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Kansas Association of Teachers of English

KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes
27 October 2011
Marriott Hotel, Wichita, KS

Members present

Montika Allen-Atkinson, Andy Anderson, Bryan Anderson, Virginia Beesley, Matt Bova, Joy Bunch, Heather Caswell, Clark Coker, Vicky Cooper, Matt Copeland, Stacy Chestnut, Denise Gilligan, Amanda Graham, RuthAnn Harris, Debbie Holloway, Elaine Jardon, Kevin Kienholz, Michelle Kirk, Abby Knoblauch, Kaleen Knopp, Steve Maack, Phillip Marzluf, Katie Mason, Suzy Oertel, Anne Phillips, Mimi Rainen, John Ritchie, Jeff Roper, Carl Singleton, Rachael Smith, Stacy Smith, Heidi Stohs, Jane Wagner, Dana Waters

Call to order

President Phillip Marzluf called the meeting to order at 6:40. He thanked Ginny Beesley for generating the list of current Board members and their terms and called members' attention to it. He reminded attendees of opportunities for service to KATE. Phillip asked members to introduce themselves.

Approval of agenda

Anne Phillips moved that the agenda be approved. Phillip asked that NCTE Promising Young Writers be added to the agenda. The motion was seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of minutes

Denise Gilligan moved the minutes from the June 18, 2011, meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and passed. Dana Waters thanked Kaleen Knopp for recording the June minutes in her absence.

Announcements

Board members Ann Bradford, Jeremy Gibson, Eileen Montavo, and Valerie Brown-Kuchera were unable to attend and sent regrets. The following Board members have resigned and been replaced by appointment: respectively, Annie Flurry with Abby Knoblauch; Roseann LaBarge with Jane Wagner; Nick Bowling with Valerie Brown-Kuchera, Sean Denton with Katie Mason, Erin Elder with RuthAnn Harris; Jennifer Funk (no substitution). Vicki Cooper announced her resignation from the committee on Teaching Awards; she will be replaced by Heidi Stops.

Reports

Treasurer: Clark Coker reported that the Conference balance of \$13,989.01 represents only monies to the weekend. Further deposits and expenses will be reflected in the June report. Although bills are outstanding, the conference will be in the black.

The regular Treasurer's Report reflected a balance of \$40,317.20 for all accounts, with a year to date profit/loss of \$14,358.32.

Membership: Clark Coker reported that the master membership list shows 410 names with 82 paid members. This summer and fall Clark cleaned up the membership list. Many notices he sent were returned marked “undeliverable.” Clark asked that members notify him of significant address changes. Conference registration was 180, an increase from last year. This year 35 students were registered; up from 9 last year and 5 the year previous. Phillip reminded the Board that Clark has resigned as treasurer and membership chair, and will need to be replaced. The Board thanked Clark for six years of service.

Marketing: Deb Kohn, Terri Zimmer and Phillip Marzluf had worked on marketing. Terri created the marketing brochure and Fort Hays State University mailed it.

KATE Update: Suzy Oertel reported she will pass a sign-up list for *KATE Update* submissions. She had received a request from FHSU and asked the Board about advertising rates in the KATE newsletter. Clark Coker reported that the printing bill for one issue is \$200. Andy Anderson reported that FHSU has advertised in *Kansas English*. Carl Singleton said the FHSU English Department would probably trade printing for a one page ad in *KATE Update*. Steve Maak cautioned about setting a precedent; for that reason setting a rate with a contract might be more consistent. Steve will send a contract for the Board to consider as a model. Phillip thanked Suzy for a wonderful job of editing the *KATE Update*.

Kansas English: Matt Bova reported he had had the same query from FHSU about advertising in *Kansas English*. Steve will also forward the model contract to Matt. Matt reported that Allen Press has offered a 3 year contract for printing *Kansas English*. The Kansas State Historical Society has archived *Kansas English* issues back to 1915; the next volume of *Kansas English* will be Volume 95. *Kansas English* was distributed to 175 members at the conference. The total cost of the issue was \$1200. Delivering the issue at the conference saved \$200. The next volume, themed Struggling Teachers, Struggling Students is well on the way with submissions. Matt asked Board members to submit creative work. The call for the next issue will revolve around Common Core Competencies. Kristin Worthington is resigning as co-editor. Matt would like to modify the publishing model he has established. He would like for someone to handle the correspondence via e-mail, while he continued handling production, publishing, and delivery. He asked for volunteers to handle correspondence.

Young/Younger Kansas Writers: Jane Wagner reported that the committee had done some on-line research. She showed the last issue of hard copies. Jane had asked for a publishing bid for 100 books from Hillsboro Free Press. The bid was \$367 +\$20 shipping for 96 pages. Jane anticipated postage of \$1.50 per piece. Phillip reminded us that the other challenge is getting submissions from more than 3 high schools as we have in the past. Jane suggested that in the call for submissions, we make publishing conditional on receiving submissions from a number of schools. Jane will solicit bids from other printers. The sub-committee will meet with Phillip and John Ritchie tomorrow and solidify details for submission and printing. Jane stated that they would only accept electronic submissions. Ginny Beesley moved we authorize the committee to take the necessary steps to publish *Young/Younger Kansas Writers* this year. Carl Singleton seconded. Jane said they would need submissions by spring break. Jane asked for clarification that teachers must be KATE members to submit student work. The motion passed.

William Allen White award: .Anne Phillips reported she had read 132 books The committee had met in September to select books for the two categories: 3rd to 5th grades and 6th through 8th grades.

SLATE: Steve Maack was asked to check on a report that the Lawrence school district had banned the teaching of *Tom Sawyer*. Steve asked that members read his article in the latest *KATE Update*. He reminded members to use their personal devices rather than school devices for advocacy.

NCTE Liaison: Andy Anderson reminded Board members they are required to be members of NCTE. NCTE National Writing Project and WPA has published a booklet, *The Framework*, on

NCTE's webpage to complement the core standards discussion. NCTE has become more pro-active in expressing our concerns on issues we face as teachers. Andy reminded us that it is worthwhile to support these organizations; otherwise we are just individual voices. NCTE has been holding the line on the same issues since its inception 150 years ago. Andy reported that NCTE and CCCC are discussing the concurrent enrollment issue extensively, 10 years after KATE's statement.

NCTE Writing Awards: John Ritchie reported he had solicited 4 judges for this year's selections, but he will need more next time. Debbie Holloway has agreed to become the state coordinator for the lower level. John will mentor her through the process.

NCTE Literary Magazines: Phillip Marzluf and Eileen Montavo looked at 6 journals and are awaiting results from NCTE. Eileen will continue in that role.

Teaching Awards: Mimi Rainen reported the committee has 1 applicant for Best Practices. They need Hoey and Halle nominees. Applicants must do the process on their own. Heidi Stohs will replace Vicki Cooper on the committee which oversees the following awards:

- Halle Award (Middle School):
- Hoey Award:..
- NCTE Secondary Section High School Teacher of Excellence:
- NCTE Leadership Development Award:
- .KATE Best Teaching Practices Awards:

Conference 2011: The Board congratulated John Ritchie on the conference. Joy Bunch will step down from oversight of the conference vendor tables. Phillip had contacted Friends University to ensure someone is here Friday to take care of conference credit. Friends wanted KATE to grade the papers; as a service for KATE Conference attendees, Phillip and Andy Anderson will grade the papers this year. KATE will consider someone else to credit the conference for next year.

Jane Wagner reported a suggestion that we combine conference registration with membership so schools will cover the cost of membership. Andy Anderson said TYCA had found that many schools will not pay conference registration that includes membership.

Jeff Roper, Conference Chair 2012, asked for input on next year's conference, implementing Common Core standards. Jeff said that supporting conference registration would have appeal for administrators who will be dealing with this issue. He said that textbook companies should be invited to be vendors to sell publications that address that theme. John Ritchie said he had requests for potential sessions on common core standards for this conference. John asked if that theme would interest higher education members. Kaleen Knopp suggested accreditation be included. Jeff asked anyone who has other ideas to contact him.

Phillip reminded us that since Ann Bradford is retiring we will need a volunteer to solicit door prizes for next year's conference. Joy Bunch suggested t-shirts to celebrate KATE's 100th year.

New Business

Phillip reported that he had talked to Dan Royer about designing the KATE Website. He said there are things we can do with the website to expedite membership and accounting, and to manage a membership database. This would help fill the Membership Chair position since Clark Coker is resigning. The site could use PayPal for membership dues and generate e-mail reminders to members whose membership was expiring. Members agreed that we need to have someone with technology expertise to update the site.

Farewell to KATE 2011 Board Members/Installation of 2012 Board Members

Phillip led the induction ceremony for officers:

- NCTE Liaison Officer: Andy Anderson
- Editors: Matt Bova, Matt Copeland (*Kansas English*), Suzy Ortel (*Kate UpDate*), Jane Wagner, Montika Allen-Atkinson, Heather Caswell (*Young/Younger Kansas Writers*),
- Treasurer: Clark Coker
- Secretary: Dana Waters
- Second Vice President: Curtis Chandler (absent)
- First Vice President/Program Chair of Annual Conference: Jeff Roper
- President: John Ritchie

Terms for the following new Board members officially begin in February: Kelly Frederick, Stacy Chestnut, Michelle Kirk, Elaine Jardon, Elaine Klincik, Debbie Holloway, Mimi Rainen, Joy Bunch, Carl Singleton, and Amanda Graham.

Adjournment

Denise Gilligan moved the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00. The next meeting will be at the Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas, in early February.

Dana Waters, secretary