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Kansas Association of Teachers of English

KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes
24 February 2001
9:00 a.m.
Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas

Members present: Andy Anderson, Joy Bunch, Nancy Converse, Carolyn Davidson, Rosemary Deen, Jean Dimmitt, Kay Flook, John Franklin, Judy Goodpasture, Todd Goodson, Clark Killion, Paula Ripple, Karen Stous, and Dana Waters.

Call to order

President Judy Goodpasture called the meeting to order at 9:30 .

Introduction of new and former Board members

Board members introduced themselves and told where they taught.

Conference report

The agenda was suspended to allow Joy Bunch to report on the KATE Fall Conference scheduled the 18th and 19th of October. Pat Mora will be the Thursday luncheon speaker, at a cost of \$2000 plus travel expenses. Joy passed around some of Mora's books. Stanley Lombardo will read from his translation of the *Iliad*. Thursday night, Haskell Indian Nations University Thunderbird Theatre has been asked to perform. Members made suggestions for a keynote speaker. Joy suggested having a speaker Friday morning. This would provide a central activity to begin, but it would take the time allotted for 8 sessions. Todd Goodson suggested we use a panel discussing assessment for the Friday morning session. Panel members could offer afternoon workshops, extending the conference to two full days. Paula asked if we would charge a fee for the workshops. Another suggestion was a session on 6-trait reading. Judy Goodpasture suggested a cash bar for the Thursday evening event rather than KATE providing wine. Kay Flook will continue as Conference Treasurer and Marilyn Brewer will coordinate transportation. Joy will ask for volunteers to coordinate the audio visual equipment and to be in charge of book sales. Judy reminded us to encourage people to attend the conference, especially the luncheons. Conference attendance has declined in the past two years. This problem is nation-wide and may be partly attributed to the shortage of substitute teachers who free regular teachers to attend conferences. Andy Anderson suggested we advertise the conference before the end of this school year. Joy will mail flyers to every English teacher in the state, covering conference highlights and including a registration form. Bonnie Newcomer will include conference information in the April *KATE Update*. It was suggested we utilize box ads for conference features in *Update*. Joy thanked members for their ideas.

Approval of minutes

Clark Killion moved the minutes of the October 19, 2000, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report

Paula Ripple asked if we wanted to continue to contribute \$500 to the 4H Council. Consensus was that we would continue. She passed out copies of the treasurer's Conference Report, which stated that the conference netted \$4,819.64. Speaker fees were \$6,808.37. The Marriot did not charge for room or table set-ups. Our Thursday lunch profit was slim enough that we may need to raise fees. We made nearly \$600 on books. Paula's policy is not to refund conference fees to school districts unless they request it. Paula thanked Kay Flook for the fine job she did as Conference Treasurer.

Paula distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. Individual membership dues were up. We were able to add \$200 to our scholarship fund from the \$1 we take from each membership. Expenses included publications and conference fees, and Teacher of the Year award. KATE now has a balance of \$24,414.33. On Paula's recommendation, Andy Anderson moved that we move \$5000 of our balance to a six months CD purchased at the treasurer's discretion. The motion was seconded and carried.

Paula distributed the 4H thank-you notes. Karen Stous asked if we should publish some of them in *KATE Update*. Paula volunteered to assemble the notes in a poster for the conference and write an article for *KATE Update*.

Andy Anderson moved we accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Announcements

Clark Killion distributed pamphlets on the Writing is Essential conference to be held at Dodge City Community College March 30 and 31. He discussed the writing across the curriculum format and invited participation. John Franklin recommended the conference for teacher training, citing his students' participation.

Judy reported that NCTE and Prentice Hall will sponsor one new teacher to attend NCTE in Baltimore next year.

Old business

Rosemary Deen distributed copies of the revisions to KATE's Constitution. She and Paula had incorporated changes discussed at the previous meeting in Wichita. Revisions in Article IV included changing the officers' line and granting voting privileges to all officers. Andy asked for "junior college" to be changed to "two year college." References to KATE Newsletter throughout the document had been changed to *KATE Update*, and changes had been made to allow latitude in publication dates. Language on the duties of the Immediate Past President had been clarified. Clark suggested organizing the Duties of Officers in the same order as succession to clarify the document. Article IV, Section 4 will be titled "Election and Appointment of Officers." Section 4.4 and 4.5, provisions for the election of Secretary, Treasurer, and Liaison Officer, will be revised

to say "appointed and approved by the Board for a two year term" instead of "elected." Karen Stous proposed we add item 4.6 to similarly describe the Membership Chair, making it an appointed term rather than the duty of the Second Vice President. Karen reasoned that because it takes more than one year to learn the duties of membership chair, it would be more efficient as a separate office, not in the line of succession. Members agreed that allowing a Membership Chair to focus efforts over a longer period might result in increased membership. Judy pointed out that changing that position is not appropriate until the June meeting.

Dana Waters reported on the concurrent credit issue. She and Andy will revise KATE's Concurrent Credit Resolution to remove references specific to Kansas before presenting it to NCTE.

Judy commended Sharon McGee for her work on the Teacher of the Year committee.

New business

In the absence of Goldie Wood, Judy reported that this year there were more nominees than open positions, so the ballot will reflect a true election.

The date of the next Executive Board meeting will be June 9, with an alternate date of June 2, at the Eisenhower Center. Judy suggested that to alleviate the President's load, we rotate the responsibility for refreshments. The Dodge City contingency will provide refreshments in June.

Committee reports

Judy reminded us to send articles to Bonnie Newcomer for *KATE Update*. It was suggested that best practices make appealing reading.

Donna Sears and Linda Klabunde had sent Judy an e-mail saying they had received many submissions for *Young Kansas Writers*.

Kansas English editor John Franklin distributed dummies for the next cover and asked for suggestions. Slight changes in the cover's design were influenced by his assistant editor, Dorcia Meares. An image of Gwendolyn Brooks with biography will appear on the back cover, and an article about her will be inside. He had received submissions for the next issue and will decide on content by March. In the new issue, writers' schools will be noted. John's assistant editors were creating a data base of submitters. John mentioned that *Kansas English* provided valuable work experience for assistant editors, and he noted that assistant editor Marci Klotz is paid by Pittsburg State English department. Randy Rosenbaum is printing *Kansas English* at cost, but postage will increase expenses. John was seeking advice from *English in Texas* on soliciting advertising. *Kansas English* will be published and posted at the end of spring semester. John encouraged members to submit, saying that one or two page essays are most popular. Submitters can send material unpolished; John will edit it. Michele Eodice is submitting a proposal to be guest editor. John will invite her to the October meeting to talk about her proposal.

Andy Anderson, NCTE Liaison, reported on NCTE awards. He called our attention to the Kansas High School Teacher of Excellence award and asked if we wanted to somehow combine this with our Teacher of the Year award. He asked if we should form a

committee to choose Kansas nominees for the various NCTE awards. Judy suggested we list the awards in the *Update* and ask that readers respond with nominees. Paula Ripple suggested we nominate our own Teacher of the Year, Carlene Stueve, as NCTE High School Teacher of Excellence. This nominee must pay his or her own conference expenses but will receive recognition at the conference. Karen Stous moved that we submit the name of Carlene Stueve as a nominee for NCTE High School Teacher of Excellence. Andy reviewed the necessary documentation. Sharon McGee will be asked for the documentation she has on file. Motion was seconded and carried.

Garret and Barbara Bleeker will report on the NCTE Writing Award and Promising Young Writers in June

Anne Phillips had just received nominations for William Allen White award and will report further in June.

Karen Stous, Membership Chair, reported that she has received requests from EBSCO via our Web Site on behalf of a German library, which had not received specific issues of our publications. John Franklin said that part of the reason was that we are now publishing annual issues of *Kansas English*. He asked that the data base be updated for mailings. Jeanne Moxley said that her data base does not include mailings of our publications to libraries. Paula suggested these inquiries be turned over to the appropriate editors. John said that next year he will have an assistant editor work on creating a current data base for those mailings. Karen asked if we should be charging international libraries a fee for our journals since the postage is so high. John said he charges \$6 for *Kansas English* and \$2 for postage. The institution in question claimed to have paid a \$50 institutional membership to receive the journals; however, it did not appear on the membership list. Several institutional memberships are paid through EBSCO.

Karen Stous suggested that in terms of planning, it would make more sense for KATE to send the Second Vice President to the NCTE Conference, before s/he was in charge of the Fall Conference, rather than sending the Past President. Paula pointed out that in our policies it states that KATE's president can authorize funds for other members to attend NCTE events. John Franklin moved that the president authorize funds for Karen Stous to attend NCTE 2001 Conference as upcoming KATE conference chair. Motion was seconded and carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Dana Waters, secretary