

CATE Board of Directors' Meeting
February 6, 2021
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES DRAFT

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Present: (members who were present are highlighted):

Greg Johnson, Past President (absent)
Robb Polski, President
Sommer Iamele, Vice President
Carole LeCren, Secretary
Denise Mikkonen, Co-Treasurer
Patrick Keough, Co-Treasurer
Angus Dunstan, Capitol Rep
Susan Dillon, Central Rep (Interim)
Janina Schulz, FACET Rep
Gina Vattuone, GSDCTE Rep
Kim Flachmann, Kern Rep
Vicki Kurtz, Redwood Rep
Jennifer Silver, Southland Rep/Assistant Convention Coordinator
Carol Surabian, TUCATE Rep
Jori Krulder, Upper Rep
Julie Burnett, MAL Elementary, CATE 2022 Convention Co-Chair
Carol Battle, MAL Middle

Rebecca Detrick, MAL Secondary
Matt Olsen, MAL Secondary, CATE 2022 Convention Co-Chair
April Parker, MAL Unspecified
Kylowna Moton, MAL College
Bill Foreman, MAL Small Council
Liz McAninch, MAL Unspecified
Joan Williams, Membership
Michelle Berry, Convention Coordinator
Annie Gervais, Assistant Convention Co-Coordinator
Mindy Montanio, Liaison CTA
Bill Younglove, Liaison Common Core Consultant
Gale Caswell, CETA Liaison
Tim Dewar, Liaison CWP
Jennifer Howerter, Liaison CDE
Carol Jago, <i>California English</i> Editor, California Literature Project Liaison

1. **Call to Order (8:00 am)**
Meeting called to order at 8:08 am.
2. **Approval of December 2020 Minutes**
Moved to approve by Surabian, seconded by Keough. Passed.
3. **Introductions**
Welcome of Rebecca Detrick as appointed MAL Secondary.
4. **Consent Docket**
Moved by Foreman, second by Dunstan, to accept the agenda. Passed by consensus.
5. **CATE Board Reports**
 - a. President – Robb Polski

1. Welcome
2. Proposed one day meeting with focus on essential business and virtual event.
Robb welcomed everyone and explained that this one-day meeting is to focus on essential business.
3. No policy revisions (unless pressing issue). Back on track in May?
If a committee encounters an issue with a policy, then of course we will address it. Carole suggested summer; Robb pointed out that we could start in May again.
4. #DisruptTexts
Robb received an e-mail asking for CATE's support of #DisruptTexts. This letter that we would sign would be in response to a Wall Street Journal article accusing English teachers of censoring the canon. Carol Battle's Equity committee will take a look at it. Bill asked if the article could be shared in the chat. Discussion ensued about if it was behind a pay wall.
5. Annual business meeting after A Date with CATE event.
Robb explained the time window (30 minutes) for the annual business meeting:
 - a. Introductions on screen
 - b. Candidates' speeches
 - c. Announcement of CATE 2022
 - d. Voting without QR code?

Carole suggested having the Leadership Committee to look at HOW voting could take place on time. Joan agreed to add it to the agenda.

b. Vice President - Sommer Iamele

1. Future meetings

Our next meeting: annual business meeting on February 20.

She looked at the first weekend of May for our next meeting: Saturday, May 1, on Zoom.

2. Zoom update

Sommer updated the account (a one-month upgrade) so that we can have 1000 attendees.

c. Past-President – Greg Johnson

1. Election updates

Robb talked to Greg (who is at his daughter's wedding)

2. Reminders regarding election

d. Secretary - Carole LeCren

1. Confirm roster (link to Google Form).

2. Ask committee members to submit notes directly on Google Doc during subcommittee meetings, except Action Items; we will do those in real time.

e. Treasurer – Patrick Keough and Denise Mikkonen

1. CATE Budget [See Spreadsheet Here](#)

Patrick screenshared the budget sheet. Our income for the entire year has been \$4000. He reminded everyone that we had extended memberships, but we are also receiving the \$25 memberships. Miscellaneous income comes from California English (EBSCO). We have received donations in honor of Punky Fristrom to the Fristrom scholarship. Expenses include invoices to Cindy Conlin, journal costs. He went through the rest of the lines. Right now we have about \$114,000 in checking. He gave us historical expenses, that we've been between \$95,000 and \$120,000.

f. Membership – Joan Williams

1. Roster requests

Joan reiterated that all councils should ask her for roster.

2. Issues resolved regarding membership purchases

Joan explained that some people were getting and were getting charged for double memberships; she believes the issue (a credit card glitch) has been resolved.

3. Reminder to be current NCTE members

Joan reminded everyone that being on the CATE board requires them to be NCTE members. Check and update your membership.

g. Convention Coordinator – Michelle Berry (with Jennifer Silver and Annie Gervais as apprentice/shadows)

1. Update on DATE with CATE

Michelle referred everyone to her posted report. She thanked Janina for her wonderful/regular posts on Facebook and social media for CATE. She reminded everyone that everyone needs to “enroll” to attend A Date with CATE, since attending the annual board meeting is a requirement.

2. Punky Tribute

Michelle is working with Carol Jago on a tribute. Board members will be asked to contribute short pieces which will help compose the article.

h. Report of Liaisons

i. CTA - Mindy Montanio

As posted. Carole asked if CTA is still opposing state testing for this year (CAASPP). Annie asked about the legalities of signing the testing affidavit that says that we are able to keep the test secure and can guarantee that the student taking the test is that actual student. Angus asked about CTA's position on returning to school. Mindy said she would share several current links and e-mails on these issues. Angus expressed

concern that teacher unions are being misrepresented. Discussion ensued requesting information about the safety of returning to school, and what studies were being referenced in arguments, and if the studies used schools that look like our schools (demographics, infection rate, etc.) Discussion continued in the chat and on Zoom simultaneously about creating a resolution, about mental health concerns even beyond returning (simply returning will not automatically make mental health better), public vs. private schools' ability to return onsite safely, etc.

- ii. CWP - Tim Dewar
(absent)
- iii. CLRP - Carol Jago
[no report]
- iv. California English - Carol Jago
Carol thanked Mindy for inspiring the topic of the fall California English journal, dealing with teaching disruptive texts. Otherwise, as posted. The next issue is about Writing in a Pandemic, the deadline is April 1.
- v. CCCS - Bill Younglove
Bill shared that he has a short resolution. He gave the back story that 10 years ago he was selected as a Common Core Consultant, so his focus has been on mandated testing. According to Policy 4.3, resolutions can be proposed at any board meeting (other than once a year when the resolutions committee meets), so he is proposing: Resolution to Suspend SBAC Testing. Bill shared his reasons, including access to wi-fi, hybrid teaching, etc.

ACTION ITEM: To adopt the Resolution to Suspend SBAC Test. Moved by Bill, seconded by Angus. [insert text here]

Discussion ensued about including a paragraph about measuring learning loss.

Moved by LeCren, seconded by Surabian to suspend this vote until after it is addressed in the Policy Censorship Resolutions committee later today.

Passed.

- vi. CDE – Jennifer Howerter
As posted. Jennifer called attention to the first item on her report about grants (she encouraged everyone to look beyond our present situation to the fall). If you think that in the fall that your district may be interested in working on one of those priorities, your district needs to approach your county office of education now in order to form a partnership to get the grant.
- vii. CETA - Gale Caswell

As posted. Gale thanked CATE for inspiring CETA as far as some of the issues they need to address. Robb thanked Gale for her input too, especially her earlier comment about the effectiveness of postcard advertising vs. social media.

viii. CYRM - Annie Gervais

Carol Jago asked if in the next issue we could have a CYRM page. Annie suggested that Rebecca (outgoing) and Julie (incoming) and she could work on something. Robb asked Carole to add it to the Publications agenda. Annie shared that CRA, the lead organization is covering costs this year. Rebecca says we have 350 books that were intended to hand out this February's cancelled convention. Annie suggested saving them for CATE 2022. Rebecca and Chris Lewis are leaving CYRM, Julie and Teresa are incoming, along with Steve Rodriguez, who will now be the senior CATE rep to CYRM. Annie will be keeping in contact with Steve. CSLA is hosting their conference Feb 11, 12 and 19, 20 and they are presenting the CYRM award that would have been presented at CATE to Kimberly Brubaker Bradley and if anyone wants to attend, it's a \$10 registration fee on CSLA site - they will also have a Q and A with Neal Shustermann.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/california-school-library-association-virtual-conference-2021-tickets-127239616117>

BREAK: until 9:45 AM

i. Report by CATE Council Representatives (you may state "as posted" if reports were submitted)

i. Capitol - Dunstan

As posted. Angus wanted to add that their fall event (ironically) was the most successful in years. We offered a free book to anyone who came (from a list). It cost us to buy and mail the books (about \$35 per participant), but everyone was delighted to get something that they really wanted. It worked well.

ii. Central - Dillon

As posted. Susan shared that they are getting the "band back on the road" (reforming their board).

iii. FACET - Schulz

As posted.

iv. GSDCTE - Vattuone

As posted.

v. KCTE - Flachmann

As posted.

- vi. Redwood - Kurtz
As posted.
- vii. SCTE - Silver
As posted.
- viii. TUCATE - Surabian
As posted.
- ix. Upper - Krulder
(absent) As posted.

6. Standing Committee Meetings (Round One)

Reminder: Please type your minutes/notes directly into the minutes via a shared Google Doc. Include members present at committee meeting, and the name of the person submitting the notes.

- a. Equity and Diversity – **Carol Battle**, Kim Flachmann, Mindy Montanio, Julie Burnett, Vicki, Gina Vattuone, April Parker, Susan Dillon, Jori Krulder, Gale Caswell

Agenda:

1. *California English* submission for the next issue
2. Ways to support local councils
3. Support For #Disrupting Texts (CTCTE/New England Association of Teachers of English)

Equity and Diversity: Carol Battle (Chair)
Members present: Carol Battle, Kim Flachmann, April Parker, Susan Dillon, Julie Burnett, Mindy Montanio, Vicki Kurtz
Committee meeting notes submitted by: April Parker
<p>Notes:</p> <p>Agenda:</p> <p>California English Journal ideas</p> <p>Next topic: Writing in a pandemic-deadline is April 1st. Carol will contribute based on Date with CATE presentation. If you think of anyone who might be good to, pass their names along/</p> <p>Distance Learning has had some benefits for our councils; we could keep that access point even when we return to in person events.</p>

DisruptText

On behalf of CATE, we drafted an endorsement of the CTCTE and NEATE letter to the Wall Street Journal.

We created a post recognizing Black History on our FACEBOOK page. It includes links to resources.

Note: This link is for the social media post and the CATE statement supporting CTCTE referenced above.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E7BYP8ydxnbeGTkkanrEil_Z6v8BErtp1f5nRx7Zmho/edit?usp=sharing

Robb asked if the committee had discussed how the CATE board can give Robb permission to sign on to this letter.

Action Items:

ACTION ITEM: To support the #DisruptTexts by CATE as an organization. To use the draft developed by the committee as a position statement from CATE as an organization. Moved by Battle, seconded by McAninch. Discussion ensued. Moved to table the vote until the afternoon, in order to give people time to read the background, by Dunstan, seconded by Surabian. Passed to table the vote until Old Business.

- b. Publications – **Carole LeCren**, Liz McAninch, Carol Jago, Carol Surabian, Janina Schulz, Angus Dunstan, Joan Williams, Sommer Iamele, Mark Olsen, Jennifer Howerter, Kylowna Moton, Tim Dewar, Bill Younglove

Agenda:

1. Judge Professional Writing Contest entries.
2. Continue discussion of social media and compliments to Janina Schulz.
3. Verify and confirm timeline and instructions for CATE Creative Writing Contest.
4. Anything else?

Publications: Carole LeCren (Chair)

Members present: Carole LeCren, Carol Jago, Kylowna Moton, Carol Surabian, Angus Dunstan, Rebecca Detrick, Jennifer Howerter, Bill Younglove, Liz McAninch, Mark Olsen, Joan Williams, Janina Schultz

Committee meeting notes submitted by: Kylowna Moton

Notes:

- Facebook: Janina wants to highlight local councils
- Instagram: May want to start a new one, tech difficulties
- Twitter: Janina doesn't use Twitter, maybe someone else can take over that one? Rebecca is willing to take over Twitter
- Carole can't fix CATEweb right now. Maybe in the summer? She is collecting info about what needs updating, etc.
 - Website isn't what it should be, for a paid service. Should have more information, archives, links...Should be more dynamic and accessible. Maybe newer members can suggest what they would like to see there.
- Business Item: Angus. Three submissions for Professional Writing contest. Anonymized.
- We broke to read the submissions. We chose the winner. Discussed prompts, possible revision to future prompts.
- CATE does not have an official email address.
- Everyone with a personal Facebook account, please like the CATE page and recommend it to other English teacher friends. We get more views when people share posts. JS would like a boost post budget.

Action Items:

ACTION ITEM: To budget \$360 for this year to allow Janina Schulz, our social media poster, to boost 2-3 posts a month on Facebook (at a cost of about \$10 a boost). Moved by LeCren, seconded by Dunstan. Discussion: We could put the cost under Office. Passed.

- c. Executive Finance – **Patrick Keough**, Michelle Berry, Annie Gervais, Jill Hamilton-Bunch, Greg Johnson, Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, Jennifer Silver, Bill Foreman

Agenda:

1. Budget Report
2. Upper Council: Desire to open bank account, access monies held by CATE. Use money to hold council events, open bank account
3. Reissued check-Central Council (membership monies)
4. Treasurer's role in "A Date with CATE" (if any, other than coding monies for college credit)
5. College Credit monies

Executive Finance: Patrick Keough

Members present:

Committee meeting notes submitted by: Annie Gervais

Notes:

- Discussion about Upper Council's reinvigoration. Jori has been instructed to have a council meeting and record minutes so that we have proof that the council is operating. At that point, Upper will be reimbursed the money that is being held for the council by the CATE treasury.
 - We also would like a paper trail that documents her as president of her council. Denise brought up the February ballot and her being voted in during the business meeting, which would be a separate documentation.
 - CATE has been monitoring the UPPER account because there hasn't been an active council and no management to be able to take it over.
 - The amount to be transferred is approximately \$4000
 - Patrick will reach back out to Jori and reiterate the process and guide her to complete the steps so that the transfer can be made.
 - Michelle brought up that Jori's plan is to get a council together by setting up a meeting, which requires some money to do.
 - It was also discussed that the initial meeting could be done with a reimbursement if needed.
 - Joan Williams shared that she has been coaching Jori Krulder, referring her to the President's Handbook, and telling her that the need for a treasurer and president on any accounts is important. Patrick thanked Joan for Leadership's support.
- Councils are reminded that yearly budgets are needed for tax purposes for the CATE treasurers.
- Councils, Board Members, and General Members are reminded to cash/deposit their checks in a timely fashion for accurate budget reporting.
- Central Council did not deposit a check for a long time, so the check was re-issued by the CATE treasury via Liz McAnininch.
- Treasurer's Role with the 2021 Event A Date with Cate, we reviewed the convention handbook for the formula:

COLLEGE CREDIT CHAIR

The College Credit Chair is responsible for arranging college credit opportunities for attendees.

- CATE shall be the contracting agent for college credit at CATE conventions.
- In selecting a college or university to grant credit, priority will be given to an accredited institution that services the area in which the convention is held.
- Recommended fees charged to participants shall be based on the following criteria: the charge to CATE members will be 190 - 210% of the charge by the sponsoring institution.
- After the payment to the institution is deducted from each student's fees, the instructor receives 60% of the remainder and CATE retains 40%, unless the instructor chooses to forgo the 60%.
- The Board of Directors must approve all arrangements before they are binding on CATE.
- The instructor is responsible for making arrangements with the institution, developing all forms needed to register for credit, distributing the forms to interested attendees at the convention (CATE will provide a table near the registration desk), collecting the fees from registrants, working with the CATE treasurer on how the monies are to be handled, and arranging for the registrants to receive credit.

- Discussion ensued that we have not solicited proposals from other post-secondary institutions, and this may cause us trouble at some future date.
 - The idea was brought up that the college credit could move around the state with the convention, for example, a northern convention would involve a university in the north, etc.
- To-Do for committee: At some point in the future, we will need to revisit the process by which the post-secondary institution is chosen for the convention. This may or may not result in a new policy, as yet to be determined.
 - Between now and May, Jennifer and Annie will research what process this would require, and whether or not a "Call for Bids" could be sent out across the state to allow for competition. Michelle suggested to use an email form letter sent to the institutions in the local area.
 - Bill Foreman suggested looking for offices like the CSU Offices of Extended Education.
- Discussed the continued difficulty with accessing the Vanguard account and the continued struggle therein.

Action Items: None at this time.

- 7. Report Out of Standing Committee Meetings (11:00 AM)**
 - a. Equity and Diversity [reported from 11:00-11:15 AM; see above]
 - b. Publications [reported from 11:15-11:30 AM]
 - c. Executive Finance [reported from 11:30-11:45 AM]

Lunch 11:45 am-12:45 pm

8. Standing Committee Meetings (Round Two)

Reminder: Please type your minutes/notes directly into the minutes via a shared Google Doc. Include members present at committee meeting, and the name of the person submitting the notes.

d. Convention Coordinating – **Michelle Berry**, Jennifer Silver, Annie Gervais, Greg Johnson, Patrick Keough, Carole LeCren, Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, Bill Foreman, Vicki Kurtz, Tim Dewar, Julie Burnett

- 1. A Date with CATE
- 2. Looking Forward
 - A. 2022 Long Beach Chairs Julie Burnett and Mark Olsen
 - B. 2023 Monterey
 - C. 2024 Los Angeles
 - D. 2025 Burlingame/SFO

Convention Coordinating: Michelle Berry
Members present: Michelle Berry , Jennifer Silver, Annie Gervais, Patrick Keough, Carole LeCren, Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, Bill Foreman, Vicki Kurtz, Julie Burnett
Committee meeting notes submitted by: Michelle Berry
Notes: Agenda: 1. "DATE with CATE Feb. 2020" details - We have connected w/ SJVWP presenters, and will do a more realistic rehearsal this coming week, once the link is attached to EventBrite. Most details have been worked out; we will have a traditional Zoom meeting instead of a webinar format, for example. Presenters will be designated as co-hosts. Robb will have some talking points provided for his introduction at 8:30 which will include an invitation to the Annual Business Meeting as well as a breakout room for folks to network/debrief. There will be no introductions of each speaker in order to allow each presenter maximum time. The actual tech labor of the day has been divided well between Carole, Annie, and Jennifer, for optimum potential for success. The Zoom link will be placed directly in the EventBrite post for our event. Thanks, again, to Julie for setting up the EventBrite, to Carole for advertising, and Jennifer and Annie for the tech expertise. Evaluations will be done online to ascertain how they came to know about the event, what they valued, and so forth. We are not going to record this event; many presenters do not want their presentations dispersed for free, some potential privacy issues, plus it adds another layer of responsibility on our committee. 2. Looking Forward

A. More virtual events? We will decide hosting another one after this February event, surely not until at least summertime, but we talked about the valuable resource CATE can provide in having each council host a virtual event/speaker/activity during this coming year, and all councils can then advertise each of those events.

B. Discussed 2022 Long Beach briefly, and looked at multiple logos for California Dreamin'. 2023 will be held at Hyatt REgency Monterey, 2024 at LAX Hilton, and 2025 at Hyatt Regency SFO/Burlingame.

Action Items: none

e. Leadership/Membership – **Kim Flachmann, Joan Williams**, April Parker, Liz McAninch, Carol Surabian, Janina Schulz, Kylona Moton, Carol Battle, Gina Vattuone, Sommer Iamele

Agenda:

1. MAL letter/information (from Carol) draft additions/deletions, format suggestions, etc.
2. CATE session, t-shirts, tickets, council meetings, board member slide show—what to keep for next year? Any additional ideas?
3. Ideas for promoting membership and finding new leaders
4. President's Handbook updates—review as time allows
5. Other

Leadership/Membership: Kim Flachmann, Joan Williams

Members present: **Kim Flachmann, Joan Williams, Janina Schultz, Gina Vattipme. Susan Dillon, April Parker, Kylowna Moton, Carol Surabian, Liz McAninch, Carol Battle**

Committee meeting notes submitted by: Kim Flachmann

Notes: We first discussed how we will vote for board members. We want to continue voting on Google forms with QR codes, which we set up this year in California English. We would also like to open attendance at our board meetings for councils to bring new possible board members to view our procedures. We could ask our visitors gifts and/or do something special for them. Next, we want to have a presence at DATE WITH CATE event—before each speaker and in emails after the event. We are going to create job descriptions for all of the positions on the board, starting with MAL responsibilities. Joan also asked us all to look at the Presidents' Handbook, which she has sent to everyone. Joan has offered to keep track of the job descriptions and the changes in the Presidents' Handbook.

Action Items:

ACTION ITEM: To re-activate the offer that any board director can bring a visitor, both while we are virtual and then when we are back meeting in person for this calendar year until a policy can be developed. Moved by Flachmann, seconded by Williams. Discussion ensued about the need for a motion, since the policy exists to allow this. Joan explained that by having a motion, it would create money in the budget. Michelle explained but since it is in the policies, and since we're currently virtual, there is no fiscal impact in inviting people virtually. Angus pointed out that the policy was for council presidents, and this motion opens it up to all directors. Discussion ensued. Passed.

- f. Policy/Censorship – **Mark Olsen**, Carol Jago, Jennifer Howerter, Mindy Montanio, Carmen Carrillo, Angus Dunstan, Bill Younglove

Agenda:

1. Other

Policy/Censorship: Mark Olsen (Chair)

Members present: Angus Dunstan, Jennifer Howerter, Carol Jago, Bill Younglove, Rebecca Detrick

Committee meeting notes submitted by: RD

Notes:

Discussion of SBAC resolution proposed by Bill Younglove,

- Opportunity for a reset and the data actually may be helpful in better understanding <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10QPcd7h1cXT1biM1T499F9ZEnI0lc05WVaXCDPz1Sjs/edit?usp=sharing>

Discussion of possible resolution brought forward by Angus Dunstan regarding Honoring Teachers who are working hard in the pandemic.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fSCsGtuKhmvsjrEAQZVvR-4C67YV-idPB8Kcqulb0M/edit?usp=sharing>

Action Items: To accept the first proposed resolution. Moved by LeCren, seconded by Dunstan. April suggested adding a "whereas" that questions the validity of the test. Gina also talked about why the test should be protested only. Carole expressed concern about emphasizing the validity of the test, and it cannot be valid in an online environment. Vicki shared that in her demographic in Humboldt, the test cannot validly reach or test what her students are able to do when their only

access to the internet is texting on a phone and doing it by themselves in a packet of information. After some editing, here is the edited passed RESOLUTION 1:

CATE Opposes California State Standardized Testing in the 2020-2021 School Year

Background: Throughout California, since March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers in California have made every effort to effectively continue educating students. The subsequent mix of in-person, hybrid, and emergency online instruction, as forced by the pandemic, has further exacerbated the digital divide, and the social and racial inequalities plaguing our school system. To attempt to measure student learning in such an environment, and to believe that any kind of standardized state testing can be valid and reliable in the current educational situation, is appalling and absurd.

Be it resolved that the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) opposes the attempt to hold traditional yearly CAASPP standardized testing to measure and judge student achievement and growth this year.

Action Items: To accept the second resolution. Moved by Dunstan and Detrick. After editing, the resolution was passed.

Post Pandemic Resolution

Background: It's clear that the pandemic has seriously disrupted the education of most students. While there may be some who have actually prospered under emergency online learning instruction, the vast majority have missed out, and it seems reasonable to assume that many of those students will never make up what they've missed. With the best of intentions, the social inequities emphasized by the pandemic cannot be erased overnight, and those students most dependent for their futures on schools and the range of services they provide will be left further behind.

The pandemic has revealed, even to those families best equipped to cater to their children's educational, social and mental needs, what a central role schools play in creating pathways to successful futures, and what a central role teachers play in creating school environments in which students can thrive. Emergency online learning can deliver many benefits, but it cannot replace the sense of being in a supportive academic community, the immediacy of sharing other people's lives, and the bonds that form when students and teachers engage in meaningful work together in a shared space.

Be it therefore resolved that CATE commend the work of teachers, especially those who find ways to make the language arts powerful and vivid to students who most need education to help them address the social inequities they encounter.

And be it further resolved that CATE urge those in positions of power and responsibility to provide all the resources necessary to enable schools, their teachers and their staff, to recover from this terrible year and to continue to play their part in creating a better life for their students.

[Standing Committees, Round Two, return 2:10 PM]

- d. Convention [started reporting 2:00 PM]
- e. Leadership/Membership
- f. Policy/Censorship [finished reported at 3:35 pm]]

9. Old Business

1. Revisit the action item tabled earlier today during the Equity Committee report.

ACTION ITEM: To support the #DisruptTexts by CATE as an organization. To use the draft developed by the committee as a position statement from CATE as an organization. Moved by Battle, seconded by McAninch. Discussion ensued. Moved to table the vote until the afternoon, in order to give people time to read the background, by Dunstan, seconded by Surabian. Passed to table the vote until Old Business.

Statement of Support

California Association of Teachers of English (CATE) stands with CECTE and NAETE in the support of #DisruptTexts and antiracist pedagogy. We reject The Wall Street Journal's implicit endorsement of racialized efforts to attack educational approaches to preserving our democratic republic.

Carol Battle explained that the wording came from the organization that had asked Robb as CATE President to sign on with their open letter. Robb added that the Connecticut council would receive the text, and also have Carol Jago publish it in California English, as she offered to do earlier in the meeting. Annie Gervais pointed out that that theme of CE in September is this topic. Angus shared that there is an article in the *New York Times* on February 2, from a professor arguing that the entire field of classical studies are responsible for the creation of the notion of white racism. He recommends that we read it. Passed.

2. Bill Younglove pointed out that in our Bylaws, San Bernardino county is left out of the list under Southland's list of counties. The map is accurate, the wording is not. Annie asked what the process would be.

10. New Business

Janina asked for clarification about what to share from the document from the Equity Committee: the answer was the set of links and questions about further resources to share for CATE Honors Black History Month

Annie shared that she and Jennifer, being new co-convention coordinators, asked how they should submit board reports, and came to the conclusion that they will submit a shared board report.

Bill Younglove: From today's Long Beach's newspaper a Tweet from a student who talked about his "zero" year, and mentioned Gavin Newsom...it was re-tweeted and shared thousands of times. He shared his thoughts. Annie shared the #LetThemPlayCA.

11. Adjourn

Move to adjourn by Dunstan, seconded by Flachmann.

Adjourned at 3:59 pm.