

KATE UPDATE

Fall Conference Issue

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Trick or Treat with KATE

by Virginia Beesley

2007 Conference Chair

If you're like me, the beginning of the school year is both busy and exciting. You and your students are ready for a new beginning.

You've both made your resolutions: Your students hope to work harder and achieve more; you want to energize your classes with intriguing activities and motivating lessons. And everything goes very well...for awhile. Unfortunately, sometime towards the end of the first nine weeks, exhaustion sets in. You realize that you're tired and out of ideas. The best you can do is get through your grading and limp along on the same old lesson plans from years gone by.

Yes, by the end of October I need a break. I need some time to reflect on what's happened so far in the school year, to review what's worked and what hasn't.

I need time with adults, time to talk about my concerns. I need some inspiration and new ideas. And I need some fun.

In short, I need the KATE Conference.

Just getting away from home and the daily grind helps me relax. Instead of getting up to fix breakfast, do a load of laundry and give the kitchen floor a quick mop, I have the luxury of having breakfast fixed for me. I can lie in bed an extra hour, letting my wander. I get to visit with fellow teachers, find goodies for my classrooms at the exhibitor tables, and best of all be inspired by award-winning author and teacher, Sharon Draper. On top of all that, I can attend idea-packed breakout sessions, coming away with new lessons that I can use in my classes next week.

This year KATE is a week later than prior years, and happily coincides with Halloween, a holiday that most invites us to let our hair down and have some fun. In keeping with the holiday spirit KATE is offering something new on Thursday evening: a costume party. You don't have to dress up as your favorite author or fictional character, but you might want to. We encourage you to delight in the opportunity to play dress-up, shake off the confines of your daily persona, and let your imagination take over. Or if that just sounds like too much work, come to watch the costume show and share in discussions of your favorite works of literature.

Join us!

Planning for the conference?

Check out the KATE website:
www.kateonline.org

- Schedule of concurrent sessions
- Featured speaker information
- Hotel information
- Registration form
- Membership form

Conference Schedule Wichita Marriott

THURS. OCTOBER 30

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and Publisher Exhibits; Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Opening General Session; Keynote Address: Patti Stock

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions A

11:30 – 12:15 p.m. Con. Sessions B

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Luncheon Speaker: Sharon Draper

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Con. Sessions C

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Con. Sessions D

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour; Costume Party

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. KATE Executive Board Meeting; Open to all KATE members

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Registration
8:30-9:00 All Conference Continental Breakfast; Officer Installation

9:00-9:45 Con. Session E

10:00-10:45 Con. Session F

10:45-11:30 Publisher Exhibits; Hotel check-out

11:30-12:15 Con. Session G

12:30-2:00 Luncheon Speaker: SE KS Writing Project

How to win administrative approval to attend KATE

Just in case your administrators need a little convincing to support your attendance at the fall KATE conference, consider that the conference provides:

- Affordable, quality professional development opportunities in a convenient location.
- Opportunities to hear nationally recognized speakers from around the country.
- Dozens of research-based activities designed for you to take into your classroom to help your students.
- A variety of valuable leadership roles that can provide even more recognition for your district.
- Future opportunities for educators to publish in a state journal, *Kansas English*.
- Future opportunities for students K-12 to publish.
- Opportunities to present at a state conference, as well as other possibilities.
- Contact with staff of the Kansas State Department of Education regarding state assessments and other related matters.
- Connection to the national level, with the National Conference of Teachers of English, and a variety of opportunities.
- Opportunities to discuss textbooks and other resource materials with several exhibitors/representatives.
- Chances to visit with a variety of young adult authors.
- Opportunities to collaborate and connect with other language arts professionals and related organizations.

UPDATE Staff: Elaine Klincik, Editor.

KATE UPDATE is published four times a year as a benefit of membership. Its purpose is to inform the membership of activities of KATE and NCTE, announcements of clearly indicated policy and to provide a means for discussion of ideas and issues concerning the content and teaching of English and language arts. Published points of view do not imply endorsement by the officers or membership at large.

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KATE UPDATE is a member of the NCTE Information Exchange Agreement. Articles, ideas, and comments from KATE members are welcomed.

Prepare for Idea/Book Exchange

by Jane Wagner

Marketing Chair

The annual conference "Reviewing our Beliefs, Envisioning our Future" is fast approaching so start planning now for the Idea/Book Exchange. Here is a chance for you to acquire numerous lesson plans and trade the books you have already enjoyed for some new great reads. This is how it works.

When you come to the conference, bring 75 copies of a teaching idea that has worked well for you. You will then have an opportunity to pick of lessons from other professionals participating in the exchange. What a great opportunity to introduce some new ideas into our classrooms. The more people who participate, the more lesson plans we will have.

Here is an opportunity to exchange those books you have already read for something new to enjoy. Bring any good novel or professional book and exchange it for a coupon. Please bring books that are in good condition and something others might enjoy reading. Then come to the exchange and shop for something new. Just choose whatever you like from what others have brought and "purchase" it with your coupon. The selection and number of books to choose from will depend on the number of participants, so let's all bring at least one book and make this a regular shopping spree.

Plan to be part of the Idea/Book Exchange at the Fall Conference. Make copies of that great lesson plan, grab a book or two that you have already read, pay you

dues and get the voucher to your principal so you can be part of "Reviewing our Beliefs, Envisioning our Future." You will meet some wonderful people, learn some unique ideas to use in your classroom and grow as a professional. Wichita is the place to be on October 30-31.

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Patty Stock: KATE Keynote Speaker “Visions and Revisions”

by Andy Anderson

NCTE Liason

I met Patti online while she was serving as NCTE President. Responding to her presidential question about NCTE Affiliate activities, I shared with Patti my interest in Edwin Hopkins, a professor at KU who was present in Chicago at the founding of NCTE and returned to Kansas from that meeting to initiate the founding of KATE in 1912. That meeting led to our sharing a conversation regarding the importance of NCTE Affiliates in the life of NCTE and an ongoing discussion about the values expressed by early NCTE leaders, values that remain central to the work of NCTE. Patti Stock understands and appreciates the historic and ongoing dialog between practice and theory vital to good teaching. I am delighted she will be able to present the keynote at this year's KATE

Conference, “Visions and Revisions: From Teaching Practice to Education Policy.”

Visiting the Michigan State University faculty web pages, one finds Patti's impressive biographical notes. Patti is Visiting Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Maryland-College Park, Visiting Scholar in the National Writing Project, the University of California-Berkeley, and Professor Emerita of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures and English in Michigan State University. Before her tenure in Michigan State, where she served as founding director of the Michigan State's Writing Center and co-founder of the Red Cedar Writing Project, Patti taught English in urban, suburban, and rural schools in New York and Michigan.

On leave from Michigan State University from 1995-1997, Patti served as Associate Executive Director with special responsibilities for higher education in the National Council of Teacher of English. She filled the responsibilities of the NCTE Presidential positions serving as president-elect (2002-03), president (2003-04), and past-president (2004-05) of the council. Patti has also served as a Trustee of NCTE's Research Foundation, Chair of NCTE's College Forum, Editor of English Education, and on the boards of the National Writing Project and the International Writing Centers Association. She currently serves on the Advisory Panel to the National Commission on Writing for America's Families, Schools, and Colleges and as NCTE's delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies.

LITERACY AND LAUGHTER: SHARON DRAPER PRESENTS

KATE conference featured author Sharon M. Draper will present a delightful mixture of reading, laughter, and inspiration. She will discuss the legacy of the past, the strength of the present, and the potential of the future for those who love the magic of books and the power of creativity.

Sharon M. Draper is a professional educator as well as an accomplished writer. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year, is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scot King Literary Award, and is a

New York Times bestselling author. She was selected as Ohio's Outstanding High School Language Arts Educator, Ohio Teacher of the Year, and was chosen as a NCNW Excellence in Teaching Award winner. She is a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award winner, and was the Duncanson Artist-in-Residence for the Taft Museum. She is a YWCA Career Woman of Achievement, and is the recipient of the Dean's Award from Howard University School of Education, the Pepperdine University Dis-

tinguished Alumnus Award, the Marva Collins Education Excellence Award, and the Governor's Educational Leadership Award. Last year she was named Ohio Pioneer in Education by the Ohio State Department of Education, in 2008 she received the Beacon of Light Humanitarian award.

After becoming one of the first teachers in the nation to achieve National Board Certification in English/Language Arts, she was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She

is currently on the Board of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future. Her award-winning essay on education, “The Touch of a Teacher,” was published by the National Governor's Association in What Governors Need to know about Education.

Actively involved in encouraging and motivating all teachers and their students as well, she has worked all over the United States, as well as in Russia, Ghana, Togo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Bermuda, and Guam, spreading the word about the power

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of accomplished teaching and excellence in education. She has been honored at the White House several times and was chosen as one of only four authors in the country to speak at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C, and to represent the United States in Moscow at their Book Festival.

Her literary recognition began when, as a challenge from one of her students, she entered and won first prize in a literary contest, for which she was awarded \$5000 and the publication of her short story, "One Small Torch." She has published numerous poems, articles, and short stories in a variety of literary journals. She is the published author of numerous articles, stories, and poems, as well as

Tears of a Tiger (Simon and Schuster, 1994)

Forged by Fire (Simon and Schuster, 1997)

Darkness Before Dawn (Simon and Schuster, 2001)

Romiette and Julio (Simon and Schuster, 1999)

Double Dutch (Simon and Schuster, 2002)

The Battle of Jericho (Simon and Schuster, 2003)

Copper Sun (Simon and Schuster, 2006)

November Blues (Simon and Schuster, 2007)

Just Another Hero (Simon and Schuster, 2009)

Fire from the Rock (Dutton, 2007)

We Beat the Street (Dutton, 2005)

Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: The Buried Bones Mystery (Simon and

Schuster, 2006)
Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Lost in the Tunnel of Time (Simon and Schuster, 2006)

Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Shadows of Caesar's Creek (Simon and Schuster, 2006)

Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: The Space Mission Adventure (Simon and Schuster, 2006)

Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: The Backyard Zoo Adventure (Simon and Schuster, 2006)

Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs: Stars and Sparks on Stage (Simon and Schuster, 2006)

Teaching from the Heart (Heinemann, 1999)

Not Quite Burned Out, But Crispy around the Edges (Heinemann, 2001)

and many others...

Tears of a Tiger has received numerous awards, including the American Library Association/Coretta Scott King John Steptoe Award for an outstanding new book, and was also honored as an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. It has been recognized as one of the best of the year by the Children's Book Council, the New York City Library, Bank Street College, and the National Council for Social Studies. It was also named as Best of the Best by VOYA and the American Library Association as one of the top 100 books for young adults.

Forged by Fire, the sequel to *Tears of a Tiger*, is the 1997 Coretta Scott King Award winner, as well as the winner of the ALA BEST Book Award and the Parent's Choice Award and the Indiana Young Hoosier Award.

Darkness Before Dawn,

the third book in the trilogy, is an ALA Top Ten Quick Pick, and has received the Children's Choice Award from the International Reading Association and received the Buckeye Book Award for 2005, and was named an IRA Young Adult Choice for 2003.

Romiette and Julio is also listed as an ALA Best Book and has been selected by the International Reading Association as a 2000 Notable Book for a Global Society, and by the New York Public Library in their Books for the Teen Age.

Double Dutch was honored as a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People by the Children's Book Council as well as one of the top ten sports books for young adults for 2003 by the ALA, and Best of the Best for 2004, and received the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award for 2006.

The Battle of Jericho is the 2004 Coretta Scott King Honor Book, one of the New York Public Library's Book for the Teen Age, and is one of the 2005 Young Adult Choice Books named by the International Reading Association.

Fire from the Rock has been selected by the NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies Committee as a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People for 2008 and is honored on the 2008 New York Public Library Best Books for the Teen Age.

We Beat the Street is listed on the New York Times Bestseller List and is on VOYA's Non-Fiction Honor List for 2006 and is honored on the 2006 New York Public Library Best Books for the Teen Age.

Copper Sun received the 2007 Coretta Scott King

Literature award, was named as one of the Top Ten Historical Fiction Books for Youth by Booklist was nominated for the 2007 NAACP Image Award for Literature, and received the Ohioana Award for Young Adult Literature. *Copper Sun* is also a CBC/NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book, received the Heartland Award for Excellence in YA Literature, was named as an IRA Notable Book for a Global Society and was named as Best Book of the Year by School Library Journal. *Copper Sun* is also listed on the New York Times Bestseller List.

November Blues received the 2008 Coretta Scott King Honor Book Literary Award and is honored on the 2008 New York Public Library Best Books for the Teen Age.

Sharon Draper is an active participant in the activities of the YWCA of Cincinnati, a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the International Reading Association, Top Ladies of Distinction, and Links, Incorporated. Ms. Draper travels extensively and has been a guest on television and radio programs throughout the country, discussing issues of literature, reading, and education. She is an accomplished public speaker who addresses educational and literary groups of all ages, both nationally and internationally, with entertaining readings of her poetry and novels, as well as enlightening instructional presentations. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband and a golden retriever named Honey.

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2008 KATE Conference: Reviewing Our Beliefs, Envisioning Our Future

Kansas Association of Teachers of English: October 30-31, 2008

Wichita Marriott Hotel, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS 67207 (316-651-0333)

Name	Last, First, Middle	Email
Address	Street	City/State/Zip
Phone	Home	Work
School	District Number	District Name
KATE Member?	Yes _____ No	Preferred Name for Conference Tag

To help KATE keep accurate membership records, please send your Membership Form and dues to the Membership Chair using the Membership Form on the KATE website <www.kateonline.org>.

Conference Registration Fees

	Members	Non-Members	Student/Retired	Amount
Full Conference	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$15.00	
Thursday Only	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$10.00	
Friday Only	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	

Meals: Meal tickets may not be purchased onsite

Thursday Luncheon and Speaker	\$20.00
Thursday Hors d'oeuvres Buffet	Free to Registrants
Friday Luncheon and Speaker	\$20.00

Grand Total (Registration and Meals)	
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Do you need special accommodations or food? _____ Yes _____ No If "yes," please describe:

Do you plan to earn college credit from Friends University? _____ Yes _____ No

The Friends fee of \$210.00 is payable only at the conference by cash, check, or credit card. Do not include with registration fees for the Conference. For credit, full payment must be made to the university on the first day of the conference. For credit stipulations, link to College Credit on the KATE Conference web page <http://web.jccc.net/orgs/kate/conf_col_credit.html>.

Mail or fax this registration form and check payable to KATE as soon as possible to:

Clark Coker, Kate Conference 2007 Treasurer
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Treasurer Use Only:

Date Received	Dues Paid	Check #	P.O #	Invoice #	Outstanding
	Yes _____ No _____				

Membership Form (from Sept. 1, 2008, to Aug. 31, 2009)

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Name (Last, First, MI)	
Address	
City, State, ZIP	
Home Phone ()	Preferred E-Mail
USD	School Name
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Teaching level

- Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Two-Year College
 Four-Year College Other (specify) _____

Please check one (Note memberships must be renewed annually):

- \$25.00 Individual Membership
 \$50.00 Institutional* (Elementary Schools/Libraries)*
 \$10.00 Retired non-teaching teacher or student**
 Complimentary for first-year Kansas language arts teachers***

* Only elementary school teachers may submit to journals using institutional memberships. Teachers in grades 7-12 must obtain individual memberships.

** Available to undergraduate student teachers or graduate teaching assistants.

*** Provide written verification of status from principal or department chair.

Please check one: New member Renewing Member

If you are a new member, would you note how you learned about KATE?

- Another KATE member KATE web pages KATE mailings College education classes
 Other _____

Special Interests in KATE (check all that apply)

- Executive Board (three-year term; most committees are formed from the board)
 Fall Conference Committee
 KATE Update (newsletter)
 Kansas English (journal)

**Mail this membership form to Clark Coker, KATE Treasurer and Membership Chair
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KATE Executive Board Meeting Minutes

7 June 2008

Eisenhower Center, Abilene, KS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President Lori Goodson.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 16 February 2008 meeting were reviewed.

Announcements

Lori Goodson announced that Shelby Witte has resigned from the Board and will need to be replaced.

Reports

Treasurer's report: Clark Coker handed out the 2007 Conference Final Report and the Treasurer's Report June 008. Clark stated that the organization is doing well, and he won't transfer any money into the money market account this year. KATE's total income was \$26,296.59, with expenses of \$24,391.34, and a balance of \$30,616.05. Clark announced that because of the way our fiscal year falls, he will begin KATE's fiscal year August 1. The conference generated \$3,517.23, with \$22,154 income and \$18,636.77 expenses. Speaker fees were low, but food and room costs at the Marriott have escalated. Lori expressed concern about the entertainment expenses for the conference. Clark pointed out that we have increased charges to \$20. The group discussed the increase in the Marriott's charges. Peggy Jewell moved we accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Marketing: Marketing Chair Jane Wagner was unable to attend. Diana Costello has officially resigned from the Marketing Committee. Lori announced that Jane had offered to resign if her absences were a problem. The board wished her to continue. Jane asked the board to prioritize the list of recipients for the conference mailing. Carl Singleton offered to let KATE use FHSU's mailing list as in the past. Matt Copeland pointed out that the KSBE list includes all teachers of English, both public and private. John Ritchie suggested the mailing go out around Labor Day.

Membership: Clark Coker reported the membership mailing last year cost \$1400, and a mailing to members to update their membership and encourage lapsed members to pay dues would cost \$500. Greg White suggested an e-mailing. Clark was concerned with privacy issues. Carl Singleton pointed out that all the information is public and in our files. Clark will send out an e-mail asking members to

verify and update membership information.

Kansas English: Lori reported that Michele Eodice and Kami Day will be resigning as editors of Kansas English. She asked board members to suggest replacements to Andy Anderson. Andy sent word that Johnson County Community College will continue to help with publishing and mailing.

Young Kansas Writers: Annie Heiderbach reported that the committee charged with finding ways to resolve the issues with *Young Kansas Writers* had not met. Steve Maack suggested the committee meet at the conference. Lori suggested Ginny provide a time at the conference for committee meetings. Matt reminded us that we have the room at the Eisenhower Library reserved for the day, and since we have been finishing the board meeting before lunch, committees could meet in February and June in the afternoons. Phillip Marzluf had researched what other affiliates have done to publish student work and found the following: on-line publication, printed issue; one day conference; opportunities for teachers to publish writing, use of NCTE sponsored events followed by statewide recognition. One state had 17 different categories in its competition. Phillip suggested KATE may be trying to do too much, in light of what he had found with his research. Kaleen Knopp said she will visit with affiliates in Milwaukee to see how they are publishing student writing. Greg White pointed out that many students are interested only in competitive publishing they can list on college applications. The committee was reformed with Phillip Marzluf as chair, Robyn Seglem, Greg White, Kaleen Knopp, Linda Jones, Carlene Stueve, and Barbara Livengood. The committee will communicate by e-mail and meet at the conference. The publications will remain suspended until the committee meets.

SLATE: Steve Maack reported on legislation that introduced a bill to correct wording that had prohibited teachers with a past DUI on their records from obtaining teacher certification. Special interest groups moved to attached an amendment to the bill that removed the presumption of defense for teachers who include in their curriculum any material not approved by the local school board. The bill would have required school boards to review all details of all curriculums for approval. Because of diligence by KNEA

and teachers, the Senate passed the bill without the amendment. Matt Copeland emphasized that it is very important that teachers remain vigilant because such strategically calculated attacks on curriculums will continue. Joy Bunch reported that as a teacher dealing with this in her district, she has instituted a recommended reading list giving students options. Lori asked that Steve write an article on this issue for KATE Update.

Promising Young Writers: John Richie reported that he had 28-29 submissions from juniors for Promising Young Writers, mostly from the Kansas City area. He said that the process is on track and will be completed by August.

NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing: Lori Goodson reported that she had received 25-30 submissions from 8th graders for the NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing. The judges have finished and results have been sent to NCTE. The official post will appear on the web site. She announced that the next deadline for submissions will be January.

NCTE Literary Magazine Awards: Judy Beemer reported that she had asked Andy Anderson to send out a bulk e-mail asking for literary magazine submissions, but hadn't seen the e-mail. She has received two submissions; the deadline is June 30. Guidelines for submission are on the NCTE website.

KATE Conference 2008: Ginny Beesley, conference chair, announced that author Sharon Draper and Patti Stock, past president of NCTE, will be speaking at the conference. Ginny had received a full slate of presentation proposals. She would like to have Writing Project readers at the Friday luncheon. Because she is concerned with the declining number of exhibitors, she is considering soliciting local businesses: bookstores, school supplies vendors. Steve Maack volunteered to ask Watermark books to attend. John Richie suggested soliciting technology vendors. The MACE conference could give advice on how they handle problems such as Internet fees and supply names of vendors might be interested. Since 2/3 of the conference fees were generated by non-KATE members, Steve Maack asked if KATE should dramatically increase conference registration fees for non-members to encourage membership. Greg White added that principals would be encouraged to have their faculty join KATE as it would lower the costs for school dis-

tricts that reimburse registration fees if their faculty were members. Clark said 196 registered for the conference last year. He reviewed numbers of non-members who had registered. Steve Maack moved that KATE raise the full conference registration fee for non-KATE members to \$125, the Thursday fee to \$90, and the Friday fee to \$75. The motion was seconded. Kaleen Knopp pointed out that the conference mailing should include verbiage explaining that KATE membership is an advantage when registering for the conference. Clark emphasized that it must be clear the conference registration fee is separate from \$25 membership fee. The motion was voted on and passed. Matt Copeland suggested we look at the effects of raising the registration fee for non-KATE members at the October board meeting. Ginny is concerned about the increasing costs of the Thursday evening event and is considering reducing the food. Joy Bunch said that in the past the reception had always been paid for by the book publishers. If KATE changes that practice, the letter to publishers needs to be revised to reflect the change. Kaleen suggested KATE credit the publishers in the conference catalogue.

Award Nominations: Lori reported that KATE's selection for the NCTE Leadership Development award is Janae Brady from Wichita North, and the selection for the High School Teacher of Excellence award is KATE Executive Board 6.7.2008 Judy Beemer of Junction City Senior High. Lori asked how the board could include more members in voting on the selections. The board discussed ways to encourage teachers to participate. Kaleen Knopp suggested the use of KATE UpDate to solicit competitors for the awards. Peggy Jewel suggested we use the Thursday reception at the conference to generate interest. The deadline for submitting nominees is May 1; KATE could collect names at the conference in October and make selections in February. Judy Beemer suggested putting forms in the conference folders. Lori Goodson volunteered to man a table at the Thursday reception to encourage members to nominate candidates.

Nominations: Andy Anderson sent a report on the nominations for board members. **Old Business:** No old business was presented.

New Business: No new business was presented.

Adjournment: Matt Copeland moved the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:25.

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