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Kansas Association of Teachers of English

KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes
19 October 2000
6:30 p.m.
Marriot Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

Members present: Andy Anderson, Mindy Applegate, Dolores Baker, Barbara Bleeker, Garrit Bleeker, Marilyn Brewer, Joy Bunch, Carolyn Davidson, Rosemary Deen, Jean Dimmitt, Shanna Dinkel, Kay Flook, John Franklin, Judy Goodpasture, Todd Goodson, RuthAnn Harris, Annie Heidersbach, Nancy Jermark, Clark Killion, Linda Klabunde, Steve Kucharik, Vivian Leupp, Stacey Lierz-Ziegler, Sharon James McGee, Mary Pat McQueeney, Diane McReynolds, Bonnie Newcomer, Leslie Noyes, Paula Ripple, Roberta Ryan, Ingrid Seitz, Rachelle Smith, Karen Stous, Trudy Sumner Teresa Wasinger, Dana Waters, and Goldie Wood.

Call to order

President Rosemary Deen called the meeting to order at 6:45.

Rosemary thanked Judy Goodpasture for the splendid job she did on the conference. She also thanked other members who had worked hard on the conference.

Approval of minutes

Andy Anderson moved the minutes of the June 10, 2000, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of the agenda

Dolores Baker asked to make a few general announcements. The agenda was approved with that addition.

Treasurer's report

Paula Ripple reported that the raising of conference fees and dues had helped KATE to have a good year last year. Paula recommended that we raise meal prices since we are barely covering expenses and most school districts pay them. Paula passed out summaries of the Treasurer's Report and summarized the information. *Kansas English* made \$50; *Young Kansas Writers* \$104. The conference netted about \$4000 last year. Judy Goodpasture asked that the conference fees and meals be deducted for the Teacher of the Year. As of July, KATE had a net gain of \$2,280.27. Paula thanked Kay Flook for serving as the conference treasurer this year. Andy Anderson moved we accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old business

In response to a motion at the June meeting to revise the KATE Constitution to reflect present practices, the Constitution revision committee presented a draft of the changes. In addition to the changes drafted by the committee, Goldie Wood asked for the addition of the editor of *KATE Update* to the editors listed in Article 4, Section 1. Nancy Jermark asked for the addition of the duties of the senior past president under Section 2 preceding the duties of secretary. Nancy also asked to change the order in Section 2 to reflect the order in which the officers and duties are listed in Section 1. Dolores Baker asked that we delete the 2 year term limits for the secretary, treasurer, and liaison officer. Paula Ripple asked that we raise the minimum amount the treasurer can expend without permission of the board. She suggested the treasurer should ask permission to pay all bills for a specific activity (conference, publications, etc.) with all expenditures approved. For other expenses over \$200, the treasurer would seek approval from the president or vice-president. Steve Kucharik said in other organizations, procedure was two signatures for amounts over \$500; Bonnie Newcomer pointed out that is impractical for KATE. Paula suggested that the president should arrange for the audit rather than the treasurer. Also, the treasurer should be bonded. The figure for bonding quoted to Paula was \$250. She asked if she should solicit bids from other bonding companies. Sharon McGee asked if the bonding would include the conference treasurer. Joy pointed out that the membership chair also handled an amount of money. Goldie Wood moved that in Section 2, Article 7, after the word "annually," we insert the sentence "The treasurer will be bonded at the expense of the Association." The motion was seconded and carried.

There was discussion of the exact wording of duties of the president and immediate past president in Article 4, Section 2. Andy Anderson moved that the committee consider the changes and bring a final draft to the February board meeting for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dana Waters reported that the KATE Resolution on Concurrent Credit had been distributed at the conference and asked that members distribute them wherever feasible. The resolution will need to be revised to remove references that are specific to Kansas before presenting it to NCTE. Andy Anderson will chair a work session at the NCTE Convention in Milwaukee in November to come to a general statement that NCTE would consider adopting, and he will report on the results at the February board meeting. Sharon McGee asked about the legality of becoming politically active. Andy said that Article 2, Section 3 of the KATE Constitution forbids us to engage in a political campaign. NCTE requires that to be in our constitution. Sharon asked if she could send the resolution to her representative saying that she is a member of the KATE Executive Board. She was told yes. Rachele Smith reported that the KATE Resolution was brought to the attention of the Kansas Board of Regents at the Emporia State campus this week. Joy said that the editor of *SLATE* wants to publish KATE's resolution.

Sharon McGee reported on Teacher of the Year. Newly revised nomination forms have been distributed. The procedure has been revised to include nominations from other teachers. Nominees for next year will be college and middle school teachers. Nominations must be postmarked January 15. Leslie Noyes, Rosemary Deen, Teresa Wassinger, and Sharon McGee will serve on the Teacher of the Year selection committee. Judy Goodpasture announced that this year's ceremony honoring Mel Riggs and Teacher of the Year Carlene Stueve will be held in the atrium.

Rosemary announced that Brooke Bultena will attend NCTE to participate in the NCTE Leadership Development Award.

New business

Rosemary passed a sheet for members wishing her to send letters of commendation to their supervisors.

Goldie Wood circulated a nomination sheet for open Board positions. Goldie Wood, Mindy Applegate, Jean Dimmit, and Rachelle Smith will serve on the Nomination Committee.

Gerrit Bleeker said that the Board had been misinformed; he was not forming a student affiliate at ESU.

Annie Heidersbach will replace Kay Haas as KATE's representative to NCTE Program to Promote Excellence in Literary Magazines. Because of her responsibilities as conference chair next year, Joy Bunch asked to be replaced as *SLATE* representative. Marilyn Brewer was appointed as the new *SLATE* representative.

Dolores Baker announced that she had sent letters and e-mails about the Idea Exchange and the response was good. The remaining copies will be available at breakfast Friday morning. Sharon McGee reminded members of the grade level breakfasts.

President-elect Judy Goodpasture announced that the next executive board meeting will be on February 10 at 9:00 in the Eisenhower Library in Abilene .

Goldie Wood introduced Stacey Lierz-Zigler, State Department liaison, and welcomed her.

Reports of officers and editors

Bonnie Newcomer reported on *KATE Update*. November 4 is the deadline for copy for the next issue. The *Update* will be published in early December. Bonnie asked for more submissions from members--photos, poems, or copy. She asked that copy be submitted to her electronically if possible and commended Jeannie Moxley for her timeliness and the quality of her photos. Bonnie said the slow loading of the KATE website is a problem we are trying to address.

Linda Klabunde reported on *Young Kansas Writers*. If members received a defective copy of the last issue, Linda will replace it for them. Otherwise, copies cost \$5. Joy Bunch said that the price for KATE membership was listed incorrectly in *Young Kansas Writers* and needs to be changed. Joy reminded us that new teachers receive a free one year KATE membership. The membership changes have been published in *KATE Update*. Linda encouraged members to use the entry form for *Young Kansas Writers* in the back of the conference program.

John Franklin reported that he has hired a new assistant editor for *Kansas English*. Pittsburg State University is paying for this, along with other expenses amounting to \$1500. Fort Hays State University asked if it would be possible to advertise their ISMA program in *Kansas English*. Andy said that this sort of advertising will not affect our non-profit status. John asked if he could then negotiate with FHSU and textbook advertisers. The editorial announcement would include a disclaimer. Permission was given by consensus. John said that he would expect only advertising of programs of

reputable institutions and textbook companies. John will ask FHSU if they would also want to use *KATE Update* to advertise their program.

NCTE liaison Andy Anderson reminded us that KATE executive board members are required to be members of NCTE and KATE. He also reminded us to look at the NCTE website.

Gerrit Bleeker announced that there were 29 submissions and 8 winners for the NCTE Writing Award. He will announce the names after the NCTE announcements in November. Gerrit has nomination forms for board members to take back to their schools. He encouraged small schools to participate, as all the awards were for students of larger schools.

Barbara Bleeker will be announcing the winners of NCTE Promising Young Writers. She said that entries totaled less than 10. Barbara asked teachers of 8th grade to take nomination forms. She also has new registration blanks. She asked that we support the program by distributing registration forms.

Kay Haas had 6 submissions for NCTE Program to Promote Excellence in Literary Magazines, which received 3 Superior, 2 Excellent, and 1 Above Average ratings. Kay thanked judges Marilyn Brewer, Pat Fellers, Todd Goodson, Sue McKinney, and Goldie Wood.

Sharon McGee reported for Anne Phillips, William Allen White Award Selection Committee Liaison, that the William Allen White Award winners will be announced in early April. The selection committee retained the programs for both 3rd through 5th grades and 6th through 8th grades. The White Award banquet will honor P.J. Peterson for *White Water* on November 11.

Joy Bunch, membership chair, reminded everyone to get their dues updated and report any errors in the membership roster to her. Bonnie Newcomer said the board roster is usually reported in the November *Update*. Andy Anderson asked that all board members e-mail him and he will copy the addresses to compile a current listing. Joy pointed out that conference packets contain forms for program proposals for the next conference. She announced that Stanley Lombardo will be Friday luncheon speaker for next year.

Paula Ripple reminded members to get a receipt if they need to be reimbursed for KATE expenses.

Installation of officers

Rosemary Deen presided over the installation of new or returning officers: Andy Anderson, NCTE liaison; John Franklin and Linda Klabunde, KATE publication editors (Donna Sears was not present); Paula Ripple, treasurer; Karen Stous, second vice president; Joy Bunch, first vice president; Goldie Wood, senior past president; and Judy Goodpasture, president.

New board members Carolyn Davidson, Leona Grigsby, Ruth Ann Harris, Annie Heidersbach, Clark Killion, Vivian Leupp, Ingrid Seitz, and Trudy Sumner were installed.

Rosemary welcomed Stacey Lierz-Ziegler, State Board of Education liaison and thanked outgoing officers and board members for their efforts.

Joy Bunch proposed a toast to outgoing president Rosemary Deen, who has done an admirable job.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 .

Dana Waters, secretary