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Kansas Association of Teachers of English

KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes
18 October 2001
6:30 p.m.
Marriott Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

Members present: Andy Anderson, Mindy Applegate, Marilyn Brewer, Lisa Broxterman, Brook Bultena, Joy Bunch, Nancy Converse, Carolyn Davidson, Rosemary Deen, Jean Dimmitt, Shanna Dinkel, Kay Flook, John Franklin, Judy Goodpasture, Annie Heidersbach, Clark Killion, Linda Klabunde, Vivian Leupp, Barbara Livengood, Mary Pat McQueeney, Diane McReynolds, Paula Ripple, Roberta Ryan, Donna Sears, Dave Smit, Karen Ann Stous, Trudy Sumner, Dana Waters, Annie Wilson, Goldie Wood.

Call to order

President Judy Goodpasture called the meeting to order at 6:55.

Judy thanked Joy Bunch, conference chair, for an excellent conference. She thanked out-going members for their contributions.

Introduction of new and former board members

Judy welcomed new board members Dave Smit, Barbara Livengood, Annie Wilson, and Lisa Broxterman to the meeting, and welcomed Tara Azwell, Neoma Bates, Karri Cromer, Nancy Harmon, Jerry Huddleston, and Marti Meek to the board. She asked board members to introduce themselves.

Approval of minutes

The following corrections were made to the minutes: Nancy Converse was added to the members present and the misspelling of Tom Averill's name was corrected. Goldie Woods moved the minutes of the June 9, 2001, meeting be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report

Paula Ripple asked Kay Flook, Conference Treasurer, to report on the conference. Kay reported there were had 198 registrants. A large portion of the funds for registration had come from school districts. Attendance at lunch and Thunderbird Theater was good. Paula congratulated Kay and thanked her. Paula asked members to submit forms if they spend funds on behalf of KATE. She reported that KATE's funds are in a state of flux now because of the conference. However, the end of the fiscal year balance was \$10329.76.

Income from the 2000 conference totaled \$21,734.30. The year's total income was \$28,968.33. Expenses totaled \$28,624.83. Total profit was \$343.50. We began this fiscal year with a balance of \$21,049.26. KATE's numbers are up again this year, so we are in sound financial shape. Marilyn Brewer moved the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Andy Anderson commended Paula for her efforts. He pointed out to new board members that although the balance is good, if something unforeseen happened with the annual conference the balance could quickly disappear.

Old business

Rosemary Deen distributed copies of the revisions to KATE's constitution.

Dana Waters reported that although there are no new developments on the concurrent credit issue, the KATE Resolution on Concurrent Credit has been widely circulated and endorsed by K-WRITE, an organization of representatives from each higher education English department. Pat McQueeney pointed out that concurrent credit is money driven and therefore difficult to combat. Clark Killion said that parents really don't understand the disadvantages to their students and if they are informed they are much more receptive to the arguments against concurrent credit. Judy asked if there are ways KATE could reach parents. Brooke Bultena said that entering college with her Composition credits completed had proved a disadvantage to her. The board still intended to pursue submitting the KATE resolution to NCTE.

KATE had received no applications for Teacher of the Year. Since Sharon McGee, committee chair, had moved, Judy suggested we revisit offering the award. Paula moved we form a committee to reexamine the teacher of the year award. The motion was seconded and carried. Andy Anderson, Mary Pat McQueeney, and Judy will serve on the committee.

NCTE liaison Andy Anderson reminded us it was time to nominate a new teacher for NCTE's Leadership Development Award. Brooke Bultena reported on attending last year's conference as KATE's nominee and said it was a good experience. Andy reported that Carrie Froelich, KATE's nominee, had been approved by NCTE and her principal, and she was planning on attending the conference

New business

Karen Stous reported on a membership concern raised by Jeanne Moxley. The cost of remailing KATE's publications to students members who have changed address without notifying KATE is amounting to more than their \$5 membership fees. Various solutions were discussed, including raising the membership fee for students. Carolyn Davidson said that Todd Goodman's students are required to be members of certain professional organizations, including KATE. She felt that the students would be able to support a membership fee of \$10. Jean Dimmitt said that many of her students join NCTE at \$15. NCTE has discontinued sending journals with student memberships and only sends the *Councilgrams*. Carolyn said that some students become members because they receive the publications, and the journals might be

more valuable to them than *Update*. Carolyn asked if those student teachers who were members could submit their students' work to our journals. Annie Heidersbach moved we raise student dues to \$10. The motion was seconded and carried. This will include full membership privileges. John Franklin said that it is the students' responsibility to update their addresses and KATE shouldn't be responsible for forwarding their journals. Mary Pat McQueeney suggested we ask teacher education departments to form a liaison with KATE. Jean Dimmitt pointed out that of the twenty-two teacher training programs in the state, four of the departments were already represented on the board. Kay Flook suggested we send a mailing to language arts coordinators to distribute information. Judy asked Mary Pat to begin compiling a list of schools and then we could decide how to proceed. Andy suggested we reenact the membership committee to look at Mary Pat's list. Marilyn Brewer pointed out that KATE concerns are represented only if there is a KATE board member in the district, so we need to find a way to recruit from unrepresented districts.

Paula moved we increase the dues for retired members to \$10. The motion was seconded. Jean said that she received five memberships that were for retired teachers. Judy pointed out that since we have already distributed membership forms, the change should take effect in 2002 when new forms are printed. Marilyn made a friendly amendment changing the wording to "retired-non teaching members." The motion was seconded and carried. Student will be defined as "full-time student." Jean Dimmitt reminded the board that KATE gives complimentary memberships to first year teachers.

Karen Stous reported on Conference 2002, "Celebrate Kansas." Dates are secured with Marriott October 24 and 25. Marilyn Brewer suggested we change future conferences to Wednesday/Thursday, since some school districts can't find substitutes on Fridays and Mondays and won't allow teachers to attend the conference. Trudy Sumner said moving the conference to Wednesday/Thursday would be extremely difficult for those who travel long distances. Andy Anderson pointed out we now have contracts with the Marriott through 2006. Vivian Leupp said that a bigger problem is that the conference falls at the end of the nine weeks. Brooke Bultena suggested we consider moving the conference to November. Andy reminded us we were working around both KU and Hays for our conference date. Andy had talked to the Marriott about what weekends are available if we change the date. Goldie Wood asked if the questionnaire form included in the conference packets in previous years had indicated members desired to change the conference date. Dave Smit suggested the chair appoint a committee to study this and provide information about dates and conflicts with other conferences at the next meeting. Committee members are Andy Anderson, Marilyn Brewer, Joy Bunch, and Trudy Sumner. Next year's conference will remain October 24 and 25. Karen asked if we could provide internet access for sessions for next year's conference. Judy directed Karen to ask the hotel and if the charge is reasonable, go ahead. Karen asked if we could extend a session to take advantage of Marco <marcopolo.com>'s offer to provide an all-day training at no charge. We would need to go off-site to a computer lab. Karen reported that our presentations are mostly secondary and college, and we need to provide more elementary sessions. Andy pointed out that most elementary teachers attend other conferences. Joy noted that the primary interest of elementary teachers is in the publications to publish their students' writing.

Clark Killion had no report on Conference 2003.

Joy announced that the date of the winter meeting will be February 9, 2002, in Abilene. The snow date will be February 23. Marilyn Brewer volunteered to provide breakfast treats.

Judy asked for a nomination to NCTE Nominating Committee member, college division. Paula nominated Andy Anderson. The nomination was seconded and approved.

Goldie Wood reported that the nominating committee had submitted a slate of ten nominees with equal representation among elementary, secondary, and college persons.

In the absence of Bonnie Newcomer, editor of *KATE Update*, Judy solicited articles for *KATE Update*.

John Franklin, editor of *Kansas English*, reported that since it is the beginning of the semester, he is in the process of looking for an assistant editor. The deadline for the next issue of *Kansas English* is mid-January, 2002. John is working with the Kansas Writing Project for submissions. Michelle Yodishe of KSU has shown interest in editing a special issue.

Linda Klabunde and Donna Sears reported that *Young Kansas Writers* has received about 400 submissions, but these have come from 18 teachers. They asked for more submissions from more sources. February 1, 2001, is the deadline for the next issue.

Dave Smit submitted a letter from Anne Phillips, KATE representative on the William Allen White Award committee. The committee had met to select the 2002-2003 master reading lists for grades 3 through 5 and grades 6 through 8. The selections will be announced in April 2002. The 2001 White Awards presentation ceremony will be held November 17 at 11 a.m. in the Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex at Wichita State University. The 49th annual medals will be presented to Cynthia DeFelice for *The Ghost of Fossil Glen* and Louis Sachar for *Holes*.

Marilyn Brewer reported for SLATE. She had had several people ask about censorship issues and she will provide materials to those peoples. Joy said that she had ordered a packet on challenged books from ALA that she would share with Marilyn. Judy suggested we published some of the list in *KATE Update*. <ALA.org> has information on the web. <NCTE.org> has a site for SLATE. Kay Flook suggested those teaching methods classes explore these sites and information with their students.

Carolyn Davidson reported that KSU has started a KATE affiliate. They call themselves "WildKATE." One of their goals is for officers to attend the KATE conference.

Mary Pat McQueeney reported that Baker credit was so popular they had run out of materials and would forward them to those who didn't receive them.

Rosemary Deen, in-coming chair of the nominating committee, passed a sheet for nominations for new board members. Andy reminded us that all KATE board members must belong to NCTE. Rosemary asked for three volunteers to

serve on the committee. Marilyn Brewer, Shanna Dinkel, and Diane McReynolds volunteered. As past-president, Judy Goodpasture will also be a member of the committee.

Installation of Officers

Judy thanked out-going board members Marilyn Brewer, Brooke Bultena, Nancy Converse, Goldie Wood, Sharon McGee, Roberta Ryan, Rachelle Smith, and Teresa Wasinger for their service to KATE.

The following officers were installed: Joy Bunch, president; Karen Stous, first vice president; Clark Killion, second vice president; Dana Waters, secretary; Paula Ripple, treasurer; Andy Anderson, NCTE liaison; John Franklin, Donna Sears, and Linda Klabunde, KATE publication editors.

Karen Stous presented outgoing president Judy Goodpasture with thanks for an outstanding job and a gift of appreciation from the KATE board.

Adjournment

Clark Killion moved the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Dana Waters, secretary