

## **President's Report**

Liz McAninch

Since the meeting in September, I have attended three conferences: CSC's Asilomar, SCTE's "Taking a Bite Out of the Common Core" and NCTE. While the Curriculum Study Commission and SCTE expressed concern at the relatively low numbers (registration at both ran around one-hundred), the organizers can take pride in having provided exciting and informative sessions that the participants thoroughly enjoyed. The high quality of sessions offered at Asilomar and in Whittier, as well as the opportunity for more informal interaction between presenters/facilitators and attendees in a smaller group setting, made both events memorable. I was particularly struck by the high number of student teachers attending SCTE's event in Whittier.

I also had the pleasure of being a guest at the SCTE Board meeting on the evening before the conference. I congratulate the work of the excellent SCTE board: Nancy Himel, Courtney Lockwood, Jane Medina, Mary Adler, Richard Hockensmith, Brian Jeffrey, Joanne Fahey, Bill Younglove, Lisa Hernandez and Tracy Sprague. They appear to be an active and engaged group, and certainly worked hard to produce an engaging weekend for teachers and student teachers at their fall conference.

Along with Charleen Delfino and other members of the CATE Board, I attended the business meeting, the Affiliate Breakfast and Secondary luncheon at NCTE in Las Vegas. The highlight of the annual business meeting was watching Miles Myers receive the James R. Squire Award in recognition of his transforming influence and lasting intellectual contribution to the profession. In addition, we saw Dan Reynolds recognized as a Teacher of Excellence at the secondary luncheon and CATE commended for its membership increases at the Affiliate Breakfast. Charleen Delfino, Nancy Himel and I also attended the training session for NCTE Spokespersons. CATE 2013's three co-chairs, Susan Dillon, Meghan Petersen and Maggie Potter along with Central's Vice-President Trevor Guinea, made their presence known at NCTE. They talked with all the exhibitors, distributed flyers and gained attention for the February conference by wearing their colorful "Keep Calm, Read On" shirts. CATE definitely made its presence known at NCTE's annual convention.

## **Past President's Report**

Charleen Silva Delfino

### **CATE Awards**

One of the major responsibilities of the Past President is to make known to Board Members, Council President's and CATE Members in general the awards that are being given at the coming convention and the criteria for those awards. I contacted these groups and made sure that they were aware of the criteria for the awards, the due dates for them. I encouraged that all councils recognize the teachers in their areas.

A committee was formed to set up criteria for the two new awards that will be given at the 2013 Convention in Santa Clara. The money for these scholarships will be taken from the \$45,000 that was given to CATE from the Southland English Fund. The Committee, Denise Mikkonen, Kristin Orona-

Ramirez, Carrie Daniels and Bill Younglove met at the September meeting to discuss criteria for the scholarships. They finalized the criteria by way of email.

#### NCTE Convention

The Past President is the liaison between CATE and NCTE. I attended the convention and went to the Business Meeting, Affiliate Breakfast and Secondary Lunch where CATE's Dan Reynolds represented California, receiving the Teacher of Excellence Award. As a member of the NCTE Spokespersons Network, I attended a session on ways we might speak out using our own stories and the knowledge and experience we possess to explain the educational values NCTE—and CATE—represent.

NCTE Advocacy Month is April 2013. We should make the effort to make April Advocacy Month in California as well. Advocacy Day in Washington is April 18.

#### Upper Council

I was very pleased to attend the Upper Council Meeting. Gina Cole is to be congratulated on her efforts to rejuvenate the Upper Council and help it return to an active, thriving council. Teachers warmly greeted Carol Jago and me and responded enthusiastically to her presentation.

#### **Vice President's Report**

Susan Dillon

I arranged for accommodations and meals for the December meeting. I also solicited your board reports, and, again, I thank you for responding by the due dates and your notes of good cheer. Thanks to Punky and Anne for their sound advice.

#### **Secretary Report**

Carrie Danielson

I assessed some of the Creative Writing contest entries for our local council and will help Steve Rodriguez as he puts together the GSDCTE's Writing Awards Ceremony.

I finished the minutes and posted them to CATEweb, updated the roster and it is also on CATEweb with our updated policies.

I will send the roster around again for corrections and will check with everyone at the meeting this weekend

**MAL Small Councils** Jill Hamilton-Bunch

This quarter, I have been participating in the Kern Council under the direction of our great leader, Kim Flachmann.

**MAL Secondary** Jim Kliegl

TUCATE council is planning a workshop for the spring again. No workshops this fall. We have distributed 200 convention applications to school in our council. Hope the response is good.

**MAL Secondary** Ron Lauderbach

I have read all entries and selected local winners for the GSDCTE 11th and 12th grade CATE writing contest. I am not giving up on finding advertisers for *California English*. I will contact colleges and universities, trying to persuade them to advertize their graduate programs.

**MAL Elementary** Denise Mikonnen

CATE

Attended CATE Board Meeting

Working on CCC Presentation for CATE Conference

Attended NCTE in Las Vegas

SMWP

Leadership Team

Developing 6 week CC Series for April

GSDCTE

Registrar for Promising Practices

Attended Promising Practices

Worked on Nomination for Elementary Classroom Excellence

DISTRICT

Facilitating Calkins CCC Writing Workshop Book

Study Group - 14 Elementary Schools Participating (district wide conversations-exciting)

Finalized and Implemented Prompts for District Wide CCC Narrative 1<sup>st</sup> trimester assessment

Finalized and implemented CCC Rubrics for District Wide 1<sup>st</sup> trimester Narrative Assessment

Developed CCC Opinion Prompts for Trimester 2 District Wide Assessment

Selected and Annotated Exemplars for Narrative Writing Assessment to use as benchmarks for calibrating on Writing Site

Developed CCC Opinion Rubric for Trimester 2 District Wide Assessment

Preparing District Wide Professional Development Day Jan 18<sup>th</sup>- all grade levels teachers to meet at one site, session on Opinion/Argument (breakouts, fluency, conferencing, mentor texts) Half Day

## **Kern Council Report**

Kim Flachmann

### **Meetings**

KCTE Board Meeting: Oct 8, 2012

We acquired some new board members and nominated our award winners for the year.

### **One Book/One Bakersfield**

Provided ERWC module on *House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros, Fall 2012

### **Publicity**

Continue CATE column in AVID Newsletter, edited by Brad Ruff

### **Upcoming Events**

Dec 8, Cris Tovani

Jan 12, Kelly Gallagher

Feb 25, Carol Jago

**GSDCTE Council Report** Jeannine Ugalde

We started our year strong with **PROMISING PRACTICES, October 27, 2012**, featuring Carol Jago speaking on Common Core. We had about 80 teachers, pre-service teachers, and administrators in attendance.

Our own Carole LeCren was published in *California English* sharing wonderful ideas she received from previous GSDCTE and CATE conferences. Sounds like she's Paying It Forward in preparation for the CATE 2014 Convention San Diego.

We will hold our annual Creative Writing Awards on March 15, 2013 at the San Diego County Office of Education at the Rindone Center where we honor our local winners for the CATE writing contest. Our speaker for the afternoon will be Janet Berend, author of *Vertical*.

On May 29, 2013, we will hold our annual Awards Dinner where we honor our CATE Teacher of Excellence and Award of Merit nominees. The local winners of NCTE 8th grade and 11th grade Writing Contest will also be acknowledged.

**SCTE Report** Nancy Himel

I just came back from NCTE where I attended the the business meeting and affiliate breakfast. Both were much smaller than ever before which gave me cause for concern.

As far as SCTE goes, we held our Fall Conference which Liz attended. We had over 100 in attendance, but half were pre-teachers once again. Carol Jago was our morning speaker, and she engaged us all. Carol Muske Dukes shared her poetry and a few life experiences at lunch. Our new, three-workshop day seemed well received and we will use it again next year.

**Capitol Council** Angus Dunstan

On September 29th we held our Fall workshop featuring Kelly Gallagher. Though attendance was nowhere near what we had hoped, we did bring in a number of new memberships and Kelly gave an excellent presentation, as usual.

Unfortunately, our new treasurer has resigned (she's not teaching any more), so we'll be looking for additional help in the New Year.

**Upper Report** Gina Cole

The Sutter Union High School teachers hosted a luncheon on Saturday, October 13. The goal was to generate interest among other Upper Council teachers to become CATE members. Our wonderful guest speaker, Carol Jago, made it a pleasant and informative event. It was wonderful having Charleen Delfino join us. Towards the end of the luncheon, Charleen raffled off a new CATE membership and a copy of Gail Tsukiyama's book.

**Redwood Council Report** Bob Chapman, Acting President

Since September, Redwood Council has had one meeting – a group of us met in October at Chapala Café (our regular haunt) and we honored new student teachers, reviewed our financial status, nominated awardees (both Classroom Excellence and Award of Merit), pitched the CATE Convention, and began planning for the year. Tom Gage surprised us with a demonstration of his new iBook/eBook and how he went about publishing it (I believe it sold him a few more copies). We are currently putting together the final plans for our December meeting – a holiday meeting at Joan Williams’ house (dinner and our own white elephant gift exchange). We especially need to get our own local writing contest planned and organized, as well as plan any shared events with the Redwood Writing Project. Humboldt County is officially experiencing winter – as I am writing this, it’s pouring outside and I have a fire in the woodstove.

**Tucate Report** Carol Surabian

Tucate has been trying to continue with what we started last semester, but have had trouble getting established. We are going to try again in the spring if there is an interest. We have been reading our entries for the creative writing contest and working on honoring our Classroom Excellence winner.

**Central Report** Susan Dillon

We enjoyed another successful Asilomar retreat, and we raised over \$500 in Chiyo Basket proceeds for new teacher scholarships.

**Fourth Quarter 4 Cs Report 2012** Bill Younglove

Since September:

- Disseminated Professional Writing Contest for Teachers and Educators 2012-2013 prompt;
- Checked on dissolution of the former 4 Cs (California Curriculum Correlating Council) treasury funds; no settlement yet;
- Attended September 28th-30th Asilomar 61 Conference;
- Presented October 20th in Whittier at the SCTE Fall Conference, Taking a Bite Out of the Common Core, on: “The CCSS: An Appetizer, a Main Course, or a Whole Meal?”
- Presented October 26th at CSULB’s Student Teachers Professional Day on “The NEW Common Core Standards” (thrice);
- Attended Technology Expo October 30<sup>th</sup> in Anaheim to learn about possible CCSS-supporting platforms;
- Evaluated tech papers November 11<sup>th</sup> at the 2012 IEEE Aerospace Conference in El Segundo;
- Took part in November 12<sup>th</sup> CATE Advisory Board Conference Call;
- Submitted expanded version of “The Eighty-five Percent Solution?” (overview of the CCSS) to NCTE’s *Language Arts*;
- Attended NCTE Convention November 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, in Las Vegas, presenting with a panel, “Teaching the

Holocaust Through a Survivor's Art."

**Senior Convention Coordinator** Punky Fristrom

Since September, I have had the pleasure of having Michelle come to San Diego twice, as well as talking to her on the phone and exchanging numerous e-mails.

Our discussions have dealt with both the 2013 and 2014 conventions. Planning for 2013 is going well and will be reported elsewhere.

For 2014, we reviewed the hotel's proposed addendum to the original contract and were disappointed by many of the revisions. As a result, Michelle, Carole, Anne and I held a meeting with the sales manager at the Town and Country. We came away from that meeting feeling good about the provisions of the addendum. However, when we received the actual document, we found that it was quite different than we had expected.

After a long phone conversation with the sales manager, some changes were made and the present addendum is better than the earlier ones. However, it is not what we hoped for, so we have decided to bring the issue to the December Board Meeting and let the board make the decision to approve or reject it, rather than making the decision ourselves as the board voted to do in September

**Convention Chair for CATE 2014** Carole LeCren

The CATE 2014 Convention (on the 14th in 2014) is making steady progress. Punky and Michelle met with the hotel to nail down room arrangements (I went too). I'm working on the logo for my theme "Paying It Forward" with the help of some student artists and I hope to have some progress to report on major speakers soon.

To be frank, I'm spending most of my time at this time of year on CATE 2013. I just finished working on the program (sessions) notifying presenters of their presentation days and times, and am working with Punky and Michelle on room placements and AV. Within the next week or so I will shift to working on the program (printed). So for those of you who contribute pieces of that (i.e. president's message, award winners' names/affiliations, names of convention committee members, etc.) send them to me this month (preferably by the 15th).

It takes a village to put on a convention.

**CTA Liaison Report** Debra Martinez

CTA would like to thank everyone that supported the recent postions on the lastest propositions.

Passage of Proposition 30 will stop \$6 billion in midyear cuts to our schools and colleges. In addition, local communities will receive funding to keep police on the street and our state can begin to pay down the wall of debt it's amassed over recent years.

"This hard-fought victory for democracy exposed the real agenda of the corporate special interests behind Proposition 32. Those millionaires and billionaires never cared about the checks and balances of our democracy, only the checks they could write to buy even more political influence in Sacramento and Washington," said President Dean Vogel.

For the third time in less than 15 years, California's voters rejected similar ballot measures intentionally written to silence the voices of working men and women and their unions.

**Membership Chair**                      Joan Williams

**CATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
December 2012**

# COUNCIL	2/11	4/11	9/11	11/11	2/12	5/12	9/12	11/12	+/-	
1 Redwood	18	23	24	28	25	29	24	24	--	
2 Upper		30	30	31	30	7	12	13	13	--
3 Capitol	42	88	83	80	21	28	32	66	+34	
4 Central	281	308	235	252	177	207	203	203	--	
5 Fresno	28	26	24	22	15	31	32	36	+4	
6 TUCATE	24	12	11	9	8	16	51	51	--	
7 Kern	29	60	70	68	49	78	73	69	-4	
8 Southland	416	267	271	334	250	470	466	415	-51	
9 San Diego	74	75	77	78	68	82	81	77	-4	
50 Out-of-state	20	15	16	16	11	17	16	17	+1	
55 Libraries	18	17	17	17	17	17	16	15	-1	
99 Comps	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>-21</b>	

- Membership chair participated in the advisory board meeting on November 12.
- Updated council rosters are available from membership chair upon request. Check to see who you have lost off your roster, and consider contacting them.
- NCTE gave CATE an award for membership growth in an affiliate.
- NCTE list of California members is available for mailing—no emails.
- Congratulations to Capitol with 34 new members!
- Membership ribbons have been ordered. Invoice copies are available for councils to reimburse funds for the ribbons.

