

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 6 and 7, 2000
Hilton Airport Hotel, Oakland

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Anna Roseboro, and members introduced themselves. Other members in attendance included Member at Large Kathy Allen, CATE 2005 Co-Chair Michelle Berry, GSDCTE Representative Phil Bowles, CATE 2004 Chair Oscar Browne, Central Representative Charleen Silva Delfino, Capitol Representative Angus Dunstan, Member at Large Bob Chapman, Treasurer Anne Fristrom, Convention Coordinator Punky Fristrom, Kern Representative Nicole Cerotsky for Claudia Keith, Upper Representative Teisha Hase, Secretary Carleen Hemric, Member at Large Jo Anne Mitchell, CALIFORNIA ENGLISH Editor Carol Jago, Resolutions Chair Jim Kliegl, Southland Representative Catherine Linn, Membership Chair Chiyo Masuda. Member at Large Liz McAninch, Policy/Legislative Chair Don Mayfield, Vice President Akiko Morimoto, California Writing Project Liaison Faith Nitschke, FACET Representative Jeannie Oppliger, Past President Aaron Spain, TUCATE Representative Carol Surabian, Redwood Representative Cheryl White, Member at Large Joan Williams, Member at Large Bill Younglove and Legislative Analyst Martha Zaragoza-Diaz (Saturday only) . Absent: California Department of Education Representative Beth Breneman, Member at Large Lorraine Garcia, and Member at Large Cheryl Joseph.

Spain moved and White seconded the approval of the May, 2003 minutes with corrections in future board meeting dates and the change of Southland's fall conference to October 18, not 28. MOTION PASSED.

The following issues discussed and noted in the May minutes were made into motions.

P. Fristrom moved and Surabian seconded to increase the Convention registration from \$125 to \$130. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and White seconded to send only three delegates to NCTE. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Browne seconded to purchase no new membership gift for this year's convention. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and White seconded to reduce the Board allowance for dinner from \$18 to \$15. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Chapman seconded that ad rates for California English be raised according to the following schedule: full page color -\$500, 2 insertions - \$450, and 4 insertions - \$425; full page black and white - \$400, 2 insertions - \$375, and 4 insertions - \$350; 1/2 page black and white - \$200, 2 insertions - \$185, and 4 insertions - \$145; 1/4 page black and white -\$175, 2 insertions - \$150, and 4 insertions - \$130; 1/8 page black and white - \$100, 2 insertions - \$80, and 4 insertions - \$70. MOTION PASSED

White moved and Chapman seconded the approval of the agenda. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Roseboro reported that she had sent letters to two California legislators and an education administrator who were reported to have been critical of professional curriculum organization suggesting that council programs and conferences did not support state mandates. She shared a CATE 2003 program and invited the three of them to be our guests or to present at CATE 2004. She received a response from the Fresno Superintendent of Schools. A letter of thanks was sent to the Kahl family for the \$10,000 bequest to the Marilyn Kahl Scholarship Fund. Maureen Rippee chaired the selection committee for this year's competition. She suggests that the process be reviewed, and a new 2004 chair be named. Lorraine Tracey tendered her resignation as Member at Large, College. One nomination was received and posted on the list-serve. Linn moved and P. Fristrom seconded to accept DeShea Rushing as Member at Large College to complete Lorraine Tracey's term. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Duncan seconded that we confirm Faith Nitschke as CATE liaison for the California Writing Project. MOTION PASSED.

White moved and Browne seconded that we accept the committee structure as proposed by President Roseboro and corrected. MOTION PASSED.

Allen moved and Berry seconded that we confirm the current Advisory structure which represents the various areas of the state for this year. MOTION PASSED.

Dunstan moved and Chapman confirmed Bill Younglove as the NCTE Achievement in Writing Coordinator. MOTION PASSED.

The Board voted to confirm Lisa Hernandez as Coordinator of the NCTE Promising Young Writers Program.

P. Fristrom moved and Spain seconded to table naming a coordinator for the NCTE literary magazine competition. MOTION PASSED.

VICE PRESIDENT - Morimoto reported that future Board meeting dates include December 5 and 6 - LAX area, February 5 - San Diego, and May 15 and 16 in the San Jose area.

PAST PRESIDENT - White moved and Brown seconded that the CATE delegates to NCTE be President Roseboro, Policy/Censorship Chair Mayfield, and Convention Coordinator P. Fristrom. MOTION PASSED.

Mitchell moved and Browne seconded tabling the discussion of the Distinguished Service nominees until after the Committee meeting. MOTION PASSED.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT - White reported that the Presidents met Friday evening. They discussed CATE 2009 and duties for CATE 2004. The President's Handbook is being reviewed with Dunstan in charge. Council designation changes are going forward. White moved and Delfino seconded that the proposed by-laws revision changing council designations to counties rather than zip codes be effective July 1, 2004 if approved by CATE membership. MOTION PASSED.

Surabian moved and Spain seconded that TUCATE receive a grant of up to \$500 from the CATE Memorial Fund to fund after school sessions for teachers. P. Fristrom moved and Hase seconded to table this motion until after the Executive Finance Committee Meeting. MOTION PASSED.

SECRETARY - Hemric reminded Board members to submit directory updates. New policies are available to be picked up along with Presidents' Handbooks, By-laws, and binders for new council presidents and new members to the Board. The introduction and Policies 1, 2, and 3 will be discussed in December.

TREASURER - A. Fristrom reported a Checking Account balance of \$12,753.64 a Savings Account 1 balance of \$5,626.93, a Savings Account 2 balance of \$41,123.14, a Memorial CD balance of \$9,726.17, a Marilyn Kahl Memorial CD balance of \$6,208.68, a Vanguard GNMA Portfolio of \$123,071.52, and a Vanguard Index Trust of \$24,227.81. A. Fristrom moved and Hase seconded that in December a second cd for the Marilyn Kahl fund be established by removing all the money except \$10,000 from Savings Account 2 and placing it in Savings Account 1, and renaming the Savings Account 2 the Marilyn Kahl Fund cd. MOTION PASSED.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Masuda reported that current membership totals are Capitol - 112, Central - 658, Fresno - 74, Kern - 34, Redwood - 35, San Diego - 268, Southland - 670, TUCATE - 23, Upper - 35, Libraries - 28, Out-of-state - 34, and Comps - 2 for a total of 2166. Memberships have decreased 26% (693) members since September, 2002. We will have a booth at CRA in San Diego November 6-8. NCTE's new web site will include a management system for affiliates' membership rosters. There will be training on the use of the web site at the NCTE convention.

CONVENTION 2004 - Browne reported that confirmed speakers include Michael Chabon, Judith Ortiz Cofer (sponsored by Prentice Hall), Gail Tsukiyama, Sharon Flake, and Maxine Hong

Kingston. Carole Le Cren has designed the convention flyer, and Don Mayfield is coordinating the program. Martha Plender has agreed to do the College Credit. Robin Luby has coordinated a musical theatre program from San Diego State for Friday night. The California Young Reader Medal Primary winner scheduled for our convention will not be able to attend, and the slot will need to be filled. Suggestions, including Pam Munoz Ryan from San Diego, were offered.

CONVENTION COORDINATORS - Fristrom and Hase reported that the room reservation form for board and resolution committee members is available on CATEweb. It should be filled out and returned as soon as possible. Council presidents should discuss their needs for hospitality suites and are reminded that they are encouraged to fund parts of the convention. Board members are reminded to provide gifts for exhibitors and books for new teachers.

Future convention sites include 2005 February 18-20, Santa Clara (chairs: Michelle Berry and Linda Stockton); 2006 February 3-5, Anaheim (chair needs to be named by May); 2007 February 9-11 Fresno; 2008 February 7-9 Long Beach. CATE 2009 should be in the north.

REPORTS OF LIAISONS

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT – Breneman’s report will be posted on CATEWeb as soon as she returns from vacation.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Zaragoza-Diaz provided information regarding the 2003-2004 state budget which includes full funding for k-3 and 9th grade class reduction, economic impact aid, staff development buyout days, child nutrition and the math and reading professional development program, funds for the STAR program, CELDT, and the high school exit exam. The “assessment bills,” AB356-Hancock and AB 1670 Kehoe became 2-year bills. The passage of Proposition 54 would have a negative impact on the state in pursuing gains in academic achievement for all students and in establishing accountability at all levels.

Zaragoza-Diaz presented a digest of bills CATE is following and will provide information concerning where various gubernatorial candidates stand on education issues. Perhaps an electronic issue of CommuniCATE will be devoted to this.

C CALIFORNIA ENGLISH - Jago reported that several universities in California and Michigan are interested in using the two-volume Young Adult Literature issues of CALIFORNIA ENGLISH. Books from various publishers have been sent to CATE members for review. The next issue will feature the art of Kate Anders from Southland Council. A suggestion has been made to run an issue on international education. Feedback from Board members would be welcomed. All 2002 winners of the student creative writing contest have been published. The professional writing contest winning entry will be published in the February issue. Future calls for manuscripts include: - Books for Boys; November, 2003 (deadline - September 15) - A Call for Stories: Maintaining Powerful Literacy; February, 2004 (deadline - December 15); Words, Words, Words; April, 2003 (deadline - February, 15).

C CYRM - No report

CALIFORNIA WRITING PROJECT - Nitschke reported that CWP leadership had appreciated CATE’s resolution supporting subject matter projects and felt this resolution and letters from CATE Board members had influenced the legislature to fund those projects that were funded. Browne moved and Spain seconded to appoint Angus Dunstan as a representative from CATE to the California Writing Project Advisory Board. MOTION PASSED. Three CATE Board members and President Roseboro are invited to a Writing Project Conference on October 3 and 4 in Sacramento. Allen, Oppliger, and Spain will attend.

CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERATURE PROJECT - Jago reported that the subject matter projects will continue to be in jeopardy.

CATE WEBMASTER - L. Jordan noted on-line that he has been working on a list serve which has a protected area requiring a password that could change periodically. The Board would decide

what goes within the protected area which could possibly be *California English*, California Authors, CommuniCATE and the California Literary Map.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:00 to 12:45 P.M.

REPORTS OF CATE COUNCILS

CAPITOL - Dunstan noted that in collaboration with the Sacramento Valley Writing Collaborative three workshops were planned for this school year: in October at CSU Sacramento on Critical Reading of Non-Fiction, in February at Sacramento City College on Web-based Research Strategies, and in April at UC Davis on Revision Strategies. Capitol will also collaborate with the other northern councils in the Napa Conference.

CENTRAL - Delfino. reported that CATE is proud to support the Asilomar Conference 53; however, the recent trend in low conference/convention attendance is reflected in the reduced number of registrations. A second area of concern is the drop in membership which will probably continue with CATE's being in the south for the second year since NCTE is in San Francisco in November. Central plans to focus on supporting new teachers and recruiting new members, particularly people of color. The CATE Board has several new members who will bring fresh ideas and vigor to their role.

FACET - Oppliger reported that FACET has a new board of directors. A New Teachers Reception has been scheduled for September 26. Each new teacher comes free with a veteran teacher. There will be a classroom management exchange and survival skills handouts as well as refreshments and professional books as door prizes. In January a dinner is planned to honor Connie Hales and her new book of poetry. Two \$250 scholarships to the Yosemite Conference the last weekend in October will be given.

GREATER SAN DIEGO - Bowles reported that the GSDCTE Fall Kickoff will be held in north country. Promising Practices will be held on December 3-4 at the Town and Country with Le Thi Diem Thuy, a graduate of San Diego High School and an NCTE Achievement in Writing Award winner and the author of a recently published book *The Gangster We Are All Looking For* based on her own experiences in the Asian community of Linda Vista. A second speaker will be San Diego poet, playwright, and community college teacher Farrell Foreman who is researching the history of the African American cowboy and writing a play script based on that research.

KERN - Cerotsky for Keith reported that Kern's biggest challenge is increasing membership

REDWOOD - White reported that Redwood is planning a meeting in October as a welcome for new teachers in the area. The group looks forward to participating in the Napa Conference this year and having more Redwood members attend.

SOUTHLAND - Linn reported that Southland had held a special membership meeting in July to plan and structure a series of quarterly roundtables in multiple geographical areas to bring the professional organizations to the teachers. Conference of the Living Tree and the Spring Conference are both in place, and the Fall Conference is well on its way to completion. Southland has revised the format of the newsletter Sunspots.

TUCATE - Surabian reported that TUCATE hopes to continue TAI's (Teacher Afternoon Institutes) to present a monthly opportunity for strategy sessions and curriculum development. Funding has been requested from CATE

UPPER - Hase noted that Upper looked forward to continued involvement in the Napa Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY/CENSORSHIP (Mayfield, chair; Chapman, Cerotsky, Jago, Kliegl, McAninch, Spain, Younglove, and Zaragoza-Diaz) At Jago's request, Zaragoza-Diaz will inquire about legislation on revision of state content standards.

The committee discussed the wording of 2003 resolutions and several board resolutions. The committee declined to submit resolutions to NCTE.

Mayfield moved and Oppliger seconded that CATE should create a Board Resolution thanking Governor Davis and the state legislature for their support in continuing funding for the subject matter projects.

Hase moved and Kliegl seconded that this motion be tabled until tomorrow. MOTION PASSED.

Mayfield moved and P. Fristrom seconded that the Policy Censorship Committee explore an ex-officio position on the ACSD Board. MOTION PASSED.

The committee's goals for the year are to increase our presence in Sacramento by visiting State Board of Education members, new chairs of Senate/Assembly education committees, by increasing involvement with other organizations such as ACSA, by publishing profiles of leading policy and legislative figures in CALIFORNIA ENGLISH and COMMUNICate, by publishing education platforms of major "recall" candidates for governor, by publishing CATE Board resolutions in support of legislative activity and professional organizations.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/LIAISONS - (Morimoto and Dunstan, Chairs; Bowles, Hemric, Masuda, Surabian, White) The committee felt that the leadership practice of bringing prospective leaders to board meetings had been successful and should be continued. Presidents are reminded that there is money in the leadership budget to promote this leadership development. Reducing the number of members at large by one was discussed.

Local councils were encouraged to promote membership by having new teacher receptions, one-half price memberships, visiting college methods classes, and offering scholarships for local conferences. Volunteer were solicited to man the CATE booth at NCTE, showing sample authors from the CATE electronic authors' map.

Southland was asked to form a committee for administering the Marilyn Kahl Award. Member at Large Joan Williams could serve as the Board representative. We have a tentative Reid scholarship nominee from FACET.

The Presidents' Handbook is being revised and will include information on reporting new members from Masuda and a reminder to Council presidents to send their newsletters to all Board members.

CONVENTION COORDINATING - (P. Fristrom, chair; Allen, Berry, Browne, A. Fristrom, Hase, Linn, Mitchell, Oppliger, Roseboro, Stockton) P. Fristrom moved and Browne seconded to authorize the Convention Coordinator to solicit bid for the position of CATE Exhibits Manager using the current job descriptions and commission schedule except for commission for California English ads. Bids should be due by December 1, 2003 with the view of board action at the December Board meeting. MOTION PASSED.

Sponsors are being sought for any events during the Convention .

The group reviewed and discussed the P. Fristrom suggestions posted in the Board Reports including the participation of CATE in political presence through electronic communication (email trees, etc., for discussion of gubernatorial positions, to influence legislation), supporting programs that encourage good teaching through board resolutions, supporting subject matter projects, AVID, the Advanced Placement Program and Reading Recovery. Copies of these resolutions should be sent to district superintendents, boards of education, and principals at the request of members and support for first year teachers with a reprint of CATE's "A Sampler for New Teachers" and a cover letter from the CATE President to any first year teacher whose name and address are submitted by any CATE member in response to offers in CALIFORNIA ENGLISH, on CATEWeb, or on CATENET. The letter will include a offer for CATE membership for \$20 and a Convention rate of \$50.

Sunday, September 7

The group reconvened at 8:00 A.M.

Allen moved and Browne seconded modifying the agenda as proposed by Roseboro. MOTION PASSED.

Oppliger moved and Linn seconded that Shelley Vizcarra of FACET be the recipient of Virginia Reid Scholarship. MOTION PASSED.

Committee reports were given.

MEMBERSHIP (Masuda, chair; Allen, Hemric, Mitchell, Surabian and White.) The committee would like to establish CATE membership processing procedures for small conferences. Hase and Mitchell will design a small conferences handbook. White moved and Browne seconded to provide expenses for Linda Scott to attend the December Board meeting on Sunday to meet with the Membership Committee and interested registrars from small conferences. MOTION PASSED. The group reviewed the schedule for the process for changing boundaries. The membership brochure will be redesigned after the boundary changes are official. During the NCTE Convention the committee will look at NCTE's new website and its membership features for affiliates. The committee will meet at CATE 2004 with council membership chairs. Increasing membership continues to be our goal.

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE (Morimoto, chair; Browne, Cerotsky, P. Fristrom, A. Fristrom, Hase, , Kliegl, Oppliger, Roseboro, Spain, Williams) Morimoto moved and White seconded that TUCATE receive up to \$500 for teachers institutes from the Memorial Fund. MOTION PASSED.

Hase moved and Browne seconded that CATE underwrite the attendance of Gary Thomas at NCTE 2003, paying his registration, per diem for one day, and transportation. MOTION PASSED.

Morimoto moved and Berry seconded that Carol Le Cren revise and reprint the "Sampler for New Teachers" at a cost of up to \$4000.

Oppliger moved and Browne seconded the motion until after the presentation by Jacque Biddle. MOTION PASSED.

Spain moved and Kliegl seconded to put the motion back on the table. MOTION PASSED.

The original motion was placed back on the floor. Morimoto moved and Berry seconded that Carol Le Cren revise and reprint the "Sampler for New Teachers" at a cost of up to \$4000. MOTION PASSED. A draft will be placed on CATEWeb for members to review and submit suggestions to Le Cren. Phil Bowles and Kathy Allen from the Board will work with her.

Morimoto moved and Chapman seconded to allocate up to \$1000 for postages and envelopes for mailing the sampler. MOTION PASSED.

Morimoto moved and Dunstan seconded to provide a new teacher registration at CATE 2004 for \$50 and a membership rate of \$20. MOTION PASSED.

Morimoto moved and Chapman seconded to allocate up to \$500 to send board resolutions to local principals and school districts as well as to the usual list. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLICATIONS (Chapman, chair; Berry, Bowles, Delfino, Dunstan, Jago, Mayfield, McAninch, Nitschke, Younglove)

The November call for manuscripts has not gotten a lot of response, allowing space for contest winners, etc. Artists are needed for future issues. The focus of the June 2004 will be "No Child Left Behind."

The next issue of CommuniCATE will include information about gubernatorial candidate positions and Proposition 54. Other ideas include UC application changes to personal statement, federal mandates, U.S. Department of Education "Passport to Teaching and ABCTE credential tests, Teacher Prep at the Crossroads (CSAT).

Chapman noted that he will now be the liaison to Jordan and CATEweb. The Board needs to develop job descriptions for CATEweb and CATENET moderators.

Olga Kokino has finalists for Professional Writing Contest. Jago and Chapman will help with judging.

Carole Le Cren has the flyer for the 2004 CATE Writing Contest which Chapman will send to Committee members and Council presidents and included in the November issue of CALIFORNIA ENGLISH. Mayfield suggested pulling contests together with other organizations and Scholastic magazines.

Mayfield said that NCTE wanted the electronic literary map set up. Dunstan will help with northern California writers and Bowles with southern California writers.

Chapman reminded the committee that there should be a political forum in CATE publications, that members should write for other organizations and publications concerning CATE perspectives and political views. The group decided that Teacher Education, Preparation, and Credentialing would be an area in which to begin.

Jacque Joseph Biddle brought greetings from NCTE, thanked CATE for its collaboration with NCTE 2003, and announced that Punky Fristrom would be receiving a special award prior to the Saturday night Scholastic dinner.

OLD BUSINESS

Berry moved and McAninch seconded that should the Leonards decline to accept the position of NCTE Literary Magazine Coordinator, Jeannie Oppliger be approved. MOTION PASSED.

Spain placed the names of Vince Piro and Lorraine Tracey as candidates for the Distinguished Service Award.

Mayfield moved and P. Fristrom seconded that the following CATE Board Resolution be sent to all those to whom the original resolution was sent as well as the UC Chancellor.

Background: At CATE's Annual Business Meeting, February, 2003, the CATE membership unanimously passed a resolution which urged the Governor, the California State Legislature continue support for and funding of the California Reading and Literature Project and the California Writing Project.

Resolution: Be it resolved that CATE commend and thank Governor Gray Davis and the California State Legislature for passing a budget that continues to fund the California subject matter projects, especially the California Writing Project and the California Reading and Literature Projects. MOTION PASSED.

Younglove presented the research he had done concerning a CATE endowment including contact with NCTE and internet searching. Several suggestions were presented.

P. Fristrom moved and Berry seconded that CATE pass the following board resolution commending the AP program. MOTION PASSED.

Background: The Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) commends the work of the Advanced Placement Program. The Advanced Placement Program consists not only of the Advanced Placement Examinations which enable high school students to earn college credits, but it also contains an excellent program of staff development based on the premise of teachers teaching teachers. The English examinations are extensive and contain approaches to evaluation supported by CATE. They are based on the Advanced Placement curriculum, contain writing samples as well as multiple choice questions which relate to a provided text and are scored by teachers who are trained in the techniques of test evaluation. The consistent and improving results demonstrate the strength of California schools in all areas of the curriculum. The Advanced Placement Program has proved invaluable in improving student performance in California.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the Governor, the California State Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, local boards of education and English language arts teachers to continue support for and funding of the Advanced Placement Program. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Bowles seconded that CATE pass the following board resolution commending the AVID program.

Background: The Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) commends the work of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination). AVID has shown amazing success in preparing students from underrepresented groups for academic success in high school, college admission, and success in college. It is based on the principle that so-called average students can succeed in an advanced college preparatory program if they are given instruction in language arts skills, special tutoring, and a supportive environment. AVID was originally created by a classroom teacher and contains an excellent program of staff development based on the premise of teachers teaching teachers. The AVID language arts curriculum has been created by classroom teachers and is based on methods supported by CATE. AVID has proven to be pedagogically sound and has provided invaluable training every year to thousands of California teachers in improving student performance.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the Governor, the California State Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, local boards of education and English language arts teachers to continue support for and funding of AVID. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Hase seconded that CATE pass the following board resolution commending the California Reading and Literature Project.

Background: The Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) commends the work of the California Reading and Literature Project (CRLP). The CRLP has improved the teaching of reading and literature in California by focusing on staff development for teachers. Its basic premise of teachers teaching teachers has allowed the rich resource of experienced classroom teachers to be used with the result of improved student learning. The CRLP has provided invaluable training every year to thousands of California teachers.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the Governor, the California State Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, local boards of education and English language arts teachers to continue support for and funding of the California Reading and Literature Project. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and White seconded that CATE pass a board resolution commending the California Writing Project.

Background: The Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) commends the work of the California Writing Project. The CWP has improved the teaching of writing in California by focusing on staff development for teachers. Its basic premise of teachers teaching teachers has allowed the rich resource of experienced classroom teachers to be used with the result of improved student learning. The CWP has provided invaluable training every year to thousands of California teachers.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) urge the Governor, the California State Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, local boards of education and English language arts teachers to continue support for and funding of the California Writing Project. MOTION PASSED.

P. Fristrom moved and Allen seconded that CATE pass a board resolution commending the Reading Recovery Program.

Background: The Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) commends the work of the Reading Recovery Program. Reading Recovery has an outstanding record of helping young students learn to read. Its results are particularly impressive because it targets students who are having reading problems. It not only helps students, but Reading Recovery teachers are often an excellent resource for entire faculties. Reading Recovery curriculum is based on a broad range of instructional techniques, including reading literature, studying phonics, writing and many others. Reading Recovery has proven to be pedagogically sound and has proved invaluable every year in improving student reading in California.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the California Association of Teachers of

English (CATE) urge the Governor, the California State Legislature, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, local boards of education and English language arts teachers to continue support for and funding of Reading Recovery. MOTION PASSED.

All of the above resolutions will be sent to Governor Gray Davis; Senate Education Committee, John Vasconcellos, Chair; Assembly Education Committee, Jackie Goldberg, Chair; Secretary of Education Kerry Mazzone; State Board of Education, Reed Hastings, President; Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell; local Boards of Education; Principals; and CATE Membership.

Chapman moved and Kleigl seconded that the meeting adjourn at 12:00 noon. MOTION PASSED.

Carleen Hemric, Secretary

Respectfully submitted,