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## *Kansas Association of Teachers of English*

**KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Eisenhower Library**  
**Abilene, Kansas**  
**11 February 2006**  
**9:00 a.m.**

### **Members in attendance:**

Bryan Anderson, Tara Azwell, Ginny Beesley, Shelia Buchanan, Donna Burke, Clark Coker, Matt Copeland, Diana Costello, Kami Day, Michele Eodice, Elaine Gruenbacher, Ruthann Harris, Annie Heidersbach, Gerri Hilger, Peggy Jewell, Linda Jones, Kaleen Knopp, Rosanne LaBarge, Barbara Livengood, Glenna Mock, Kathy Shumard, Carlene Stueve, Jane Wagner

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:24a.m. by President Annie Heidersbach.

### **Announcements**

Ruthann Harris will be Secretary of the Day for Dana Waters

Hand outs going around:

Attendance Sheet

Call for proposals to 2006 KATE Conference

Kirby House luncheon menu

Web Resources for student publishing

***KATE Update***

### **Approval of Agenda**

Matt Copeland moved and Kayleen Knopf that the agenda be accepted as amended.  
The agenda was approved

### **Approval of Minutes of October Board Meeting**

Andy Anderson moved and Clark Coker seconded approval of the minutes.

Motion was voted and approved

### **Reports**

#### **Treasurer:**

Clark Coker reported on the Conference finances. He passed around spread sheets with the figures. Recommendations for changes in conference treasurer duties will be announced later. Treasurer keeps 4 accounts for KATE. Full KATE Treasurer's Report doesn't balance. There is a misreport somewhere. \$10.00 previously missed is now accounted for. Account balance of \$26,514.28 is a firm figure. After visiting with both Kay Flook who was Conference Treasurer and Paula Ripple previous "official" KATE Treasurer, Clark offered to be responsible for both positions. Ruthann Harris moved that Clark have a provisional year as both Conference Treasurer and KATE Official Treasurer. Annie Heidersbach seconded. Motion was voted on and passed. Andy Anderson moved and Kayleen Knopf moved that we accept the provisional treasurer's report.

**A break from the agenda was proposed so the members could introduce themselves.**

**Reports by Thursday.**

**MARKETING:**

**Resigned:** Dave Smit as Membership Chair effective May 1, 2006.

Clark Coker moved to accept Dave's resignation from the board as Membership Chair effective May 1. Annie seconded the motion which was voted on and approved.

Andy Anderson moved and Matt Copeland moved to accept Diana Costello and Jane Wagner as Co-Chairs of Marketing. Dave sent brochures to graduating college seniors at the state schools to join KATE.

Diana spoke of joining KATE because her school is supported. She read a letter in support of KATE as a professional development organization. Other suggestions were offered as outreach possibilities How does KATE recruit student teachers? Discussions on reduced membership costs, information can be posted on the website. Diana will send a folder for Andy to post on the website. Recommendation made to keep the letter to one page. The board members are being asked to be responsible for finding student teachers and individually send out these letters.

Letterhead: Andy will take the Wheat logo provided by the Bleekers and post it on the website for board use in sending out letters.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Andy took the Moxley's file and cleaned up the board mailing list.

**General membership:**

Currently KATE has approximately 150 members.

4 elementary institutional memberships

21 Middle School Members

90 High School Members

16 two year college members

19 – 4 year college members

20 Members have unknown designation

We have approximately 150 persons whose membership expired in October 2005 and they have not renewed—lost members. Basically, they came to the 2004 conference, but not the 2005 conference.

**Younger Kansas Writers**

Linda Jones expressed concern about the number of teachers submitting student works who don't have membership

We need to find a way to remind members that their dues are due. Email is a possibility for those who have given us addresses. Can we go back to hard copy post cards? Just a few dues paid will pay the postage costs.

Tara moved that Andy be authorized to mail out membership renewal forms, seconded by Jane Wagner. Motion carried.

### **UPDATE**

New issue of Elaine Gruenbacher has been published.

April 10, August 5, and November 20 are the new deadline dates. They are firm as Elaine has firm publication dates.

Annie officially recognized and congratulated Matt Copeland for receiving the Milken National Educator Award.

### *Publication numbering system:*

*Kansas English Issue 1 & 2*

*Young Writers Issue 3*

*Younger Writers Issue 4*

*2005 - 2006 Kansas English is coming out as Volume 90 with corresponding issues 1, 2, & 3*

*2006 - 2007 publications will be Volume 91....*

### *The Update has its own system*

**KANSAS ENGLISH** Kami Day and Michele Eodice

**\*\* Report attached**

Format has returned to previous size. Glue bound rather than stapled, a few blank pages because of size needs. We will again have 2 issues a year rather than just 1.

**May 1 Deadline      Theme: Evolution LA Teaching**

Please submit entries. Need more representation from high school teachers.

“Courage to Teach” theme will be tied to an issue closer to the 2006 conference.

**YOUNG KANSAS WRITERS** Barb Livengood, Carlene Stueve

Publication will go out May 1.

Carlene has chosen a 7 CD burner (\$1,011.39 + shipping and handling). It is a stand alone unit; doesn't have to be hooked up to a computer; other members will be able to use it.

Tabled motion from the October meeting (see approved minutes) to buy the burner was voted on and carried.

**YOUNGER KANSAS WRITERS:**

**Linda Jones**

Ditto to Young Kansas Writers

**William Allen White Award**

**Ginny Beasley**

**SLATE:**

**Matt Copeland**

See attached report

Matt Addressed State Bd. Of Ed. as a recipient of the Milken Award.

Blue Valley removed teacher options to books in the classroom.

Matt will write a KATE Board Position statement following the NCTE position on books challenged in the classroom which will be published in the Update so that our membership knows the support of KATE is behind them as needed.s

### **NCTE Liaison**

**Andy Anderson**

The members of the KATE Board need to be members of NCTE

Secondary HS Teacher of Excellence Award—a certificate from NCTE at the November meeting. Recipient is responsible for expenses.

Leadership Development Award nominee—Pearce & Prentice Hall \$500.00

NCTE Website-take advantage of it! Use link from KATE homepage.

A committee has been formed to choose from a nominee pool for award recipients. Nominees are to be members of NCTE & KATE by April to receive an award. Committee members are Andy Anderson, Kayleen Knopf, Jerri Hilger, and Annie Heidersbach.

Kayleen is going to send an email nomination form to members by March 1 with an attachment with criteria needed about the nominee, link to NCTE, and the due date.

Andy will write a formal call for nominations which will be published in the Spring 2007 issue of the *UPDATE*.

There are a variety awards KATE can apply for at NCTE; see Andy for further info.

### **Web page:**

Minutes are archived as well as the *UPDATE*.

Is the site effective, usable, etc.? YES!!!!

Low tech means easy to maintain & update.

Contact Andy if you notice corrections.

**Constitution will be added to the website.**

**Anyone interested in going to Romania in October 2006?** Let Andy know. He is also setting up a Google website to facilitate interaction between our organizations.

If teachers are interested in having students correspond electronically with Romanian students, they should contact Andy.

### **NCTE Writing Awards**

**Barb and Gary Bleeker**

Report Attached

### **CONFERENCE 2006**

**Matt Copeland**

Report attached

Matt recommended a statewide mailing to go out late spring.

Andy moved that Matt be allowed make a statewide mailing to all language arts teachers up to an amount of \$3,000.00 giving notice of the conference.

Discussion:

Kaleen noted the current bank account balance is \$26,514.28. After covering the major yearly expenses, cd burner, lunch, etc. the balance should still be enough to cover the motion.

- Suggestion made that this would be a good time to make a membership push.
- Bryan seconded the motion, it was passed.

**Conference dates for 2007 are October 18 & 19.  
2008 dates are tentatively set for October 9 & 10.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Board membership list; newly edited list handed out for revisions. Annie emailed the list to everyone last night.

Marilyn Brewer tendered her resignation. Annie moved, Carlene seconded & motion carried to accept her resignation.

Karen Stous has officially “retired” from the board. She will help out unofficially as needed.

Annie would like the Executive Board to provide a couple of lines of professional bio and a photo for the website.

### **KATE Scholarship**

Matt is resigning and Annie has appointed Kaleen Knopp as head of the committee. Andy moved we approve this appointment, Ginny Beesley seconded it and it was passed.

Committee members were asked for. Carlene Stueve and Ruthann Harris agreed to serve.

### **Outstanding Practices Award**

One award is given at each grade level. Forms are on the website. Choices will be made at the June board meeting. Looking for practices that address standards, goals, etc.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Summer Share-A-Thon**

**Tara Azwell**

Friday, June 9, 2006 Emporia State  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of teacher education building – The Jones Institute for Education  
Board Meeting in the Faculty Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Lunch will be in the student union

\$10.00 registration for members and \$20.00 registration for nonmembers would cover the cost of a morning break and lunch; would probably not cover any printing costs.

Info to go out in the April **UPDATE**.

Add info to the mailing that Matt sends out in May.

Andy will also post information on the website.

Letterhead update: Annie & Andy will work on it & make it available electronically to everyone. We need to be consistent in using it.

**Literary Magazine Rep.                      Andy Anderson**

Pat Fellers was wrongly listed with NCTE.

Karen Stous is to be our liaison. She does want to do this for KATE.

Teachers should submit to Karen.

Go to the NCTE link for more information.

Tara Azwell offered to bring treats to the June meeting in Emporia

**Adjournment for lunch at 12:30pm.**