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*Kansas Association of Teachers of English*

**KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**21 October 1999**  
**6:45 p.m.**  
**Marriott Hotel, Wichita, Ks.**

Members present: Dolores Baker, Luella Barber, Barbara Bleeker, Gerrit Bleeker, Marilyn Brewer, Brooke Bultena, Rosemary Deen, Jean Dimmitt, Shanna Dinkel, Ann Dorrah, John Franklin, Judy Goodpasture, Todd Goodson, Kay Haas, Nancy Jermark, Linda Klabunde, Sharon James McGee, Pat McQueeney, Leslie Noyes, Bill Pallucca, Paula Ripple, Dave Smit, Rochelle Smith, Dana Waters, Teresa Wasinger, White, Goldie Wood.

**Call to order**

President Goldie Wood called the meeting to order at 6:45.

**Approval of minutes**

Paula Ripple moved the minutes of the June 19, 1999, meeting be approved with no additions or corrections. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Approval of agenda**

Dolores Baker moved the agenda be accepted. The agenda was approved with no additions.

**Treasurer's report**

Paula Ripple reported that we have not yet received the return funds from the MATE seed money. The treasurer's report showed a June 30 balance of \$2734.10 for the year. The balance on hand was \$18,425.49. The books have been audited and found in order. Paula Ripple moved we accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Old business**

Goldie asked that members consider taking the position of treasurer. Paula Ripple's term is ending and she declined to be treasurer for another year.

Donna Sears and Judy Goodpasture reported on underwriters for KATE's publications. Judy said that since our status did not allow supporters to deduct expenses from taxes, possible supporters were unwilling to contribute. Paula said that Andy Anderson would need to clarify that status. The discussion was tabled until February.

Sharon McGee reported as Teacher of the Year chairman. She asked that board members encourage at least 3 applicants from both high school and elementary school to apply.

Dana Waters distributed drafts of KATE's resolution condemning concurrent credit for high school students enrolled in college composition classes and stated that the form of the draft would need revision. Judy Goodpasture moved we accept the content of the draft on concurrent credit. Ann Dorrah seconded. Motion carried. Dave Smit suggested that the president appoint a committee to publish the resolution to all concerned audiences including the public. Paula Ripple emphasized that KATE needs to throw its weight behind this. Sharon McGee and Rochelle Smith volunteered to serve on this committee. Dave Smit declined to chair the committee since he would no longer be on the board.

Judy Goodpasture reported she had mailed 400-500 letters to elementary principals soliciting memberships and announcing that KATE publishes student writing. She received membership forms from several principals. Judy reminded board members to pay their dues. Goldie reminded board members they must also be members of NCTE.

Nancy Jermark reported that we have the new recruiting brochures at a cost of \$1040. So far she has distributed 450. She listed the counties being covered and asked board members to pick up brochures if we need them and mark the territory they are covering on the map. She distributed brochures to each member.

Kay Haas reported a total of nine members had signed up to do in-service meetings for the Speakers Bureau. The committee suggested we create a brochure to advertise this service and have a booth at every KATE conference. We will need a program coordinator to serve as a contact person. Kay felt further planning was needed before we were ready for a motion on this issue. Paula Ripple asked about expenses and income. No decisions had been made. Kay passed a list for more volunteers. Kay will remain as chair of the committee; Pat McQueeney, Naomi Bates, Todd Goodson, and Jean Dimmitt will serve. Dave Smit will offer ex officio advice.

Dolores Baker reported on constitutional changes. We need to examine what we do in practice in light of what is actually in the constitution and either follow or amend it. Joy Bunch asked for a review at the next board meeting, especially of assigned duties for each office. Paula Ripple suggested that officers look at their duties and write amendments. Joy Bunch moved that we reexamine the constitution at the February meeting to propose and make amendments. The motion was seconded and carried.

Andy Anderson was not present to discuss changing future conference dates from Thursday/Friday to Friday/Saturday. Judy Goodpasture reported that many of the new members had not expressed the same interest in a Saturday meeting as was found last year. Following discussion of district policies regarding absences, Goldie asked that we survey our districts' policies for discussion in February.

Paula Ripple reported on advertising policies for KATE publications. The consensus of the committee was to accept advertisements since we would have control over content and acceptance. Since Paula will be leaving the board, Jean Dimmitt will chair the committee. John Franklin suggested that Bill Pallucca inquire into publishers' needs and recommended a disclaimer that KATE does not endorse advertised products. Dave Smit suggested we write a

policy to govern what we will accept. Jean will examine the NCTE policy as a model for ours.

## **New business**

Goldie congratulated Rosemary Deen, the conference chair, on a successful conference.

Gloria Bandstra has been appointed to replace Arlene Basom, who is resigning from the board.

Becky Janzen, who prints and mails *KATE Update* and maintains the database, is resigning after the spring issue. KATE will need a printer and someone to maintain the database. It was suggested that KATE look for someone who can print, do bulk mailing, and would remain as printer since continuity is important to help new officers. The membership chair could maintain the database; the recruitment chair and treasurer could provide cross checks of the membership lists. It was recommended that we advertise in *KATE Update* for someone to take Becky's place. Joy Bunch suggested that the KU Division of Continuing Education might be competitive. It was also pointed out that Ag Press has a past history of good work with KATE.

The immediate and senior past president have served as the nominating committee recently. The constitution calls for five members. Since Dolores Baker teaches in middle school and Goldie Wood in high school, Goldie suggested a committee member from a community college and a university. Dave Smit pointed out that the board usually provides names. Dolores passed a list for board members' nominations, and she also asked for volunteers for the committee.

Goldie Wood called attention to the KATE magnets that Dolores Baker had had made. Judy Goodpasture moved we sell the magnets for two for a dollar. The motion was seconded and carried. Dolores submitted a bill for the magnets.

## **Reports**

John Franklin, *Kansas English* editor, showed overheads of the new letterhead and cover for *Kansas English*. It was decided to use standard capitalization in the title. John reported that even though the proposed cover would be more expensive, advertising and limiting publication to one issue a year should reduce the cost to KATE. Dolores Baker asked how binding the copyright form is. Dave Smit explained that it is a standard form and KATE would grant permission to print in other journals. John pointed out that we do not want to publish texts that have been published other places, nor do we want other publications publishing our texts.

Donna Sears will consider another cover color for *Young Kansas Writers*. Paula Ripple mentioned that she had never received a check from Manhattan Arts Council, who underwrote the publication. Donna will check with them.

Gerrit Bleeker reported that thirty-four juniors submitted writing for the NCTE Writing Award. He thanked judges who helped.

Kay Haas thanked the judges for the Program to Promote Excellence in Literary Magazines. There were nine submissions. Kay will release names and rankings in February. She asked for judges for next year. Sue McKinney had suggested making a display of the magazines at the KATE conference.

On behalf of Anne Kay Phillips, Barbara Bleeker reported that the William Allen White Award nominees will be announced as soon as they are checked with publishers.

Joy Bunch, SLATE representative, had heard from one person about a censorship issue. She announced that she had pamphlets on censorship of various media available.

### **Installation of Officers**

Goldie Wood recognized the following outgoing board members for their work on the KATE board: Luella Barber, Ann Dorrah, Paula Ripple, Bill Pallucca, Kay Flook, Barbara Bleeker, and Dave Smit.

The following new members of the KATE Executive Board were installed: Mindy Applegate, Brooke Bultena, Shana Dinkel, Kay Flook, Todd Goodson, Pat McQueeney, Diane McReynolds, and Leslie Noyes. New board members Pam Bachman, Scott Feister, and Steve Kucharick were not present.

The following officers were installed: John Franklin, *Kansas English* editor; Linda Klabunde, *Younger Kansas Writers* editor; Dana Waters, secretary; Joy Bunch, second vice-president and membership chair; Judy Goodpasture, vice-president and conference chair; and Rosemary Deen, president.

Goldie Wood was recognized for her tenure as KATE president.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Dana Waters, secretary