

**CATE BOARD MINUTES**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, February 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M. by President Michelle Berry. She welcomed to the convention board meeting the Resolutions Committee members.

Member-at-Large Kathy Allen	California English Editor Carol Jago
CATENet Moderator Jim Burke	KERN Representative Greg Johnson
Member-at-Large Bob Chapman	CATE Webmaster Larry Jordan
FACET Representative Cathy Cirimele	Member-at-Large Susan Karpowicz
Member-at-Large Carole Clarke	CWP Liaison Jayne Marlink
CSDCTE Representative Carrie Danielson	Member-at-Large Karen Martinez
Vice President Charleen Delfino	CCCTE Representative Liz McAninch
Member at Large Susan Dillon	UPPER Representative Shelly Medford
CCTE Representative Angus Dunstan	Past President Maureen Rippee
Treasurer Anne Fristrom	Convention Chair 2007 Pauline Sahakian
Convention Consultant Kermeen Fristrom	Redwood Representative Anne Sahlberg
CDE Liaison Mary Anne Goodwin	Member-at-Large Cheryl Hogue Smith
Resolutions Chair Tish Griggs	TUCATE Representative Carol Surabian
Convention Coordinator Teisha Hase	Secretary Lorraine Tracey
SCTE Representative Lisa Hernandez	Membership Chair Joan Williams
CATE Chair 2008 Nancy Himel	CCCC Liaison Bill Younglove
Member-at-Large Richard Hockensmith	Policy Analyst Martha Zaragoza-Diaz

Absent: CTA Liaison Debra Martinez and CYRM Representative Pat Lindsey,

**Clarke moved and Johnson seconded to approve the minutes of December 9-10, 2006 board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**

Editions include inserting at the bottom of page 2 of the minutes following the words: Discussion followed. Insert "Berry recused herself, Delfino took the meeting then Berry moved" that we table, Delfino edited the standing committee report on page 8 that Delfino moved. It wasn't actually a motion just an approval.

**McAninch moved and Delfino seconded that the agenda be adopted for the February 8, 2006 board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Report is ONLINE

Berry reported that she received general emails from many members and responded to them and passed them on if appropriate.

She received an email from Steve O'Donoghue, Director of California Scholastic Journalism Initiative, suggesting that we support the addition of journalism courses as a requirement for a credential to become an English teacher.

She reported sending letters to the award winners, CDE, legislators, including writing the President's message in the Conference program and California English.

Berry received an invitation and attended a meeting in Sacramento to be a part of the Instructional Materials Advisory Group which discusses legislative issues, etc. It meets three times a year. She asked for a volunteer to attend the next meeting. Delfino offered to attend the meeting in Sacramento, June 8th.

Commendations were given to Jordan, the Convention Committee, the Convention Coordinator, and Convention Consultant for all their dedicated work.

Reminders for convention included a flyer for the convention schedule.

It is expected that board members will sit with constituents during meal events except for Saturday banquet. A clarification was made that reserved tables are for council representatives and award winners.

Hospitality suite is room #801 – All board members are invited to welcome and greet speakers and award winners one-half hour prior to each meal function.

The By-laws need many corrections. Berry asked for a subcommittee to meet with P. Fristrom who will chair the subcommittee on the Friday night before the May board meeting. The corrections will be approved at the September meeting and printed in the California English. They will be brought to the February convention for approval. Volunteers to serve on the subcommittee include P. Fristrom, Rippee, Delfino, Chapman and Williams.

**VICE-PRESIDENT** – Report is ONLINE.

Advisory Committee Report is posted ONLINE

Delfino reminded the board that the next meeting will be held at the Hilton LAX May 4-6.

**PAST PRESIDENT** – Report is ONLINE.

As of December 10, 2006, the candidates running for election are:

Secretary: Lorraine Tracey;?Membership Chair: Joan Williams;?Member-at-Large-Secondary:?  
Member-at-Large, Elementary: Kathy Allen;?Council Representatives: ?Angus Dunstan (Capitol);?  
Liz McAninch (Central);?Cathy Cirimele (Fresno);?Greg Johnson (Kern);?Anne Sahlberg  
(Redwood);?Carrie Danielson (San Diego);?Carmen Carillo (Southland);?Carol Surabian (Tulare);?  
Shelly Medford (Upper)

Additional nominations can be made by the CATE Board or by petition up until two minutes before the beginning of the Annual Business Meeting on February 11, 2007. This year, CATE members will be able to choose one of three different ways to vote. On a trial basis, voting can be completed at the end of the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2007 in Fresno. Our online voting system is set up to meet the criteria set by the CATE Board at the December, 2005 meeting (see December 2005 minutes). Voters who wish to vote online will be referred to CATEweb to link to the online ballot, which will also have the candidates' statements as well as a ballot to mark and submit. Their votes will be received from their e-mail addresses and will contain their CATE identification numbers. Finally, the announcement of the election will be in California English where there will be candidates' statements and photos, and a mail-in ballot. A local committee will be formed to count the votes.

### **2007 CATE Awards to Be Presented at CATE 2007 in Fresno**

The California Association of Teachers of English is proud to congratulate and honor the following award winners:

#### **CATE Distinguished Service Award**

Cheryl Joseph

#### **Award for Classroom Excellence**

Dr. Susan Bennett (Redwood): Humboldt State University, Arcata?Jean Burress  
(TUCATE): Royal Oaks Elementary School, Visalia?Kathleen Daley-Obrist (GSDCTE):  
Montgomery High School, San Diego?Adelaide De Medeiros (Central): George V. Leyva  
Middle School, San Jose?Pirette McKamey (Central): Mission High School, San Francisco?  
Sandra Nevarez (SCTE): Aloha Elementary School, Lakewood?Jeff Williams (FACET):  
Clovis West High School, Fresno

#### **Award of Merit**

Chris Hubbard (FACET): McDougall-Littell, Clovis?Gregorio Luke (SCTE): Museum of

Latin American Art, Long Beach?La Jolla Playhouse (GSDCTE): La Jolla  
Virginia Reid Award?Vivian Cabrales (Central): Christopher Elementary School, San Jose

### **NCTE Liaison Report**

On February 1, 2007, NCTE candidates for the 2007 election were announced. CATE is pleased to support the candidacy of Carol Jago, California English editor, for NCTE Vice President, Secondary, who was nominated by Michelle Berry, CATE President. The CATE Board urges all CATE members who also belong to NCTE to participate in this year's election.

The NCTE Annual Convention, "Mapping Diverse Literacies For the Twenty-First Century: Opportunities, Challenges, Promising New Directions, will be held on November 15-18, 2007, in New York City. CATE NCTE delegates will be chosen at the May board meeting. The Affiliate Leadership Meeting for regions 1, 3, 7 and 8 will be held on June 22-24, 2007 at the Hilton Garden Inn (Chicago O'Hare Airport). Registration forms must be submitted by May 4, 2007. Nominations for NCTE awards such as Intellectual Freedom, Leadership Development, Award for Classroom Excellence, Multicultural Teacher of the Dream will be discussed at the February meeting in committees. The deadline is May 1, 2007.

### **Resolutions from the 2005 NCTE Annual Business Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee**

A detailed explanation of the three resolutions approved at the Business Meeting can be read by going to <http://www.ncte.org/about/over/nty/resol/126091.htm>

### **SECRETARY** – Report is ONLINE

Tracey asked that the board directory be reviewed and updated. She also announced that the edited CATE Board Policies had been updated and printed and were available on the table.

### **TREASURER** – A. Fristrom reported the following:

Checking Account balance	\$68,458.48
Memorial CD	\$10,724.69
Marilyn Kahl Memorial CD	\$5,179.64
Marilyn Kahl #2 CD	\$10,759.17
Vanguard GNMA Portfolio	\$141,901.08
Vanguard Index Trust	\$34,997.67

Fristrom also reported that many purchase orders are still out for the convention registrations, therefore reporting the income for this convention will not be given at this time. In the report of the budget at the bottom of the left-hand column included \$649 in interest on the Certificates of Deposits. Interest on Certificates of Deposit has increased.

In the expenses column, the item of credit cards expenses comes from the costs of the use of credit cards for membership, registration for this conference, Promises Practices, etc. Therefore, income is reported as being better, the money is the same except how it is reported. We are \$1,000 over as registrations are continually coming in.

The board was reminded that reimbursement for mileage is 40 cents a mile, ½ of the room is covered and dinner is reimbursed at \$10.

### **MEMBERSHIP** – Report is ONLINE

Membership has dropped depending upon what's happening. Currently convention numbers have not been included.

Hockensmith was commended for the Powerpoint presentation which will be placed for viewing in the membership booth. He again reminded councils to send pictures from events at councils to be included in the Powerpoint presentation.

Cirimele was commended for packaging the bulbs to be distributed at the membership booth. A new poster was shared which listed the councils with their location on a California map.

Williams asked for board members to sign up to work in the membership booth and especially asked membership committee members to do so.

**CONVENTION COORDINATOR** - Hase commended the local convention committee for an incredible job and particularly in getting sponsorships for the convention. Rooming assignments for this convention were difficult. Commended Burke who posted the deadline for hotel reservations on CATENet. The hotel extended the deadline and 200 rooms were picked up. Teisha decided to book the rooms herself. Difficulty with the server occurred and she handled hundreds of emails.

The CYRM speaker canceled, so it was important to acquire a new speaker. Millie Lee, an author, is the new speaker. Prentice Hall sponsored Billie Collins. CWP reception is also sponsored by Prentice Hall.

There are about 80 booths in the exhibit hall and in addition colored ads were placed in the program. Board members are encouraged to thank exhibitors especially when delivering the invitations to the exhibitors' reception. Michelle thanked Chapman for the certificates he created to give to the sponsors.

Registration at the time of the meeting was 741 with strong meal counts. The trend for this convention appears to be the packages. 492 tickets have been purchased for the banquet. Online registration closed February 6th and registrations have continued to come in. The Convention contract for 2008 is still pending waiting for the removal of the attrition clause. Four proposals have been received for Convention 2012.

The last purchase order for previous conventions was finally paid. All districts assume that we have a fax. Perhaps we need to acquire a fax.

**CONVENTION CHAIR** - Report is ONLINE. Sahakian held up the beautiful completed convention program which included highlighted tech sessions, Starbucks coffee house strand, etc. She reported that there would be two posters highlighting the coffee house strand available at key locations. The wine tour and Armenian dinner have wrapped up. FACET and McDougall Littell co-sponsored the pre-convention and the McDougall Littell also sponsored part of the wine tour. She reported the shuttle tour bus to Fig Garden Village tonight will be waiting outside of the hotel convention entrance. Certificates were available for discounts at the Village and some were good until Sunday.

Stuffing the bags was completed Tuesday night. There will be many bags left over. They will be available for the New Teacher reception. Twenty or more student teachers will be assisting in various areas. Twelve retired teachers will be managing the registration desk. A request was made to provide coffee for them tomorrow morning. The request was referred to the Convention Committee.

There is an autograph schedule in each bag. The green sheet is the errata sheet. Hospitality times and board schedule are on the red card. Discussion regarding screens and projectors helped finalize plans. Sahakian thanked Hase, P. Fristrom and A. Fristrom for their help and cooperation.

**PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENTS'** - Report is ONLINE. McAninch reported that council caucus breakfast was discussed. She asked if extra copies of the resolutions could be provided at the breakfast so they may be shared with attendees and then encourage them to attend the annual business meeting.

## **REPORT OF LIAISONS**

**CDE** - Goodwin reported that her printed report is on the table for the board to pick up. She encouraged someone from CATE to participate in supplemental materials committee even though it focuses on K-8 issues. School and Library survey and Improvement Block Grants are

important issues. Secondary literacy summit will be held March 26-27. Jago will present a three-hour seminar. Al Kitomer, teacher of the year, is also a presenter. Council on Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee has a report ONLINE. Special needs students needs to be addressed. Three documents are to be part of the rollout of the new Reading Language Arts Framework.

Leadership conferences on the Early Assessment Program: Expository Reading and Writing Course are scheduled for June 20 and 22.

Goodwin asked for input from the board for secondary literacy demonstration sites. She has received none at this time.

**Policy Analyst** - Diaz reported on highlights of the education budget as proposed by the governor. He is maintaining the baseline budget for K-12. Aren't many new programs proposed but it maintains existing programs. He is proposing two shifts. One shift deals with school funding from prop 98. shift child care Towers funding Calworks into Prop 98.

It includes additional allocations to the CTA lawsuit settlement, additional bonds for schools and higher education, facility repairs for schools and child care.

He is strong on career/tech education. We will continue to see emphasis on that. He feels we need to strengthen the ease for teacher credentialing and will probably see legislation for that soon. He plans to improve the School Accountability Report Card and provide more money for the Program Improvement Management System and CAHSEE study guides.

One programs he is trying to address is the teacher shortage. Professional retirees are to be considered. He is proposing an INCORE PROGRAM to attract retired engineers, etc. with a 1.5 million partnerships with school district and CSU.

Diaz included an attachment which lists when appropriated monies will be sent out by the Department of Education.

Quality Education Act funding for Schools of Textiles 1 and 2 available call the Department of Education for information.

There are three areas of contention: declining enrollment – there is nothing in the budget to deal it; Finding money to cover the mandates – there is no discussion beyond 2007-8; the issue of funding for special education. There is not a full COLA for special education. Diaz mentioned select committees and standing committees are different. She is sure legislation for school dropouts will be addressed.

State Superintendent of Education's address included staying on course, to not change what they are doing now, there are many successes that the public knows about, and more students passing CAHSEE.

He acknowledged that there is an academic achievement gap and plans to convene an education summit in November. He also stated that though on career/ed tech which he is supporting that kids go through A-G academic gap. He asked the governor to include in the budget the student data system and teacher data system.

School finance would also be looked at.

Diaz reported a few years ago he had convened an advisory committee. The report of that committee has been released but only to a select group. They have kept it under wraps. It will be released to the public sometime at the end of February.

There is a list of bills that have been introduced so far. By the next board meeting a complete list should be available.

**CYRM** – Report is ONLINE.

California Writing Project – Marlink reported CWP pre-convention is going well. A present was distributed to the board: Parent booklet, Because Writing Matters, translated in Minh Pham. The Russian translation is next. Then the translation in Hmong or Chinese will follow. Attendees seemed pleased. There is a satellite strategy to connect teachers to writing projects particularly because new writing projects will not be funded but working with NWP they can connect current projects with un-served areas by satellite.

**CLRP** – Jago reported that the directors were encouraged to attend CATE because their meeting had been rescheduled.

**California English** - Bill Younglove shared artwork by Raphael Lemkin who became orphaned in the World War II atrocities. He is to be featured in April CE featuring a call for literature of atrocities. Jago reported the March issue has been completed.

**CATEweb** – Report is ONLINE

**CATENet** - Burke indicated CATENet is a fluid entity. Enrollment continues to grow about 5,000 at this time. But probably there are additional numbers because members forward items. Issues lately include responses to an article by Nancy Atwell. It has been pleasantly non-contentious. The listserv has over 1,000 email addresses. Because anyone can sign up to the listserv, spam issues have arisen. It generates addresses to go out and find addresses. He finds that in editing the listserv, it has become a large time element.

**CCCC** - Younglove reported that at the February 23 and 24th meeting, a member of the school board association will speak in Sacramento.

**CTA** - No report

**Standing Committee Meetings were convened:** Policy/Censorship, Convention Coordination and Leadership

### **Resolutions Committee Report (First Reading)**

A first reading of the proposed resolutions took place by the committee.

- o A resolution was presented commending the Convention Committee
- o Resolution 1 - Increase Library Funding to make possible compliance with the Williams Settlement
- o Resolution 2 - Support for CSMP Funding
- o Resolution 3 - Scheduled Reauthorization in 2007 of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act – Discussion followed.
- o Resolution 4 - Recruitment that Supports Diversity
- o Resolution 5 - Writing to Learn
- o Resolution 6 - Exit exam requirements for ESL students
- o Resolution 7 – Multiple Assessments to Determine Individual Progress
- o Resolution 8 - Arts funding

## **CATE COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CAPITOL** - No report

**CENTRAL** - McAnich reported that Central is sponsoring a workshop at the Steinbeck Center at the King Library on March 24th, lunch and breakfast are included.

**FACET** - Report is ONLINE

**GREATER SAN DIEGO** – Danielsen reported Promising Practices will be held April 28. In May the Lake Arrowhead retreat will be held.

**KERN** – Report is ONLINE.

**REDWOOD** – Report is ONLINE.

**SOUTHLAND** - Hernandez reported that the winter issue of Sunspots features teacher retention. A workshop will be held at the Museum of Tolerance on April 22. Their Fall Conference includes the two speakers: Reyna Grande and Sonia Nazario. Their books will be given to each registered attendee.

**TUCATE** – Report is ONLINE.

**UPPER** – Report is ONLINE.

Second Standing Committee Meetings were convened: Executive/Finance, Publications and Membership.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy/Censorship:** *DUNSTAN, Chapman, Hernandez, Smith, Younglove, Danielson, Jago, Sahlberg, Griggs, Goodwin, Delfino, Zaragoza-Diaz, Burke*

Diaz drew attention to three upcoming bills in particular:

SB68 would request hiring full-time certificated librarians.

SB44 would establish a curriculum to expose students to teaching as a career,

SB112 would define a new CBEST emphasis.

Board resolutions were discussed for consideration in May related to professional development and retention of teachers.

The committee assisted the chair in completing the NCTE/SLATE survey.

A commitment was made to complete the application for Dave Eggers for the NCTE Intellectual Freedom Award by bringing to the budget meeting in May a proposal to support the attendance of the Policy/Censorship Chair at NCTE as the SLATE representative.

Tabled until May was the discussion of a new draft document concerning profession ethics but committee members will attend a related workshop at the convention.

Younglove will serve as a liaison from CATE to Steve O'Donoghue, Director of the California Scholastic Journalism Initiative, based in Sacramento. He will approach the Credential Commission to urge adding training in journalism, speech, debate, and drama to the English curriculum and instruction courses as a part of the English credential preparation.

**Convention Coordinating:** *K. FRISTROM, Hase, A. Fristrom, Himel, McAninch, Tracey, Sahakian, Hockensmith, Dillon, Berry, Jordan, Marlink*

**Sahakian moved McAninch seconded that coffee be provided for the registration desk for the registration desk workers. MOTION CARRIED.**

Many extra bags, lanyards, etc. will be leftover from CATE 2007. Board members are invited to take them on Sunday.

Cards promoting CATE 2008 are available. Board members are invited to take them to councils.

**Dillon moved and Rippee seconded that Defino and McAninch be appointed as co-chairs for 2009 Convention in Santa Clara. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Leadership:** *KARPOWICZ, Williams, Clarke, Martinez, Surabian, Rippee, Cirimele, Johnson, Allen, Medford*

Presidents of Councils should encourage those around them to come to the caucus breakfast on Saturday morning and be visible at the membership table as well as at the luncheons.

New board members need to be recruited. Griggs is running for Secondary Member-at-Large and resigning as Resolutions Chair.

**NCTE awards are available.**

o A Teacher Leadership Award is given to a teacher with 5-7 years of experience. Council presidents are asked to submit names at the May Board meeting.

o High School Teacher of Excellence Award – Central Council recommended Pirette McKarney. Delfino and McAninch will forward recommendations (for CATE and/or NCTE affiliates) **McAninch moved and Delfino seconded that Pirette McKarney be nominated for the NCTE High School Teacher of Excellence. MOTION CARRIED.**

o Multicultural Teacher of the Dream. A \$750 stipend for this award is available and it requires a great deal of documentation. This award will also be discussed in May (for CATE and/or NCTE affiliates)

Rippee will contact NCTE for a two-week extension on submitting paperwork for these awards. (Perhaps this should be discussed at the December board meeting)

Discussion followed regarding reviewing the budget line in May. It was also determined that it might be appropriate to give the teacher nominated for the Leadership award a stipend/voucher of \$1,000 to be used to attend the NCTE Conference in November in New York.

**Publications:** *CHAPMAN, Himel, McAninch, Younglove, Clarke, Martinez, Jago, Sahlberg, Goodwin, Burke, Jordan*

CATE 2007 Creative Writing Contest winners have been selected. Many thanks go to Sahlberg for coordinating the judging of entries. She has kindly agreed to continue in this role.

**Grades 3&4 – Central** -- "Safe in my Dad's Arms" by Natalie Jacobson, Brandeis Hillel Day School, San Francisco, Teacher: Ms. Sarah Kotleba

**Grades 5&6 – SCTE** -- "Mother Querencia" by Zoya Mirza, Columbus Tustin Middle School, Tustin Unified School District, Teacher: Mr. Ronald Siem

**Grades 7&8 – SCTE** -- "A Place to Imagine" by Nicole Larsen-Carson, Odyssey Charter School, Altadena, Teacher: Gurupreet Khalsa

**Grades 9&10 – GSDCTE** -- "The 'Alice Blue' Bat Cave" by Christine Wang, The Bishop's School, La Jolla, Teacher: Laury Isenberg

**Grades 11&12 – FACET** -- "Untitled – Querencia" by Celeste Pilegard, Bullard High School, Fresno, Teacher: Cathy Cirimele

Next year's prompt will reflect the "One Council, One Book" program focusing on *Persepolis*. Nancy Himel will circulate a draft to the Publications Committee for approval.



Deadlines for the contest: Prompt written and approved by May board meeting; Dec. 1 to local councils, Dec. 31 to CATE (Sahlberg)

### **CATE 2007 Professional Writing Contest Prompt**

As increasing numbers of teachers become persuaded that nonfiction deserves a more prominent place in the curriculum, it seems a good time to reflect upon the nonfiction books that have shaped our own thinking, learning, and teaching.

Write an essay describing a nonfiction book that had a powerful effect upon you. It could be a book you read as a child or one you read last week. It could be a historical account, a memoir, a professional book, a self-help book or any other work of nonfiction. Reflect upon how this text has influenced your thinking and your teaching.

**Membership:** *WILLIAMS, Tracey, Hernandez, Karpowicz, Surabian, Danielson, Griggs, Dillon, Cirimele, Johnson, Marlink, Hockensmith*

Invitations will be distributed to presidents of councils to invite membership chairs to the meeting on Friday who are attending the convention in Suite 801 at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The membership chair will present information about the membership reports and other services that Precision can provide.

Assisting at the membership booth will be based on the schedule of when workshops are presented. Please sign up. We need people who are not attending meal events to cover during meals.

Williams reviewed what will be in the membership booth to jazz it up. Flowers, Luncinda pins, the Powerpoint presentation, etc.

Discussion regarding retaining members followed. Perhaps comparing last February list with current list ways to retain members. Those members who have not renewed could be contacted personally by councils. Suggestions were made to design a form letter to send to them as a starting point. Danielson offered to share one she has written and sent to members whose membership had expired.

Postponed idea for CATE 2008 gift until the May meeting.

Questions were asked regarding adding membership to workshop registrations. Williams presented a form that was used previously. A small conference book was designed and it has not been found.

CATE reminder cards: When you renew, a letter from Williams should come too. When your membership is almost up – a reminder card from Precision is sent. If you don't renew, a second reminder card is sent, when membership is about to expire. A suggestion was made to add the California English logo on the renewal postcard. Remove some of the verbiage and encourage renewal online. "Teachers supporting teachers" statement could be added as well. Williams will contact NCTE membership chair for a copy of her letter.

The item of grant writing was tabled until the next meeting.

**Executive/Finance:** *DELFINO, A. Fristrom, P. Fristrom, Smith, Hase, Rippee, Sahakian, Dunstan, Allen, Medford, Zaragoza-Diaz, Berry*

No motions were put forward by the committee. The committee discussed the following issues to be addressed at the May meeting when the budget for 2007-2008 will be formulated.

1. Look into the cost of installing a fax machine including a separate phone line for the use of the Convention Registrar.
2. Since the cost for registering for the annual convention has not increased in several years, a proposal for such an increase will be presented.

3. Recommend recognition/reward to show appreciation to convention presenters.
4. Possibility of increasing reimbursement for meals.

**Resolutions Committee:** Second Reading of proposed resolutions. Committee will prepare dissemination of resolutions for council breakfasts and Sunday Board meeting

### **Old Business**

P. Fristrom has placed on the website board report, a draft of a document which addresses orienting the new members to the board. Please check and edit it.

### **New Business**

Danielson questioned what is happening with literary maps as NCTE requested. It is considered an old-fashioned idea and should be created to put online. Jake Stanford is willing to work on it.

Hernandez asked if there was money in the budget to bring two members to the May meeting. A. Fristrom agreed there was money in the budget line.

Berry shared pictures of the new baby.

**McAninch moved and Delfino seconded that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED** at 4:35 p.m.

### **TO DO LIST:**

Councils are reminded to send pictures from events at councils to Hockensmith.

A commitment was made by the Policy/Censorship Committee to complete the application for Dave Eggers for the NCTE Intellectual Freedom Award by bringing to the budget meeting in May a proposal to support the attendance of the Policy/Censorship Chair at NCTE as the SLATE representative.

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Williams will contact the NCTE membership chair for a copy of her letter to expiring memberships.

### **MAY**

Volunteers to serve on the by-laws subcommittee on Friday evening in May include Fristrom, Rippee, Delfino, Chapman and Williams

The Leadership Committee discussed reviewing the budget line in May determine if it might be appropriate to give the teacher nominated for the Leadership award a stipend/voucher of \$1,000 to be used to attend the NCTE Conference in November in New York.

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#### Executive/Finance Committee

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