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Kansas Association of Teachers of English

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

Members present: Mindy Applegate, Dolores Baker, Pam Baughman, Brooke Bultena, Joy Bunch, Nancy Converse, Carolyn Davidson, Rosemary Deen, Jean Dimmitt, John T. Franklin, Judy Goodpasture, Todd Goodson, Ruth Ann Harris, Mary Heller, Clark Killion, Linda Klabunde, Sharon James McGee, Mary Pat McQueeney, Diane McReynolds, Bonnie Newcomer, Leslie Noyes, Paula Ripple, Roberta Ryan, Donna Sears, Karen Stous, Trudy Sumner, Teresa Wasinger, Dana Waters.

Call to order

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

Introduction of members

Board members introduced themselves, including the following newly elected members: Carolyn Davidson, Clark Killion, and Trudy Sumner.

Approval of minutes

Paula Ripple moved the minutes of the February 12, 2000, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report

Paula Ripple reported that there have been no negative comments about raising conference fees and dues. KATE is in good shape financially. Income total was \$29,284.09; expenses totaled \$22,872.81. The balance of the accounts is \$24,836.77. Paula has not yet received the bills for Kansas English and Young Kansas Writers. Paula pointed out that in the February handout, the membership amount should have been entered in the conference column. KATE has received its seed money back from MATE. The audit has been completed. Paula Ripple moved that KATE pay Trish Kannan \$100 for auditing KATE's books. Motion was seconded and carried. Paula explained that she has moved our money from CDs to Money Market accounts because they are more liquid. Paula moved we accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and carried. Paula asked for outstanding bills to be submitted before July 1. She also advised that the Constitutional Revision committee add a constitutional requirement that KATE's treasurer be bonded.

Committee work sessions and reports

The group broke into work sessions of the following committees: Fall Conference, Concurrent Credit Resolution, Teacher of the Year, Constitutional Revisions, Membership and Recruitment, and Publication Editors.

Judy Goodpasture reported on speakers and entertainment for the Fall Conference. This information will be published in KATE Update. She called for program proposals. There was discussion of using publishers to sponsor major speakers for the conference. The Board felt that this was an acceptable practice. It was suggested that we ask Scholastics to set up a booth. Judy explained a new feature for the conference--a walking poem with the theme "teaching words." She will include a flyer explaining the concept in the conference packets. Committee chairs for the conference are Dolores Baker, Idea Exchange; Roberta Ryan, signs and name tags; Kay Flook, registration and conference treasurer, equipment needs; Dana Waters, photographer; Joy Bunch and Dave Smit, publishers; Andy Anderson, recognition. Emily Ottaway, Shanna Dinkel, Goldie Wood, and Sharon McGee will preside at grade level breakfasts. Judy is seeking chairs for speaker transportation, door prizes, and the KATE booth.

Bonnie Newcomer reported on KATE Update. She assured us that KATE was not charged for the draft issue of KATE Update that was mistakenly distributed by Kwik Kopy. The KATE web page is up and running. However, damage to the officers' photos and background page color caused by the I Love You virus must still be corrected. Bonnie announced the following deadlines: June 16 for the July issue and August 21 for the summer/pre-conference September issue. Mary Heller suggested a page in the Update with excerpts from all of our publications. Bonnie asked that we send her photos to use in Update.

Dolores Baker reported for the Constitutional Revisions committee. The committee suggested including the membership chair in an elected position; adding a position of senior past-president and redistributing some of the duties assigned to the past-president; providing multiple year membership options; bonding the treasurer; and modifying the process for approval of expenses to allow the treasurer to ask for approval of expenses under \$200 once a year, with presidential approval for only those bills over \$200; and drafting an annual budget to be approved by the board. Paula Ripple suggested the budget be drafted by committee. The Constitutional Revisions committee will provide a copy of the proposed constitutional changes before the October meeting.

Bonnie Newcomer and Dana Waters asked that members who were not receiving e-mail messages let them know what changes they need to make for successful e-mail transmissions.

After distributing drafts, Dana Waters moved that KATE's Resolution on Concurrent Credit be accepted as a final draft with the revisions noted, and KATE proceed with distribution. Dolores Baker seconded. Motion carried. Joy Bunch recommended we publish the resolution in Slate. Pat McQueeny and Sharon McGee recommended that KATE become more politically active. Dolores Baker pointed out that Article 2, Section 3, of the Constitution prohibits political lobbying. Members noted that NCTE issues position statements and that the Resolution on Concurrent Credit does not qualify as "propaganda." Paula Ripple stated that if KATE does not stand up for English education, what is our purpose. She suggested modifying the Constitution to allow more political activity. Pat McQueeny suggested we check the origins of the statement in the

Constitution before we change it. Dolores noted that Section 7 more clearly addresses our handling of the concurrent credit issue. Joy Bunch will ask Millie Davis of NCTE to clarify our options to determine to whom we may distribute the draft.

Sharon McGee reported for Teacher of the Year committee. Carlene Stueve has been selected to receive the award at the Fall Conference. Sharon pointed out that we have had only one applicant for the award each year. She suggested we change the application process to include nominations from colleagues, administrators, or students. She handed out proposed nomination forms. The nominator would have to include a letter stating why s/he chose the nominee. Sharon suggested we open the nominations immediately following the Fall Conference. John Franklin suggested we put the form on our web site. Todd Goodson questioned if the eligibility should include English Education. The board felt it should. Sharon asked for approval of the changes she had made on the application form. After discussion, Sharon McGee moved we revise the Teacher of the Year nomination process to include nominations from colleagues, administrators, or students. The motion was seconded and carried. Application forms will be included in Fall Conference packets and in KATE Update. Sharon asked for help publicizing the award. Rosemary Deen appointed Sharon McGee to serve as chair of the committee for another year.

Joy Bunch reported on Membership/Recruitment committee. She reported that the Leadership Conference emphasized the need for a separate, continuing position of membership chair. She suggested we do an NCTE mailing in September. The committee proposed offering multiple year renewals of \$48 for two years; \$69 for three years. They suggested giving free KATE membership to first-year English teachers, to include one of KATE's publications. Mary Heller pointed out that there are so many new elementary teachers that could triple or quadruple the printing of Young Kansas Writers. Todd Goodson suggested we limit publications to one or two with all KATE memberships. Paula Ripple suggested we include only KATE Update in the new English teacher courtesy membership. She suggested we contact the English Education departments at the universities for lists their graduates, or ask principals at schools to provide lists of their new English teachers. Sharon McGee suggested we define first-year teacher as any teacher who is teaching in Kansas for the first year. Joy suggested modifying our present membership form to include new teachers who want a free membership, and marking mailing labels to indicate free memberships. Sharon McGee moved we provide a free KATE membership for the 2000-01 year to all K-12 first year English/Language Arts teachers in Kansas. This membership will include only the KATE Update publication. Motion was seconded and carried. Joy and Pat McQueeney will revise the membership form. Joy Bunch moved we create multiple year memberships at \$25 for one year, \$48 for two years, and \$69 for three. Paula Ripple suggested we simplify by charging \$45 for two years and see how that worked before we go further. Joy amended the motion to offer one year membership for \$25 and two years for \$45. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Advertising in Publications committee reported that they had no new information. Now that we have newly designed Kansas English, we can proceed with advertising policies. Jean Dimmitt raised the possibility of losing our tax free status if we sell advertising. Joy Bunch will ask our NCTE liaison.

Old business

Reports of officers and editors

Mary Heller reported that Younger Kansas Writers received 835 submissions this year. It also received between 90 and 100 drawings, some of which will be published. It is ready to go to press and will come out in July. Mary is soliciting ESL pieces, and the editorial board is redesigning the cover. The multiple year membership form will be included in the next issue. KATE will not offer multiple year membership to institutions.

John Franklin reported on Kansas English. The next deadline is January 15, 2001. He encouraged submissions from community college faculty. John discussed publishing a special issue of Kansas English. The regular issue of Kansas English will come out in the spring, the special issue in the fall. Guest editors for special issues will be responsible for finding their own funding; KATE will retain editorial control. The first special issue will address the theme "The Future of the Race" as a response to Henry Louis Gates' and Cornel West's book, The Future of the Race. The issue will be published in 2001 and be advertised by NCTE. Guest editors will be Carmaletta Williams, Mark Browning, Stuart Shafer, and John Edgar Tidwell. John said that one of the guest editors will meet with the KATE Executive Board at the October meeting. Pat McQueeney suggested the regular issue of Kansas English should explain the special issue concept. John noted that the cover will announce that it is a special issue. Members raised questions of how these professors became interested in Kansas English, if the guest editors would then be in charge of advertising, and what are the advantages for KATE. John explained that this should give Kansas English more exposure, and possibly we could sell issues outside our membership. NCTE will publish a nationwide call for papers for this issue, and the editor of Kansas English will balance the submissions. Sharon McGee asked that the board be shown an annotated table of contents for the special issue or a draft of the call for papers. Mary Heller called for John to draft a policy for guest edited issues and submit it to the board. This should include concerns such as editorial control, audience awareness, and who would receive the proceeds if the issue were sold to the public. Paula Ripple suggested a committee of editors be formed to draft the policy.

Linda Klabunde and Donna Sears reported that Young Kansas Writers has gone to press. The cover has been changed to periwinkle blue. Linda and Donna used an outside reader for eighth grade entries since they both submit entries from eighth graders. Of 450 submissions, only 10 were from ninth grade. The editors feel they need more diversity.

New business

Rosemary Deen announced that KATE has an opportunity to nominate a teacher for the NCTE Young Teacher award. Each affiliate is being allowed to send one participant to the conference in Milwaukee. Brooke Bultena will attend.

Joy Bunch and Karen Stous attended the Regional Leadership Conference in Des Moines. Joy reported that affiliates can maintain membership more effectively using an executive secretary. Most executive secretaries receive a stipend. The conference also emphasized the importance of annual budget planning. Joy showed Nebraska's literary map as an example of how we might update ours. The Nebraska affiliate had enlisted other sponsorship, such as the Nebraska Humanities Council. They sell the maps at their tourism sites for \$8. She suggested we start projects in schools for students to research their area for people who should be included on a Kansas literary map. Paula Ripple volunteered to bring Mississippi's map. Karen and Joy brought notebooks from the conference organizing NCTE resources.

Sharon McGee reported for Anne Phillips on the William Allen White Selection Committee. The committee is preparing to submit third round ballots to choose from fifty-one titles. The final list of ten titles will be finalized in late September and provided to Kansas grades four through eight in the spring.

Rosemary received a letter announcing the disbanding of the Kansas City, Kansas, Teachers of English. Rosemary will extend a special invitation to those members to join KATE. Jim Heiman has been our liaison to the KC Council. Rosemary will appoint Jim to fill Karen Tepe's position on the board, since Karen has resigned.

Dolores Baker reported that the newly elected Executive Board members are Carolyn Davidson, Carrie Froelich, Leona Grigsby, Ruth Ann Harris, Annie Heidersbach, Clark Killion, Vivian Leupp, Ingrid Seitz, Trudy Sumner, and Jim Heiman, who will replace Karen Tepe. Karen Stous has been elected second vice-president.

The Board's next meeting will be Thursday evening, October 19, 2000, at the Fall Conference in the Wichita Marriott Hotel. Members will be notified of the time and room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 .

Dana Waters, secretary