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*Kansas Association of Teachers of English*

KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
19 October 2006, 6:00 p.m.  
Marriott Hotel, Wichita, Kansas

### **Members present**

Andy Anderson, Virginia Beesley, Terri Browning, Clark Coker, Matt Copeland, Diana Costello, Kami Day, Lisa Deal, Pete DeVries, Chris Goering, Lori Goodson, Annie Heidersbach, Gerri Hilger, Peggy Jewell, Linda Jones, Elaine Klincik, Deb Kohn, Kaleen Knopp, Rosanne LaBarge, Barbara Livengood, Steve Maack, Shelia Penick, Robin Sides, Kathy Shumard, Carlene Stueve, Jane Wagner, Dana Waters, and Teresa Zimmer.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by president Annie Heidersbach.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Annie announced the following amendments to the agenda: Old business add C) Sharathon; New business add discussion of exhibit times, future conference dates, software for *UpDate*, Poetry Out Loud endorsement, conference internet access, appointment of second vice president. Matt Copeland moved the agenda be approved. The agenda was approved as amended.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Carlene Stueve asked the minutes be amended to read Carlene and Barbara Livengood (not Linda Jones) will contribute part of their editors' stipends to student helpers. Chris Goering moved the minutes be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Announcements**

Annie asked board members to introduce themselves, identify their schools, and tell how long they had served on the board. She called attention to handouts and attendance sheet.

### **Reports**

**Treasurer's report:** Clark Coker reported that conference registration was up with \$15,213 income. Most conference expenses had not come in yet. He had transferred \$3000 from checking into the money market fund, leaving a balance of \$23,128.62 in checking, with total funds of \$38,734.01. Annie pointed out that Clark had performed many of the conference treasurer duties and thanked him for his efforts.

**Marketing:** Diana Costello and Jane Wagner reported that they had visited teacher education departments in the universities. They asked that the membership form include a line asking how the new member had heard of KATE. Andy Anderson reported that KATE's new data base allowed him to identify teachers whose membership had lapsed. Jane moved that the marketing committee be authorized to mail personal notes to lapsed members soliciting their membership. The motion was seconded and passed. Jane asked that members send any thank you notes they receive to the marketing committee for use in their campaign to promote KATE.

**Membership:** Annie reported that Karen Ford is submitting an article to *UpDate* encouraging members to personally contact colleagues to solicit membership. Members discussed the bonus membership for recruiting five new members. Andy Anderson stated that the new data base allowed him to keep track of the recruitment, and that no one had qualified for the bonus. Jane Wagner moved that we eliminate the bonus for recruitment. The motion was seconded and passed. Annie said that several members had asked for confirmation of conference registration and membership dues. Kayleen Knopp moved that Clark Coker be authorized to mail confirmation of conference registration and dues payment. The motion was seconded. Members discussed e-mailing confirmation; Clark felt a paper trail might be preferable. The motion passed. Clark reported that the dues notices he had included in the registration packets had been effective; he had collected around \$3000 in dues at the registration desk. He pointed out that a late registration fee would have been counterproductive.

**KATE UpDate:** Elaine Klincik announced a November 20 deadline for *UpDate* submissions. She asked members to send any conference photos, lesson ideas, articles, or other copy. She will send confirmation when she receives submissions.

**Kansas English:** Kami Day reported that *Kansas English* was published this week. The printers had erred and put the cover from the previous issue on the current issue as well. Kami had the printer reprint a sufficient number of copies with the correct cover to supply the libraries, as the error will exacerbate the problems libraries have with issue and volume numbers. Andy Anderson said that he intended to negotiate for a reduced rate on the next issue as compensation. Clark Coker asked that Andy draft an explanation that he could send to Ebsco. Kami asked members to submit articles, poetry, or conference presentations for the next issue. The editors want to give Kansas submissions priority.

**Young Kansas Writers and Younger Kansas Writers:** Carlene Stueve and Barbara Livengood reported that the last issue of *Young Kansas Writers* had been good even though the number of submissions was down. They had received 300 high school submissions from 20 teachers and published about 80. They announced a March 1 deadline for the next issue. Andy will send an e-mail solicitation for submissions. The submission forms for both *Young* and *Younger Kansas Writers* are on the KATE website, in *UpDate* as an insert, and in the conference packets. Linda Jones reported that submissions for *Younger Kansas Writers* were also down, but fewer teachers had submitted whole class assignments and more had been selective, choosing individual student's work to submit. Carlene had made hard copies of the publications for libraries. Linda will send the thank you notes she has received from parents to the marketing committee.

**William Allen White Awards:** Virginia Beesley reported that she had been unable to attend the balloting of the William Allen White awards in Emporia because of car trouble. Award winners have been selected. Ginny will e-mail a list of titles to members who e-mail her.

**SLATE:** Matt Copeland, SLATE representative, reported no censorship challenges. He submitted for adoption a draft of KATE's Position Statement on Censorship. The statement will become an official position filed with NCTE and will be posted on KATE's website. Matt reported that a group in Blue Valley School District has been actively pursuing an opt-out policy that will become an issue in several districts. KATE's position statement will be available to anyone. Joy Bunch reported that she had asked that NCTE update their statement on censorship. Chris Goering moved we adopt the KATE Position Statement on Censorship. The motion was seconded and passed. Matt asked that members make him aware of any censorship issue. He will send a short statement about SLATE services to be posted on the web site as a benefit of KATE membership. Matt will continue as SLATE representative during his tenure as president.

**NCTE Liaison:** Andy Anderson, NCTE Liaison, reported NCTE has streamlined their process of resolution adoption in order to more effectively make NCTE's voice heard in Washington, D.C. He pointed out the NCTE website, NCTE.org, provides a wealth of resources, including the Squires Office of Policy Research, which posts research supporting NCTE positions. They make research readily accessible to both members and non-members. Andy proposed a KATE blog to discuss one or two of the issues KATE identifies as significant. Professional development committees could access the blog to determine the value of conference attendance.

**Promising Young Writers:** Barbara Bleeker sent a report that the 2007 award brochure is available on the NCTE website. Schools may request a copy by e-mailing [pyw@ncte.org](mailto:pyw@ncte.org). Barbara asked that members encourage eighth grade teachers to submit their students' work.

**NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing:** Gerritt Bleeker sent a list of students receiving Certificates for Superior Writing from NCTE. Eight students were recognized.

**NCTE Literary Magazine Awards:** Karen Stous sent a report that she received only six submissions. One has earned high recognition. "Literary magazine" is defined by NCTE as a student published collection of middle school or high school student work: literature, photography, and art. Members discussed the advantages of the NCTE representative being a member of the KATE board. Chris Goering expressed interest in the position. Matt Copeland moved the board approve Chris Goering to be the representative for the NCTE Literary Magazine Awards. Gerri Hilger seconded. Andy Anderson pointed out that the appointment is made by NCTE. Annie pointed out that the deadline for submissions is March and the notice should go in the next *UpDate* issue. Matt amended the motion to read Chris Goering serve as co-chair along with Karen Stous. Gerri Hilger seconded. The motion passed. Steve Maack and Annie Heidersbach volunteered to serve as judges.

**KATE Conference 2006:** Matt Copeland thanked everyone who had helped with the conference. He appreciated the time their help had allowed him to spend with his newborn daughter. He reported that the conference is going well and he is receiving good feedback.

## **Old Business**

Two Share-a-thons will be held June 8, one in Colby and one in Wichita, from 9:00 to 3:00. Linda Jones will chair at Colby High School; Peggy Jewell will chair at Wichita State University's Rhatigen Center. Box lunches can be ordered from organizers. KATE will print certificates of attendance to be submitted to principals for PDC points. Andy will send out e-mail notices.

## **New Business**

The board discussed allowing conference exhibitors to set up before the 9:00 p.m. time on Wednesday. Lori Goodson will check with the Marriott.

The conference date for 2007 is set for October 18 and 19. The board discussed changing the conference dates for subsequent years and what dates might be available on the Marriott calendar. Chris Goering suggested we rotate the dates every other year to provide an opportunity for different members to attend. Kayleen Knopp pointed out that a different clientele would help the exhibitors. Chris Goering moved we set the 2008 conference dates for October 30 and 31. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris Goering moved we set the 2009 conference dates for October 15 and 16. The motion was seconded and passed. Andy Anderson will confirm the dates with the hotel.

Andy Anderson reported that he had been contacted by the Kansas Arts Commission about Poetry Out Loud, a national competition, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, for high school students in which who memorize and recite poetry. The Arts Commission asked KATE to work with them to set up six regional contests by promoting the competition with member teachers, engaging judges, and providing competition sites. Regional winners would compete in Topeka, and the state winner would compete in Washington, D.C. Jennifer Wesco of the Kansas Arts Commission is presenting a breakout session Friday about the competition. Andy Anderson moved that KATE endorse the Poetry Out Loud recitation competition sponsored by the Kansas Arts Commission. The motion was seconded and passed.

Elaine Klincik, *KATE UpDate* editor, asked for authorization to spend up to \$300 for software to publish *UpDate*. Kaleen Knopp moved that Elaine be authorized to purchase the requisite software with funds up to \$300. The motion was seconded and passed.

Annie directed Clark Coker to investigate accepting credit card payment for the 2007 conference.

Conference chair Lori Goodson will investigate options for internet access for presenters and conference attendees at the 2007 conference. Andy reported the Marriott charges \$200 for access and \$50 for each user. The discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

Secretary Dana Waters was directed to send a card to Karen Ford as a token of the board members' concern for her family losses and concerns.

Annie explained that the ballot for election of board members and officers had incorrectly listed Lori Goodson as candidate for second vice president; Lori was to become first vice-president at the Friday installation. Annie appointed Virginia Beesley as second vice-president. Clark Coker moved we accept the appointment. The motion was seconded and passed.

The February board meeting will be at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene on February 17, 2007. Saturday, February 24 will be the inclement weather date. Kaleen Knopp will provide refreshments. A notice will be sent to new board members.

Annie thanked the new board members who were in attendance and announced that installation would take place at the opening breakfast Friday morning. The board thanked Annie for her year of service as president.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Dana Waters, secretary