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Kansas Association of Teachers of English

KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes
20 October 2005, 6:00 p.m.
Marriott Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

Members present

Andy Anderson, Bryan Anderson, Tara Azwell, Ginny Beesley, Barbara Bleeker, Gary Bleeker, Marilyn Brewer, Shelia Buchanan, Terri Browning, Clark Coker, Matt Copeland, Diana Costello, Karen Ford, Chris Goering, Lori Atkins Goodson, Todd Goodson, Elaine Gruenbacher, Ruthann Harris, Annie Heidersbach, Gerri Hilger, Peggy Jewell, Linda Jones, Clark Killion, Rosanne LaBarge, Steven Maack, Susan Micka, Marti Mihalyi, Glenna Mock, Troy Parker, Jeff Roper, Kathy Shumard, David Smit, Karen Stous, Patty Strothman, Carlene Stueve, Jane Wagner, Dana Waters.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by president Ruthann Harris.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

Clark Killion moved the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Announcements

Andy Anderson welcomed KATE/RATE partnership visitors from Timisoara, Romania, teachers Dana Valeanu and Georgeta Surianu.

Ruthann welcomed new members and asked that all members introduce themselves and tell where they taught.

Reports

Treasurer's report: Clark Coker reported that KATE made money the last fiscal year. Kate's income was \$21,327; expenses were \$14,388, with a net balance of \$6,938.30. To date this year he has recorded \$12,838 income with projected expenses at \$13,000. Andy Anderson moved we receive the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Clark Killion, conference treasurer, announced he would post final figures for the conference on the KATE website.

Membership: Karen Ford, membership chair, explained how she records membership and sends membership names to Moxley Publishing. She asked that anyone who had paid membership and not received membership cards notify her. Ruthann reminded us that at the June meeting the board had voted to discontinue two-year memberships. Andy Anderson reported that because NCTE's membership program database was not feasible for us to use, he would be keeping KATE's membership lists on an Excel spreadsheet. This will give us the capacity to record multiple addresses and print labels for mailing. Andy Anderson moved KATE take control of our database and discontinue using Moxley Publishing. The motion was seconded and passed. Karen Ford will notify Moxley Publishing and ask them to send their final bill. Andy reviewed the information on the membership form. He will update the form on the website. Karen asked that forms be printed legibly and completely.

KATE Update: Elaine Gruenbacher reported that she will publish *KATE Update* in the next month, and announced a deadline of November 12 for copy submissions. She asked that any photos be accompanied with names.

Young Kansas Writers and Younger Kansas Writers: Carlene Stueve reported that she had had problems with *Young Kansas Writers* and was less satisfied with the final product. She had over 200 submissions and published 82 quality works. Those submissions came from only 10 teachers. She encouraged more teachers to submit student work. The deadline for submissions will be March 1. The editors will not consider submissions after that date.

Linda Jones reported that she had received about 200 submissions for *Younger Kansas Writers*; she had published 160 submissions. She asked that teachers not submit copyrighted clip art. She will work with the *Young Kansas Writers* editors to make a more uniform publication.

Carlene asked that KATE invest in a CD burner. She is researching products and will have a proposal at the February meeting. Gerri Hilger moved that Carlene be given discretion to purchase what she needs for effective publication of the CDs. The motion was seconded. After discussion, Carlene asked that members send any information about products to her. The motion was tabled until the February meeting.

Linda Jones will notify teachers submitting students' work for *Younger Kansas Writers* that they must submit electronically.

Kansas English: Andy Anderson read a report from *Kansas English* editors Kami Day and Michele Eodice. They will return to the smaller format and the publication will be in black and white. Johnson County Community College will be printing the publication at a cost of around \$455 for 200 copies. The first issue should be published before winter break. The editors have accepted 8 articles, an interview with Edward White, and several poems. *Kansas English* will be published in the fall and spring. The spring issue will be published before the end of school. *Kansas English* will be volumes 1 and 2, *Young Kansas Writers* will be volume 3, and *Younger Kansas Writers* will be volume 4.

William Allen White Awards: Ginny Beesley had not received information from the William Allen White organization yet.

SLATE: Matt Copeland, SLATE representative, will lend support to teachers facing censorship issues and put them in contact with NCTE. He had made NCTE Censorship packets available at the conference. Matt said the most recent books challenged in Kansas have been Chris Crutcher's books.

NCTE Liaison: Andy Anderson, NCTE Liaison, will provide permission forms for use of NCTE material in our publications. He reminded KATE Board members that their NCTE memberships must be current. Teralyn Kohn, a second year Wichita Southeast teacher, will be KATE's nominee for the NCTE Leadership Development Award, sponsored by Prentice Hall. Andy said it is important to keep track of KATE's former nominees. Andy Anderson moved that we pay transportation and lodging to cover Teralyn's expenses for attending the NCTE Convention in Pittsburg in November, not to exceed \$400. Dave Smit seconded. Jeff Roper said the Writing Project may supplement Teralyn's expenses. The Board discussed setting a precedent for an appropriate amount, and the most effective time to advance the funds. The motion was passed.

KSDE Liaison: Ruthann Harris reported for KSDE Liaison Stacy Leir-Ziegler. Stacy had attended the conference earlier and had provided CDs on the new Kansas state standards. She reminded teachers to pick up CDs for their schools.

Share-a-thon: Tara Azwell reported that the Share-a-thon will be held in Emporia the day before the June executive board meeting. Karen Stous reminded us that the Share-a-thon is a mini conference for the exchange of teaching ideas. Tara will provide final information to Elaine to be published in *KATE Update*.

Marketing Committee: Dave Smit, Marketing chair, contacted the universities who had not received marketing information from KATE for distribution to English graduates. Dave asked for a volunteer to take over chairmanship of the Marketing committee.

Promising Young Writers: Barbara Bleeker reported that information on winners of NCTE's Promising Young Writers awards will be coming out soon. Submissions have dropped in Kansas as well as on the national level. Barbara asked that we encourage teachers of eighth graders to submit their students' work. She will continue to solicit submissions.

NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing: Gerritt Bleeker received 26 submissions this year. He has given the list of winners to *KATE UpDate* editor Elaine Gurenbacher, but those winners' names cannot be published until NCTE first announces the winners' names. Information for the competition is in *English Journal* and will be published in *KATE UpDate* as well.

KATE Conference 2005: Annie Heidersbach reported that the conference is going well. She thanked members for all their work. Annie thanked Dr. Jill Adams who is in charge of English Education at KU for notifying people about the conference. Board members applauded Annie for her planning of the conference.

New Business

KATE Conference 2006: Matt Copeland, 2006 conference chair, passed out proposal forms for next year's conference, The Courage to Teach. He announced that the dates would be October 19–20. Some speakers Matt is considering are Lila Christenbury, addressing SAT and ACT tests; Dr. Tom Foster, addressing generational differences; and Jeff Hanley, addressing learning disabilities. Andy Anderson reported on the hotel contract for next year and 2007, when dates will be October 17–20. Andy Anderson moved KATE book the Marriott hotel for the 2008 conference the corresponding Thursday and Friday of October. The motion was seconded and passed.

Andy Anderson reported on the Open Mic session. As a result of the suggestions, Andy recommended we return to the pre-conference mass mailing. Karen Stous suggested that we do the mailing before school is out in the spring. Members discussed a suggestion Shelia Buchanan had received that people sign up for breakout sessions and advance.

Ruthann Harris asked that members be in the ballroom Friday morning a little before 9:00 for the installation of new board members and officers.

RATE visitor Dana Valeanu thanked KATE for their hospitality and invited members to visit Romania any time.

The February board meeting will be at the Eisenhower Center on February 11th at 9:00.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:47.

Dana Waters, secretary