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*Kansas Association of Teachers of English*

**KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**9 February 2002**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas**

Members present: Andy Anderson, Tara Azwell, Marilyn Brewer, Joy Bunch, Carolyn Davidson, Rosemary Deen, Jean Dimmitt, Todd Goodson, Ann Heidersbach, Clark Killion, Barbara Livengood, Karen Stous, and Dana Waters.

**Call to order**

President Joye Bunch called the meeting to order at 9:35.

**Announcements**

Joye asked that all board members pay any outstanding dues. Clark Killion asked to be added to the agenda to talk about the Dodge City Community College writing conference, Writing is Essential.

**Approval of minutes**

Todd Goodson asked that the misspelling of his name be corrected in the minutes of the previous meeting. Andy Anderson moved the minutes of the October 18, 2001, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Treasurer's report**

Dana Waters gave the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Paula Ripple. The total income from the KATE Fall Conference was \$21,664, with a net profit of \$5,464.37, about the same margin as the previous year. Paula had noted that we lost money on the Thursday luncheon, even though we had raised the meal price and the numbers had been exact. Joye was going to ask the Marriot for clarification. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$24,517.96. Paula also reminded board members that each time Jeanne Moxley is called for a membership list, KATE must pay a fee. Andy Anderson moved we accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Joye asked that, since she had been unable to attend the NCTE Conference in Baltimore, the Board approve her expenses to the Spring Conference in Portland, Oregon. Andy Anderson moved that the Board pay expenses for the president to attend the NCTE Spring Conference. The motion was seconded and carried. Karen Stous asked if KATE sold speakers' books at the KATE Conference as a service or for profit. Andy Anderson said that it was

considered a service and helped conference attendance. Joye reported that she had worked with Raven Books in Lawrence, but Tom Averill had supplied his own books. Andy recommended that Karen use whatever supplier is most convenient for her..

## **Old business**

Andy Anderson reported on the Teacher of the Year reorganization. The committee recommended that we give a plaque and a monetary award sufficient to cover the conference expenses. Joye pointed out that it was likely that school districts would pay conference expenses for nominees from their districts.

Andy stated that we could change the categories for nomination; for example we could award for new teacher/veteran teacher, or we could select from four categories, or we could award to all nominees. If we decided to award to multiple candidates, we could dispense with the acceptance speeches. Andy pointed out that how the nominees are nominated will make a difference in numbers and types of nomination. The idea that the Board make the nominations was rejected as too “insider.” It was pointed out that the idea of the award changes is it is self-nominated; self-nomination might tend to reward self-promoters. Rather than asking administrators for nominations, the committee suggested the nominations come from another teacher or from the candidate. Todd Goodson mentioned another model: a system that recognizes all nominees that submit portfolios that meet required standards. Clark Killion suggested the Board nominate five to ten candidates, contact them, and then let them present themselves. Barbara Livengood suggested we consider giving conference contributors priority as nominees. The consensus was that all levels should be recognized each year.

The committee suggested we continue much the same application process for nominees. Application packets could include a page statement and portfolio as well as recommendations from colleagues and persons outside the institutional setting. Marilyn Brewer said we should have the nominee solicit their own letters of recommendation. The committee recommended we eliminate the video requirement. Marilyn pointed out that the task of assembling such a large application packet might account for the low number of nominees in the past; we should simplify the application process. She suggested a curriculum vita and perhaps two or three of the nominee’s best lesson plans. Karen Stous said if we are going to lessen the amount of the award, we should simplify application requirements.

It was decided that it would be necessary to consider application packets for this year, even though at the October meeting we had decided to suspend the award pending reorganization. Todd Goodson, Judy Goodpasture, Mary Pat McQueeny, Andy Anderson, and Joye Bunch will review the applications.

Andy Anderson reported on the NCTE Leadership Development Award. The award is paid for by Prentis Hall. We must nominate a new teacher who shows leadership potential, has taught fewer than five years, and has never been to NCTE. Board members advanced the names of a few candidates. Andy will follow up and choose one. Andy reminded us that the NCTE Affiliate Leadership Meeting has a leadership training session this year, August 10-11

in St. Louis. KATE can send one to three people. NCTE will pay mileage and lodging; KATE must pay one night's lodging. Clark Killion will attend the training session. Joye suggested our next nominee for the officer line be sent as well.

Joye asked that the concurrent credit resolution be submitted to NCTE for the next conference. Andy pointed out that the current resolutions that have been adopted by NCTE endorse concurrent credit. Joye suggested that Clark take KATE's resolution to the leadership conference in St. Louis.

Mary Pat McQueeney sent a report as KATE's coordinator for credit hours from Baker University for the KATE Fall Conference. She reported that twenty-two conference attendees had completed the requirements for credit from Baker University. Mary Pat is willing to continue as coordinator. She suggested we dispense with requiring credit attendees to sign in at every session for 2002 conference, and then make a decision if we think it is worth the effort. She also suggested KATE reexamine what we are gaining and what Baker is gaining by offering credit. Mary Pat reported that her expenses were about \$500 in kind, while Baker was netting \$50 per student. Offering credit benefits KATE with increased conference attendance, but Baker has no expense. Mary Pat suggested that at a minimum Baker should pay a table fee. Rosemary Deen remembered that initially a lot of consideration went into the selection of Baker and there was no feeling that we should not continue with them.

Mary Pat sent information about a Web site on concurrent credit she thought might be of interest to members. She sent a list of Teacher Training programs that we could contact for student members. She will continue working on this.

Jean Dimmitt discussed membership matters. She was concerned about the variety of membership lists and moneys that differ. She will continue to try to eliminate discrepancies. Jeannie Moxley had sent out membership dues reminders, but Jean hadn't received notification, and some of the members who had already paid dues had received reminder cards. Andy suggested we put a notice in the next *KATE UpDate* apologizing for errors in recording dues and a short explanation. Joye suggested that Jean get a list from Jeannie Moxley. Karen Stous explained that often our membership lists need to be sorted for specific need and the computers need to have like programs to eliminate problems. Andy moved that KATE buy the appropriate program for discharging her membership duties for Jean Dimmitt to install on her computer. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **New business**

Karen Stous reported she is still working on speakers for the conference. She had met with speakers on research and on teaching history. She was looking for links with assessment and standards. She was working with the Marco Polo people for Friday afternoon and Saturday sessions, to hold people over. She asked that Board members solicit presenters. Karen will e-mail a list for volunteers for committee assignments. Joye will help with mass publicity and the publishers' tables. Rosemary will work on conference materials. Mary Pat had agreed to continue as Baker liaison. Karen said that the idea exchange has not worked well in the past and asked if we wanted to continue it. Ann Heidersbach volunteered to take care of the idea exchange. Marilyn will help

with hospitality, but local arrangements will be left to local members. Andy Anderson volunteered to order NCTE merchandise if we decide to offer it. Karen will fill in remaining committee slots at the June meeting.

Clark Killion passed around information about the Writing Is Essential conference to be held at Dodge City Community College, Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6.

### **Committee reports**

Rosemary Deen reported that the nominating committee. has a slate of eleven candidates for ten Board positions. Traditionally the Board has selected the slate of ten candidates. Andy Anderson suggested a discussion of a mechanism for removing Board members who have never attended a meeting be put on the agenda for the June meeting. Joye suggested we publish a photo and biographical blurb of each Board member in the *KATE UpDate*. Rosemary asked for nominations for second vice president.

The deadline for the next *KATE Update* is March 2. Bonnie Newcomer will finish on March 20. She sent apologies for mislistings in the previous *UpDate*.

John Franklin was unable to attend and will send a written report to the secretary.

Ann Heidersbach had entries for *Young Kansas Writers* to be delivered to Linda Klabunde and Donna Sears.

Ann Phillips sent a report that the William Allen White awards selection committee will meet February 16 to discuss the selection process. The first reading list will be distributed to the selection committee in the next few weeks.

The June Executive Board meeting will be held June 1, 2002, at 9:00, at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene.

### **Adjournment**

Ann Heidersbach moved the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:35.

Dana Waters, secretary