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Kansas Association of Teachers of English

KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes
12 February 2000
9:30 a.m.
Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas

Members present: Andy Anderson, Dolores Baker, Pamela Baughman, Barbara Bleeker, Gerrit Bleeker, Marilyn Brewer, Joy Bunch, Rosemary Deen, Jean Dimmitt, Shanna Dinkel, Scott Feaster, Kay Flook, Judy Goodpasture, Steve Kucharik, Sue McKinney, Mary Pat McQueeney, Bonnie Newcomer, Diane Quantic, Roberta Ryan, Dana Waters, and Goldie Wood.

Call to order

President Rosemary Deen called the meeting to order at 9:30 .

Introduction of New Members

All the board members introduced themselves and stated one goal they have for KATE. Goals concerned concurrent enrollment, state assessment, ways to increase our voice in state policies, licensure procedures, constitutional revision, officer line, and formation of roles and policies in the new Regents organization.

Approval of minutes

Roberta Ryan moved the minutes of the October 21, 1999, meeting be approved with additions of Kay Flook, Roberta Ryan, and Marty White to members attending and correction of the misspelling of Pam Baughman's name . The motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions. Rosemary handed out a new list of e-mail addresses and asked that we make corrections.

Treasurer's report

Goldie Wood presented the treasurer's report for Paula Ripple. Paula reported that KATE is in good financial shape. To this date the conference has netted \$7,503.52, with a few more bills outstanding. However, the conference lost money on the luncheons, breakfast, and hors d'oeuvres. Paula sent blue expense forms for distribution. There was discussion about the causes of the Thursday evening decline in attendance and the cost of the food. Goldie read thank you notes from 4H members for KATE's sponsorship of their public speaking project. Sue McKinney moved we accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committee work sessions and reports

Members broke into committee groups to discuss the following issues:

- Concurrent Enrollment/Professional Issues
- Fall Conference
- Membership/Recruitment
- Officer Line/Constitutional Amendment

Because of the absence of the chairs, Speaker's Bureau and Teacher of the Year committees did not meet.

Following the work sessions, Judy Goodpasture reported on the Fall Conference, including speakers, activities, tentative schedule, a session for honoring teacher of the year and other honorees, publishing the conference schedule on the web page and in *KATE Update*, and asking award winning student writers to read a selection from their work. Bonnie Newcomer is working on posting award winners' names on the web page. She asked that people tell her about any forms that need to go on the web page. Judy asked members to solicit presenters for the conference. She passed out a list of pre-conference tasks and asked board members to volunteer. Joy Bunch suggested we recognize Mel Riggs with a lifetime honorary membership in KATE at the conference.

Diane Quantic reported for the Concurrent Credit/Professional Concerns committee. The committee decided that the Concurrent Credit Resolution should be published in *KATE Update* to allow for any discussion from members before the Resolution is distributed publicly. The committee will continue to address other professional concerns.

The Constitutional Revision/Officer Line committee recommended that the Second Vice-president become an in-training assistant to First Vice-president, who is also Conference Chair. The Membership Chairman would then become a longer tenured, position separate from the line. The Senior Past-president would be added to the officer line and serve as chairman of the Ballot committee. This would require a correction of the Constitution, which mentions the chairmanship of the Ballot committee but not the position of Senior Past-president.

Old business

Bonnie Newcomer proposed Moxley Desktop Publishing as a replacement for Becky Janzen, who resigned from providing newsletter and data base services. Bonnie distributed Jeannie Moxley's bid and samples of her work. Bonnie said that she could work well with Jeannie, Becky was willing to help Jeannie in the transition, and in addition, Jeannie may be able to help with our web page. The *Update* now runs around \$1100 per issue. Joy Bunch asked for per-piece costs including bulk mailing cost. She had a bid from another publisher, but the figures weren't comparable. Andy Anderson said KATE has applied and does not qualify for a non-profit mailing permit. Bonnie pointed out that we need to make a decision before the next Board meeting. Dana Waters moved that we accept Bonnie's recommendation and hire Moxley Desktop Publishing to do our newsletter and data base services. Sue McKinney seconded. Pam Baughman asked what the length of the contract would be. Andy explained that we had never had a contract and were free to change publishers at any time. Joy asked if we were talking about only *KATE Update* or if we were also talking about other materials. She suggested that conference publishing be left to the discretion of the conference chair, and that we make this clear in our agreement. The motion carried.

Bonnie reminded us that she needs to receive copy for all articles. Articles such as "Teacher of the Year" will not be automatically included in the *Update*. The next *KATE Update* copy deadline will be March 24. Bonnie has created a new section of the web page called "Archives" to house past information.

Reports of officers and editors

Andy Anderson reported that KATE had not nominated anyone for the NCTE Distinguished Service Award for quite some time and suggested we nominate Mel Riggs. Judy Goodpasture moved that we authorize Andy to nominate Mel Riggs for a Distinguished Service Award from NCTE. Motion was seconded and carried.

Stacey Ziegler, our State Board liaison, had asked Andy to report on the changes to the Kansas Writing Assessment. Andy passed around a list of changes and new rubrics. There was some clarification of allowances for the use of word processors and discussion of evidence that hand written drafts actually scored higher than typed drafts.

Barbara Bleeker distributed her report as the state coordinator for NCTE Promising Young Writers. She said this is a rebuilding year for the program and she is encouraging teachers to submit students' work. Barbara will meet with other state coordinators at the November NCTE Conference in Milwaukee.

Jean Dimmitt reported on advertising in KATE publications. NCTE has given KATE clearance to sell advertising in our publications. John Franklin, editor of *Kansas English*, is still negotiating page size for the new format; he would like to make it 8 x 11. This must be settled before we can price advertising. Joy Bunch reported that we now have over 250 members and 100 whose memberships have expired and not been renewed, so the estimated circulation of *Kansas English* would be 350 to 400. NCTE gets \$350 for a full page ad in a publication of twice as much circulation. Steve Kucharik pointed out that costs normally vary according to the page on which the ad appears. NCTE advised us to consider our readers' reaction to advertising in our journals, decide what kinds of advertising we want to accept, and negotiate our price orally. Jean pointed out we also need to consider the extra cost to KATE of publishing the journal. Judy Goodpasture suggested advertisers might like to feature the teacher of the year or another honoree in their ads. Diane Quantic proposed we send a preliminary letter to possible advertisers and follow up with oral negotiations. Pat McQueeney observed that John is changing the format of *Kansas English*, and advertisers might be reluctant to buy advertising space in a publication they have not yet seen. Barbara Bleeker moved that we postpone selling advertising until we have an issue of *Kansas English* in the new format. Motion was seconded and carried.

Rosemary asked if we need to authorize the expense of color in the upcoming *Kansas English* issue. Diane Quantic moved that we authorize John Franklin to design *Kansas English* as he decides and include any free advertising he decides upon. Motion was seconded and carried.

New business

Rosemary had received a request to reprint an article from *Kansas English*. She suggested we need a copyright policy for our publications.

Rosemary passed around the membership roster and a roster of honorary members. Andy Anderson moved that we make Mel Riggs an honorary member. Motion was seconded and carried.

Rosemary announced Janis Dow's resignation from the KATE board. Janis was class of 2001. Rosemary asked for nominees to fill her position. Suggestions were Marilyn Brewer, Dorothy Sprinkle, Debbie Won, and Diane Quantic, who declined because of her sabbatical. There was a question of the status of Paula Ripple's tentative resignation as treasurer since Kay Flook has consented to be Conference treasurer.

Senior Past-president Dolores Baker passed around ballots for Executive Board elections. The ballot will be published in the *KATE Update*. Dolores asked for a change in the Constitution to stipulate those elected be invited to attend the June board meeting (the Constitution now reads "the spring meeting") and assume office at the Fall Conference meeting. Rosemary suggested we print the *Update* ballot on colored paper.

Andy Anderson proposed the president appoint a committee to draft the changes the Constitution committee has discussed, announce the changes at the next board meeting, and vote on the changes at the October Conference meeting. Rosemary called for a committee to revise the Constitution to reflect present practices and change the line of officers. Andy Anderson, Dolores Baker, Joy Bunch, and Goldie Wood were appointed.

Dolores Baker announced that Oscar Micheaux will be honored in Great Bend on March 24-25, 2000. Many film and literary celebrities have been invited to attend. Micheaux is well known in film making and prairie literature. Bonnie will include these dates in the list of upcoming events in *KATE Update*.

Marilyn Brewer will be holding her Socratic Seminar class in Kansas City and possibly Wichita next summer.

The Board's next meeting will be June 10, 2000, at the Eisenhower Center.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Dana Waters, secretary