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*Kansas Association of Teachers of English*

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

Members present: Andy Anderson, Tara Azwell, Barbara Bleeker, Gerrit Bleeker, Joy Bunch, Carolyn Davidson, Rosemary Deen, Jean Dimmitt, Kay Flook, Judy Goodpasture, Todd Goodson, Ruthann Harris, Clark Killion, Linda Klabunde, Vivian Leupp, Stacy Lierz-Ziegler, Mary Pat McQueeney, Bonnie Newcomer, Donna Sears, Dave Smit, Karen Ann Stous, Dana Waters, Annie Wilson.

**Call to order**

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

**Introduction of new and former board members**

Judy read the list of newly elected board members who will join the board in October. She welcomed new board members Tara Azwell, Annie Wilson, and Dave Smit to the meeting. Board members introduced themselves and told where they taught.

**Announcements**

Judy thanked Dodge City members for providing breakfast. She asked members to record any changes in addresses.

Judy announced that Sharon James McGee had submitted her resignation as second vice-president elect. Sharon has taken a job in another state.

Judy called our attention to NCTE handouts for the NCTE Affiliate Lending Library and the Education Advocacy Networks. Judy also asked members to review draft copies of the Kansas State Board of Education standards for English Language Arts. These standards will affect the licensure of teachers in Fall 2002. Judy asked that we provide feedback on the State Board's Web site.

**Approval of minutes**

Andy Anderson moved the minutes of the February 24, 2001, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

## Treasurer's report

Dana Waters presented Paula Ripple's Treasurer's Report in Paula's absence. Trish Kinnan had completed the audit of KATE's books for 2000-01 and found them in order. Dana Waters moved we authorize Paula to pay Ms. Kinnan \$100 for the audit. The motion was seconded and carried. Paula asked permission, if we do not adopt the constitutional changes, to pay the bills for the year. She reported income at \$28,912.51 and expenses at \$28,126.09, a net gain of \$786.42. This leaves a current balance of \$21,492.18, with a few miscellaneous bills outstanding. Since we have raised conference fees our balance has stabilized. However, we are barely breaking even on \$15 for the conference meals, and Paula suggested we raise the price for them. Judy said that she would like to see meal prices kept as low as possible. Joy Bunch reported that she had raised the exhibitors' fees. Paula suggested when our \$5000 CD matures, we move the funds into our money market account rather than renewing the CD; if our money market account balance drops below the minimum requirement, the service charges incurred would be more than we would gain on the CD interest. Clark Killion moved Paula transfer the funds into the money market account when the CD matures. The motion was seconded and carried. Andy Anderson moved we accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and carried.

## Old business

Rosemary Deen distributed copies of the revisions to KATE's constitution. She explained that we had decided to initiate changes to reflect our practices and to separate the membership chair from the officer line for continuity and efficiency. Most of the changes concern the officer line. The revisions reflect the order in which officers move through the line. The treasurer and secretary will now be appointed for two year terms. Joy asked if the SLATE representative would be a three year term. Andy said that presently we appoint that representative for one year; SLATE is an optional appointment to NCTE. Karen Stous asked if the membership chair will be appointed or elected. Judy answered that it will now be an appointed position. Karen suggested she and Jean Dimmitt work to make the transition in October, with Jean assuming the membership chair position then. Linda Klabunde and Donna Sears said they thought they could include the new address for the membership chair in this issue of *Young Kansas Writers*. Membership fees and forms will be mailed to Jean Dimmitt effective following the fall conference of October 2001. Ruthann Harris moved the constitutional changes be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed. Rosemary will have clean copies at the October meeting.

Dana Waters reported on the concurrent credit issue. Andy Anderson and Dana had not completed language revision for presentation to NCTE. Rosemary announced that NCTE will have a session at the Baltimore conference in November to consider resolutions. KATE could approve language changes at the October meeting and submit our resolution this year. Mary Pat McQueeney announced that the national WAC conference will be addressing these kinds of issues. Pat suggested we present a session there. Andy said the Board of Regents will be studying and gathering data on concurrent credit for the next three years.

Judy announced that Sharon James McGee, Teacher of the Year committee chair, had received no nominations for Teacher of the Year. Members discussed an alternative presentation for the conference. Judy asked for a volunteer to assume chair of the Teacher of the Year committee.

Joy Bunch reported on fall conference plans. She reviewed the speakers: Pat Mora, Thursday luncheon; Stanley Lombardo, Friday luncheon; Tom Avril, keynote speaker. Joy passed around a copy of Avril's book that will be coming out in April. She reviewed some of the presentations that have been accepted. Joy is still accepting proposals. Bonnie Newcomer will call for proposals again in the mid-July *Update*. KU is interested in promoting their Langston Hughes 100th Anniversary event at the conference. The event will occur in the winter of 2002. Clark Killion mentioned that the Anne Frank Museum traveling exhibit will visit Hutchinson this fall. He suggested we contact a representative to present a session. Joy asked if we would like a session on plagiarism at the conference. The session could cover assignment design and response. Annie Heidersbach will be in charge of exhibits. Judy asked that Joy appoint someone to handle the Baker University college credit for attending the conference. Pat McQueeney volunteered. Kay Flook will serve as conference treasurer. Roberta Ryan had volunteered to do signs for the sessions; Shanna Dinkle had volunteered to chair a grade level roundtable discussion. Joy still needs volunteers for book and material orders, NCTE and KATE sales, authors' books sales, idea exchange, local arrangements, conference materials and publicity. Joy will notify members of appointments as room chairpersons. Joy suggested we conduct a survey at the conference to see if attendees would like a Friday afternoon session on a special issue at the next conference. Andy said the hotel contract would have to be revised to accommodate those who stayed. Pat McQueeney suggested such a session be made a separate component of the conference. Clark Killion suggested doing a specialized workshop for writing in some other part of the curriculum, such as writing in science, and target the Wichita public schools. Judy reminded us that publicity is a responsibility of the board and we should recommend the conference to colleagues and provide them with registration forms. Gerrit Bleeker asked if we could do a state-wide mailing to all English teachers. Stacy Lierz-Ziegler will provide a list of all teachers from middle school up and will check with the Board of Regents for college teachers. Bonnie suggested that to help Joy, we appoint someone else to take care of the mailing.

## **New business**

Goldie Wood, nominating committee chair, was absent. The nominating committee will submit a nomination to replace Sharon James McGee as second vice-president at the October meeting

Linda Klabunde and Donna Sears reported that *Young Kansas Writers* is at the printers. They are publishing fewer entries this year because they had fewer submissions. They had received many ninth grade entries. Donna encouraged members to send submissions from their students, and to be sure the work is edited. Judy suggested we do a session featuring our publications again this year at the conference. There was discussion of how to alert Kansas teachers that this avenue for publishing student writing is available. Andy suggested we include this information in the blanket conference mailing.

Judy read a communication from John Franklin, editor of *Kansas English*. John anticipates the publishing cost for *Kansas English* will be the same as last year. He will enter *Kansas English* in NCTE's competition. John asked that rather than paying his \$100 honorarium, KATE issue two \$50 checks to Marci Klotz and Dorcia Meares as contributors. Andy Anderson moved that we issue \$50 checks to Marci Klotz and Dorcia Meares rather than a \$100 check to John Franklin. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bonnie Newcomer, editor of *KATE Update*, reported that she is beginning the next issue. The copy deadline is June 23, and the issue will come out in mid-July. Gerrit Bleeker will write an article directing teachers to the KATE Web site to review the new State Board standards and encouraging them to send comments to the State Board of Education. Bonnie asked that KATE increase her honorarium to \$150 to cover increased expenses. The amount has been \$100 since 1974. Bonnie had also incurred expenses for the Web site. Judy asked for a more realistic amount; Bonnie said \$200 would be sufficient to cover increased expenses, and she would submit a bill for software. Pat McQueeney pointed out that we need to distinguish between Bonnie's honorarium and her operating budget. Andy suggested that Bonnie submit a bill for expenses to the treasurer.

Andy Anderson, NCTE liaison, called members' attention to handouts from NCTE on the table. Andy moved that KATE recognize Carlene Stueve for NCTE's Teacher of the Year award at the NCTE Baltimore conference. The motion was seconded and passed. No names were submitted before the May 1 deadline for the NCTE Leadership Development Award supported by Prentice-Hall.

Gerrit Bleeker reported on NCTE Achievement in Writing Award, a writing award for juniors. He had received 32 submissions from 13 schools, which are currently being judged. KATE cannot present the awards at the fall conference because NCTE doesn't allow winners to be announced until the end of October. Andy suggested KATE award a certificate to a representative from each school who submitted entries at the conference to encourage submissions. We could also do that for the schools who submit to our publications. Joy Bunch suggested we create magnets with dates for all KATE submissions.

Barbara Bleeker reported that she had only received four entries for NCTE's Promising Young Writers Program. Donna Sears suggested a cause might be that the deadline for submissions falls at such a busy time. Next year Barbara plans to target the gifted programs for 8th grade. Barbara had asked two principals to judge entries this year and had received good cooperation, although their schools submitted no entries. Bonnie Newcomer pointed out that if we honor students at the KATE conference, administrators might be more interested in both KATE and the conference. Carolyn Davidson suggested KATE go into the schools to present awards and publicize KATE that way. Gerrit Bleeker said that Olathe North has a trophy case for outstanding writers.

In Annie Heidersbach's absence, Judy reminded members that the deadline for submissions for NCTE's Program to Recognize Excellence in Literary Magazines is June 25.

Anne Phillips, William Allen White liaison, sent a report that the winners had been selected for the William White Award.

Stacy Lierz-Ziegler, Kansas State Board of Education liaison, reported on Kansas writing assessment. The 5th graders will be assessed on narrative writing, 8th graders on explanatory writing, and 11th graders on persuasive writing. Students will be allowed to use peer editing. The State will relax guidelines on using pieces written for assessment in portfolios. Stacy announced that in the future she will focus on consulting for QPA and will not be doing the writing portion at the state level. In July, she will be replaced by Scott Smith, whom she will continue working with through the fall. Scott will be KATE's new State Board liaison.

Clark Killion announced that the Kansas Writing Project will be presenting a two week seminar at Dodge City Community College June 11 through June 22. He suggested that KATE members approach the Writing Project about conducting seminars in their schools. Clark will contact the Writing Project about doing a presentation at the fall conference about arranging an inservice with the Kansas Writing Project.

Judy reported that Rochester, New York, has initiated a project to have everyone in their city read and discuss Ernest Gaines' *A Lesson before Dying*. Information can be downloaded from the Internet about how they built this excitement about reading. Andy Anderson suggested KATE spearhead such a project, kicking off the project at one fall conference and culminating, perhaps with the author as a speaker, at the conference the next year.

Karen Ann Stous announced that celebrating Kansas will be the theme of her conference in 2002. She passed a sheet soliciting information about Kansas authors

### **Adjournment**

Linda Klabunde moved the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Dana Waters, secretary