Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan, Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements; Young Adult -Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes, Of Sound Mind by Jean Ferris, Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz; Picture Books for Older Readers - Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles, Mr. Lincoln's Way by Patricia Polacco, and Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim Bridges.

CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERATURE PROJECT - Jago reported that the Literature Project continues to struggle in terms of funding. She shared a flyer from the UCLA project. Elementary and secondary initiatives are in various stages.

FOUR C'S - Allen reported that the CCCC needed suggestions for spending some of the money they have accumulated. Funding a special edition of California English was suggested.

CALIFORNIA WRITING PROJECT - Nitschke reported that she and Joseph are working on a strand of CWP-sponsored workshops for CATE 2005. The CWP leadership appreciates the CATE resolution regarding the subject matter projects. The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning has released a briefing A Collision Course: High Expectations for Students, Low Investment in Teacher Training available at (<http://www.cftl.org/centerviews/april04.html>). CWP is an affiliate of NWP (National Writing Project). That affiliation is the source of federal funding for the CWP local sites, funding that is chaptered in Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or No Child Left Behind. Members of Congress and 17 chief state school officers, led by Superintendent O'Connell, are challenging a number of the provisions of NCLB, in particular the funding formula and accountability system. Until those challenges are resolved, teachers and districts need support in addressing the requirements of NLCB compliance and in making adequate yearly progress. To find out what support CWP can offer, go to (<http://csmp.ucop.edu/cwp/news/NCLB.html>).

CATE WEBMASTER - L. Jordan reported that a CATE Members Only area has been established on the CATEWeb that is password protected and contains California English, CATE's California Literary Map, and a new discussion board. An archive of past California English issues has been set up with a search engine to find articles accessible by key words. A CATE members list serv has been established to convey messages to members. A protected area for CATE Board members accessible by password only will soon be available.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

POLICY/CENSORSHIP (Mayfield, chair; Chapman, Jago, Karpowicz, Kliegl, McAninch, Spain, and Younglove) - Mayfield reported that the Policy/Censorship Committee recommends continuation of the contract for the services of Martha Zaragoza-Diaz. Zaragoza-Diaz reported on the following highlights: the May Revise including an attempt to suspend Proposition 98 funding, legislation including reauthorization of STAR, a seal of approval of 9-12 materials, designation of the state superintendent as the state education agency as opposed to the State Board of Education. She discussed the new membership of the SBE.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/LIAISONS - (Morimoto, Chair, Delfino, Hemric, Joseph, Oppliger, and Rushing.) The committee agreed that CATE should continue to include the leadership line in the budget. An attempt should be made to increase people of color and people from private schools as we recruit new people to CATE. The suggestions for budget cuts included having meetings in the most economical areas, having council representatives meetings only twice a year and perhaps establishing a listserv for them instead, reducing the leadership line to \$1000, the president's office to \$1500, reducing NCTE delegates to two, meal allowances to \$10.00. The committee recommended that convention presenters be given half rather than full registration free, that the number of California English issues be reduced by one, that the \$20 half price CATE memberships be eliminated, and that as a last resort, one Board meeting a year be eliminated.

CONVENTION COORDINATING - (P. Fristrom, chair; Allen, Berry, Browne, A. Fristrom, Hase, Linn, Mitchell, Roseboro, Stockton, and Williams). The committee discussed CATE 2005, and the chairs reported Anna Quindlind is a possibility for a speaker. The Pre-Convention will be handled by the San Jose Writing Project, and college credit will be available for \$100 per unit through San Jose State University. Charlene Delfino will donate her services as instructor

P. Fristrom moved and A. Fristrom seconded that the fee structure will be changed to \$40.00 for lunches and brunches, \$50 for Saturday dinner, registration - \$150 (members) and \$190 (non-members), student teachers - \$50, and elimination of the first year teacher discount. On-site registration will be \$190 for members and \$220 for nonmembers. MOTION PASSED.

Joseph moved and Allen seconded that we not offer complimentary registrations to CATE 2005 presenters. MOTION PASSED.

Allen moved and Dunstan seconded that publishers who present at CATE conventions be charged \$300 per session MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Spain seconded that the Kaw Company be retained as the exhibits manager for CATE 2005. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Dunstan seconded to authorize the Convention Coordinator to advertise for a new exhibits manager for CATE 2006 at the rate we are currently paying. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Spain seconded to offer Linda Scott a contract as CATE 2005 registrar with an increase of \$1.00 per registrant. Should she decline, the Convention Coordinator shall be empowered to consult Cheryl Schachter and offer her the contract at the same terms. In case she does not accept, the Convention Coordinator shall be empowered to advertise immediately for a registrar on CATENET and CATEWeb, and failing an applicant to consult with and employ a commercial registrar by July 1. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Chapman seconded that Teisha Hayes be appointed Convention Coordinator for 2004-2005. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Spain seconded that CATE 2009 be held at the Santa Clara Marriott February 20-22. MOTION PASSED.

Other future convention sites include: 2006 - Anaheim; 2007 - Fresno; 2008 - Long Beach;. Santa Clara - 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M. for a tour of the Santa Clara Convention Center.

Sunday, May 16

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by President Roseboro and committees met until 10:00 A.M. when they returned for reports.

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE (Morimoto, chair, Bowles, Dunstan, A. Fristrom, P. Fristrom, Hase, Kliegl, Linn, Oppliger Roseboro, Spain, Williams)P. Fristrom moved and Spain seconded to suspend Policy 8.1.3 which requires an external review. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Chapman seconded to approve the attached budget and add money from reserves to balance income and expenses. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLICATIONS (Chapman, chair; Berry, Bowles, Delfino, Dunstan, Jago, Mayfield, McAninch, and Younglove) Winners of the CATE Creative Writing Contest are Grades 3-4 - Marissa Salinas, FACET; Grades 5-6 - Alexander Welter, Central; Grades 7-8 - Rhiannon Roper, Redwood; high

school - Amanda Cocking, Redwood. A written report on the CATEWeb resume service from Bowles including questions of legality and confidentiality was discussed. Bowles has been working with L. Jordan on this issue. Users need to be contacted and grants researched to pay for management.

Reducing one issue of *CALIFORNIA ENGLISH* will save \$8500.

The new schedule for the CATE Creative Writing Contest includes having the prompt by July, flyers by August 1, in *CALIFORNIA ENGLISH* by August 1, December 1 deadline, electronic judging in January, and winners celebrated at the convention.

The CATEWeb Members Only should be accessed and used by Board members. The first question got only one response. The new question is on teaching strategies.

Mayfield asked for suggestions for CommuniCATE. Jago will assist Mayfield with material, sources, and ideas to help schools provide Exit Exam courses this summer and next year. Breneman's and Zaragoza-Diaz's reports could be included.

Burke should run Breneman's report and a reminder of CATEWeb Members Only on CATENET.

MEMBERSHIP (Allen, chair; Allen, Hemric, Joseph, Mitchell, Stockton, and Surabian) The group discussed replacing the Membership Chair, Precision's readiness to change council designation to counties, discontinuing payment for staffing the CATE booth at any conference, distributing membership flyers and convention flyers to summer writing projects and any local conferences, and sending a letter from the Membership Chair to Kern Council seeking leadership. Mitchell will take over completion of the small conference handbook. The committee feels the budget should be maintained at its current level. The committee recommends giving the presenters half price registration.

New Business - Delfino announced that Central had set up a scholarship fund in honor of Chiyo Masuda to endow attendance at the Asilomar Conference. Checks may be sent to Central Council.

Joan Williams and Liz McAninch were nominated to complete Masuda's term as Membership Chair. Joan Williams was elected.

Tish Griggs and Don Mayfield were nominated as Resolutions Chairs. Don Mayfield was elected.

P. Fristrom moved and Allen seconded to name DeShea Rushing as the coordinator for the NCTE Achievement in Writing Awards. MOTION PASSED

Kliegl moved and Chapman seconded approval of the following Board Resolution.

" Background: English language arts teachers understand the power of poetry. In the present atmosphere of high-stakes, basic skills testing, teaching poetry been overlooked. It is encouraging that ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) recognizes the value of teaching poetry in their April, 2004 issue of Leadership Magazine entitled 'Nurturing the Imagination of Others: the Power of Poetry.' Resolution: The Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) commends the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) for their publication, 'Nurturing the Imagination of Others: the Power of Poetry.' MOTION PASSED.

Chapman moved and Kliegl seconded adjournment at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carleen Hemric, Secretary