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Kansas Association of Teachers of English

KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes
7 October 2010
Marriott Hotel, Wichita, KS

Members present

Andy Anderson, Bryan Anderson, Virginia Beesley, Matt Bova, Joy Bunch, Clark Coker, Vicky Cooper, Matt Copeland, Anne Flurry, Denise Gilligan, Debbie Holloway, Kara Huck, Clark Killion, Kaleen Knopp, Rose LaBarge, Steve Maack, Phillip Marzluf, Katie Mason, Suzy Oertel, Mimi Rainen, John Ritchie, Jeff Roper, Rachael Smith, Carlene Stueve, Jane Wagner, Dana Waters, Terri Zimmer.

Call to order

President Kaleen Knopp called the meeting to order. She welcomed members and asked that they introduce themselves.

Approval of agenda

Kaleen Knopp made the following changes to the agenda: added Kansas State Board of Education report from Matt Copeland; added Kansas Writing Project report from Matt Roper; changed SLATE report to Steve Maack, removed from *Younger Kansas Writers* report Robin Sides. Phillip Marzluf moved the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of minutes

Phillip Marzluf moved the minutes from the June 26, 2010, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Announcements

Kaleen Knopp announced that she had received a number of regrets for conference attendance.

Reports

Treasurer: Clark Coker reported that the closing balance from last year is \$25,166. The final conference report from 2009 reflected a loss of \$4,916.60. Conference attendance for this year was down from 153 last year to 135 this year. Clark cautioned that we must look for ways to increase income and cut conference expenses. He suggested we use NCTE speakers and charge for the Thursday reception. Kaleen asked members to think about these suggestions for the February meeting. She suggested we ask attendees to report how much the speaker influenced their decision to attend the conference. Joy Bunch reported that the exhibitors find the fluctuating conference dates cause conflicts for them. The treasurer's report reflected a final balance of \$37,649.38, with expenses for the publications, conference expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses still outstanding.

KATE Update: Suzy Oertel reported that *KATE Update* is in production. Andy Anderson will send articles on KATE history to Suzy. To remedy problems with printing and mailing issues, Suzy had been working with Clark Coker to arrange for Dodge City Community College to assume printing and

mailing *KATE Update*. Clark asked for clarification of tasks; he will then ask the DCCC print shop if they can print and mail *Update*. Kaleen pointed out that getting out a publication involves much more than printing. It is a 10 step process that the editor must be responsible for seeing through. Denise Gilligan suggested that we send electronic copies and offer the option of mail copies; members felt that it would be very difficult to sort out the data base. Carlene Stueve reminded the Board that KATE had tried electronic publishing with *Young Kansas Writers* and the publication had failed. Andy Anderson pointed out that *KATE Update* is on KATE's Webpage, and that the issues with conference advertising and forms must be paper. Kaleen suggested that we schedule an electronic copy after each Board meeting except June, which will be the preconference issue. For the February meeting, Kaleen will draft a change of the constitution to reflect decreasing *KATE Update* issues to three.

Kansas English: Andy Anderson reported that *Kansas English* 93.2 has been sent to the printer and will be out in two to three weeks. Matt Bova reported that the editors have 90% of what they will need for next edition, whose theme is assessment. The call for submissions for the following issue, with a theme of struggling learners, is ready to go out as soon as the late issue is published. Kaleen asked Matt Bova to check with the other editors to see if they want to continue, and asked that the editors notify her of any changes.

Andy Anderson pointed out that *Kansas English* needs to be housed at a university. Matt Copeland presented a proposal for creating a Board position of Publication Manager. The publication editors would be responsible for submissions and layout; the editors would then hand off to the publication manager for production and mailing. Matt stated that this proposal recognizes that K12 people do not have the resources to publish and would resolve that problem. Kaleen asked if anyone would be interested in the position. Clark Killion suggested first contacting colleges to see if they would be interested in publishing *Kansas English* and then soliciting an editor there. Denise Gilligan suggested that advertising the university's special projects in *Kansas English* might make publishing more appealing to them.

Kaleen reminded us that the KATE constitution calls for a regular schedule of our publications and if we are not going to adhere to that schedule, we need to amend the constitution. She announced that we will make constitution changes in February to reflect changes in our publication schedules. She asked that Board members check for other areas that need to be changed in the constitution and e-mail her the changes. She will make a draft of constitutional changes and send to members to be voted on in February.

Young Kansas Writers: Robin Sides and Genesis Ferch have resigned as editors. Jane Wagner, who will take over, has asked for estimates for printing from several print publishers. She felt that print is necessary. Kaleen tabled the discussion until February. Jane asked that members who are willing to help with *Young Kansas Writers* e-mail her.

William Allen White award: Tara Baker has not reported and is now teaching out of state. Phillip Marzluf will ask Anne Phillips if she would be willing to take this position. Matt Copeland reminded us that we must inform the William Allen White committee that we will be changing representatives.

SLATE: Kaleen pointed out that the constitution states that the second vice president will serve as SLATE representative. Kaleen will write the revision in the constitution draft to be acted upon in February. Steve Maack, SLATE representative, had not heard of any issues. Since the National Gallery on Writing is funneled through SLATE, Steve suggested we look at working with them. He will bring details to the February meeting. Andy Anderson reported that he had applied to the National Gallery on Writing for a KATE gallery. He suggested that we use the gallery to promote our centennial. Steve will write a report for *KATE Update*. Joy Bunch reminded us of NCTE's The Right to Read and suggested NCTE might have useful information. Denise Gilligan reported that the *Topeka Capitol Journal* had published an article about banned books; students had read from *Huckleberry Finn* on the Capitol steps.

NCTE Liaison: Andy Anderson reported that KATE Online has KATE's materials. The Website can be accessed through KATE.org. Johnson County Community College has revised their policy to state all work run through their server must be done on campus, which has made it more awkward to keep the KATE Website current. Electronic membership forms are now available and could be entered directly into the database, but money could not be included. A standard news blurb is available on the Website for conference attendees who want recognition for attending. Andy reminded all Board members that they must be current NCTE members and advised members to check out the NCTE web page as a wealth of resources. Kaleen emphasized how important the resources are politically. Andy reminded members that this is NCTE's centennial year and the website offers information about NCTE's history and the tremendous impact the organization has had on the teaching of English. Andy will attend the NCTE Board meeting at the NCTE conference.

NCTE Writing Awards: John Ritchie had received 29 submissions. Kaleen suggested getting the information into local newspapers.

NCTE Literary Magazines: Matt Copeland reported that Judy Beemer is working on the NCTE Literary Magazines entries. Kaleen asked that Matt contact Judy and ask her for an update for the February meeting.

Awards: The list of award nominees is as follows. The list will be updated by Mimi Rainen, Kara Huck, Vicky Cooper, and Andy Anderson. They will contact last year's nominees and ask them if they accept the nomination and inform them of the steps they need to take to apply.

- **Halle Award (Middle School):** Michael Petermann, Wamego; Curtis Chandler, Wamego; Wendy Klosterman, Abilene.
- **Hoey Award:** Michael Petermann, Wamego; Curtis Chandler, Wamego; Wendy Klosterman, Abilene; Deborah Holloway, Tonganoxie.
- **NCTE Secondary Section High School Teacher of Excellence:** Heidi Stohs, Abilene; RuthAnn Harris, Wichita East; Jean Wilson, Tonganoxie High School.
- **NCTE Leadership Development Award:** Heidi Stohs, Abilene.

KATE Best Teaching Practices Awards: .Kara Huck has been working with Phillip Marzluf on nominations for the awards.

2010-2011 Board Slate: New Executive Board members will be installed Friday at the Fall Conference. Their first official meeting will be the February meeting. The the new Executive Board members are as follows:

Second Vice President: Jeff Roper, Andover High School

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- Jeremy Gibson, Topeka High School
- Eryn Elder, Wichita South High School
- Jennifer Funk, Trailridge Middle School
- Eileen Montavo, Junction City High School
- Heidi Stohs, Abilene High School
- Heather Caswell, Kansas State University
- Kevin Keinholz, Emporia State University
- Denise Gilligan, Mission Valley High School
- Montika Atkinson, Westwood Elementary School
- Penny Macumber, Junction City High School

New members' terms will end in 2013. Several members had reported that they had not been informed of their election. Kaleen Knopp appointed Kelly Fredrick to replace Robin Sides on the

Board. Vicky Cooper asked if committee memberships continue after Board terms expire. In that case, committee members can serve voluntarily and come to Board meetings, but they are not officially on the Board unless they are officers or have an appointment. Ginny Beesley will generate a list of term dates.

Conference 2010: Phillip Marzluf has already met with the incoming 2011 conference chair, John Ritchie. The Board gave Phillip a round of applause on a conference well done. Denise Gilligan reminded us that one of the best sources of membership are students in Teacher Education programs. Katie Mason, Wichita State University, reported that she is requiring her education students to attend the conference.

KSBE Liaison: Matt Copeland reported on leadership positions at KSBE. The Common Core Standards will be voted on by the KSBE this week. KSBE had made a grant application for a striving readers literacy plan that may become a requirement for Kansas students, and Matt may be recruiting members for advice on the literacy plan. Matt clarified that funding for journalism programs will not be cut; however, they must realign for career clusters funding. He stated that there had been misinformation on both sides. However, traditional print journalism is being cut. Curriculum will need to be rewritten for electronic publication.

Andy Anderson pointed out that both the number of KATE members who have had input into state educational decisions and the fact that a representative from KSBE sits on the KATE Board underscores the impact of KATE on Kansas education.

National Writing Project: Jeff Roper reported that the three projects of the Kansas Writing Coalition will be going out to Garden City again this summer. They have a mission to do advocacy work and will be sending representatives to Washington to advocate for renewal of funding. Jeff stressed the need to awaken advocacy at state levels. The Coalition is looking to begin a dialogue with ELL programs.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New business

Annie Flurry asked to place on the agenda for the February meeting a discussion of having a KATE representative on the Heartland Award selection committee. Annie will contact Dr. Bushman about allotting a spot for KATE.

The Board thanked President Kaleen Knopp for an outstanding year of leadership.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40. The next meeting will be February 19, 2010, at the Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas.

Dana Waters, secretary