

CATE Board Reports: May 2023

Board Member	Report
<p>Greg Johnson, Past President (2023) gregj27@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Hello All, I'm looking forward to rubbing elbows with you all this weekend. As past-president I have Helped with the 2023 convention Worked with Carol Jago to get a QR code into California English to facilitate voting Monitored and am prepared to report election results (since everyone ran unopposed, there won't be any dramatic surprises in my report on Saturday) Continue to work as KCTE Treasurer Attended RIAP speaker series featuring both Kelly Gallagher and Doug Fisher Facilitated an ERWC training for local teachers</p> <p>I am also very ready for the end of the year as I'm sure many of you are. Also, just a bit jealous of Jori. Best, Greg</p>
<p>Robb Polski, President (2023) Robert_Polski@kernhigh.org</p>	<p>May 2023 Board Report President Since March, I have had various virtual meetings and conversations with Denise Mikkonen to discuss CATE finances, worked the "President's Perspective" for the next issues of <i>California English</i>, worked with Greg Johnson (past president) and Sommer lamele (vice president) discussing scheduling, elections, awards, meetings and hotel arrangements and contracts, attended advisory meetings to discuss the upcoming meeting, and attended the CWP advisory board meeting. I also attended monthly KHSTA meeting as our school's site representative.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Robb Polski, President of the California Association of Teachers of English</p>
<p>Sommer lamele, Vice President (2023) siamele@powayusd.com</p>	<p>Vice President Board Report Since our last meeting in February, I have focused on our May board meeting. I set up our advisory call and worked with the hotel to secure room accommodations and details for the board meeting in San Diego. In my current position, I have attended AVID trainings as well as served as site leader for our district teacher evaluation program.</p> <p>Thank you! Sommer lamele</p> <p>Oak Valley Middle School, Poway Unified School District California Association of Teachers of English, Vice President</p>
<p>Carole LeCren, Secretary carolelecren@yahoo.com</p>	<p>May 2023</p> <p>I've worked on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a summary report of the evaluations from CATE 2023 -updating the resolutions posted online on CATEweb.org -updating the CATE Creative Writing Contest winners on CATEweb.org (still in progress) -coordinating the CATE Creative Writing Contest statewide winners in preparation for being judged by the Publications Committee -continuing to help with CATE 2024 </p>
<p>Denise Mikkonen, Treasurer denisemikkonen18@gmail.com</p>	<p>Mikkonen - Treasurer Board Report March, 2023</p> <p>Since the last board meeting I have continued to keep the books current for CATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Processing deposits from convention ● Updating books using Quicken ● Keeping accounts payable up to date

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reconciled and payed costs incurred at convention ● Prepared a draft 23-24 CATE Budget ● Participated in Advisory Call
<p>Rebecca Detrick, Capitol Rep rjdetrick@ucdavis.edu</p>	<p>Capitol council report- Nothing to report. At the convention we collected new member emails/names and made a plan for meetings which has thus far not panned out.</p> <p>Personally I'm in the midst of a job change from lead teacher to TOSA with instructional coaching duties and will be beginning the process of clearing my admin credential within this position. Exciting!</p> <p>I will miss everyone this weekend!</p>
<p>Susan Dillon, Central Rep, CATE 2023 Chair dillon@cchsca.org</p>	<p>CATE May Board Meeting CCCTE Report</p> <p>The Central board has accomplished some work since the convention. We determined our writing contest winners and sent them on to the state level. Thanks to Liz McAninch who handles this contest. She also arranges for our annual reception. Liz is also our liaison for the Curriculum Study Commission. Central is helping to promote this conference, of course, and will be sponsoring one evening reception and a raffle opportunity.</p> <p>Member Jennifer Johnson has asked for Central's support with a program that will be taking place at several CSU campuses. She is also interested in seeing if the CATE board would be interested in assisting with getting the word out.</p> <p>Here is some information on that program (I cobbled together some of her email):</p> <p>It centers around SSU's (Sonoma State U) equity-related initiatives. = GMC programming (late September or October) for a large event that combines all of these SSU initiatives and is also a collaboration with four other CSUs. The event is about the release of a documentary, "Mississippi Turning" which follows the work of Genesis Be, a well-known Hip-Hop artist, in her work to promote civic discourse and racial healing. Genesis Be is committed to launching the documentary at SSU, along with a panel with executive producers (heavy hitters and well known), workshops with first year learning communities, and a workshop with faculty (focused on providing concrete antiracist strategies and tools for faculty to use in their pedagogy and curriculum). We have also been in conversations with other CSUs, community-based organizations, and local schools, which could amplify the turnout even more.</p> <p>I am happy to report that the Central Award of Merit recipient, The Dickens Project, shared their gratitude for their award in their communications.. Both the Central Council and CATE were acknowledged. CCCTE looks forward to Michelle Berry's leadership starting this next CATE year. I know she will revitalize our council.</p> <p>It was an honor to serve the council these last two years as its representative to the CATE board, and I look forward to continued service as your vice president. Thanks to Sommer for her gracious leadership as our board's vice president.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Susan Dillon</p> <p>CATE Board Meeting Convention Chairperson Report</p> <p>First of all, thanks, thanks, and ever thanks to all who served on the local committee, to all who introduced speakers, to all who led sessions (and became keynote speakers at the last minute, yes, thank you Carol Jago), and to all who did whatever needed to be done whenever asked. I appreciate you all.</p>

	<p>Since the convention ended, I responded to some convention concerns and follow-up business and read the convention evaluations put together by Carole LeCren. I also shared some reflections on convention business with the co-chairs of CATE 2024 through email.</p> <p>Last of all, thanks, thanks, and ever thanks. No words will ever capture my gratitude to you and for you. CATE 2023 was a great success because of your support. I look forward to CATE 2024!</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Susan Dillon</p>
<p>Member of FACET Board, FACET Rep Janina.Schulz@fresnounified.org</p>	<p>May 2023 Board Report - FACET</p> <p>FACET board met on February 25 to discuss support for the Young Writer's Conference at Fresno State University and to discuss possible resolutions to send for CATE 2023.</p> <p>The Young Writer's Conference at Fresno State was held on April 26, 2023. In staying with our current shared leadership model, 1st year teacher Ryne Preheim presented two awards at the YWC to students who won the FACET writing awards. The student winners were Susie Ortega from Mission Oak High School for her story "The Everlasting Smile" and Echo Martinez from Corcoran High School for her poem "Villanelle".</p> <p>On April 13 FACET had a meetup event at Gazebo Gardens, a local food truck venue. We had approximately 15 people in attendance from many different schools in the Fresno area. Ryne created our promotional flier for the event. The idea came out of our FACET meetup at the CATE conference. At the event we shared some different strategies that are working for us in our classrooms and we discussed doing a summer book club, which Kristie Leyba is heading up.</p> <p>We had several board members as well as teachers from the Fresno area who attended CATE in Monterey. FACET also had several presenters at CATE this year, including Dr. Rene Rodriguez-Astacio who was the presenter for the super session on Sunday morning.</p> <p>FACET moved to a shared leadership model for the 2022-23 school year since we do not have anyone who has stepped up to be president. We will each be attending one CATE board meeting this year to represent FACET. I am happy to be the initial point of contact between the CATE board and FACET, and for each board meeting I will forward the communication to the appropriate FACET board member attending each meeting. Dr. Allison Mandaville (CSUFresno) attended the September board meeting. Kristie Leyba (Teacher - Edison High School, Fresno) attended the December board meeting.</p> <p>I completed my first year of my doctoral program at Indiana University. In my courses next year I will start the process of writing my dissertation and I hope to also start gathering data during next school year. I really hope to be able to attend the September board meeting to represent FACET. Hope to see you all then.</p> <p>Janina Schulz, MA, NBCT AP and Advanced Courses Instructional Coordinator AP Language Teacher Edison High School</p>
<p>Gina Vattuone, GSDCTE Rep ginavattuone@gmail.com</p>	<p>May 2023</p> <p>Our local council board met in April to select our writing contest winners, begin planning our local fall conference, and set next year's budget. We will meet again on June 1st.</p> <p>Professionally, I have been proud to co-organize a 4 event speaker series called "Connected Conversations." The target audience was for the students in my teacher credential cohort at SDSU. But we also invited anyone</p>

	<p>from our local community to attend in person or the broader educational community via Zoom.</p> <p>In Fall we hosted Dr. David Lambert, honorary professor from the University College London: Institute of Education to talk about "Teacher Agency and Curriculum-Making for a Socially-Just Education". Our next conversation was a panel speaking about "Teaching & Learning about Climate Change & Climate Justice: A K-12 Imperative".</p> <p>This spring we were thrilled to learn from Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies, Dr. Jesse Mills' in a talk titled "The Global of the Local: Engaged Ethnic Studies in San Diego" and last Connected Conversations featured Dr. Ariel Tichnor-Wagner, director of the Wheelock Educational Policy Center (WEPC) at Boston University and author of "Becoming a Globally Competent Teacher" speaking about "Cultivating Global Citizens across Content Areas." Below are links to the recordings.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing all of you!</p> <p>Gina</p>
<p>Kim Flachmann, Kern Rep kflachmann@csu.edu</p>	<p>Dear Group,</p> <p>All our main events ended in March, so we don't currently have much CATE activity in Kern. See you this weekend.</p> <p>Kim</p> <p>Dr. Kim Flachmann Writing Program Coordinator CSU Bakersfield</p>
<p>Vicki Kurtz, Redwood Rep missvkurtz@gmail.com</p>	<p>Redwood Council has been mostly dormant since the CATE convention in February. Our only group activity was an evening on Zoom with our Redwood Writing Council partners where we divided up 192 writing contest submissions to compare scores and determine the winners for each category. Our celebration of the winners is scheduled for June 2; in addition, some of the winning entries are being published in a local paper. Joan Williams' application for a Humboldt Sponsors grant was approved and anthologies are being printed.</p> <p>In March, I reached out to a local indigenous artist who is employed as a curator in a local museum; I asked for artwork to be displayed in the California English journal. I also distributed the call for manuscripts addressing "Untold Stories: Indigenous Representation (And Misrepresentation) to local indigenous teachers. I received an email from Dr. Greg Sarris in which he stated that he is still interested in speaking at one of our conventions.</p>
<p>Jennifer Silver, Southland Rep/Convention Co-Coordinator jennifersilver@vistamarschool.org</p>	<p>Southland (SCTE) Representative Board Report: May, 2023</p> <p>This spring, Southland's own Bill Younglove presented a workshop at the Billie Jean King Library as an "adult book club" investigating the life and literature of Anne Frank. Please refer to his report for further insight and reflection.</p> <p>I also participated in judging SCTE's Creative Writing Contest entries. We saw a large uptick in participation this year and attribute it partly to stuffing convention bags with contest flyers.</p> <p>Southland's main spring service is in partnership with L.A. Conservancy's People and Places Booklist. Members are publishing reading guides this spring to coordinate with the Conservancy's recommendations. We are excited about revisiting our partnership with Amherst's Emily Dickinson Museum in the coming days, which will include Southland coordinating a virtual talkback session following the Museum's spoken word poetry festival.</p> <p>Professionally, I've been channeling my "convention-al" wisdom to host a large number of writers as guest artists at my school site, most recently Lisa See, Marjhan Vasseghi, Thavry Thon, and the poets-in-residence at Get Lit. In the coming days, I am looking forward to facilitating a traditional Chinese tea ceremony as a closing activity for the sophomores, organizing and supervising senior internships, and training new staff for our Writing Center.</p>

	<p>Convention Co-Coordinator's Report: May, 2023</p> <p>Since our annual convention, we have helped address many outstanding convention details, including participant and hotel evaluations, settling invoices, and other loose ends. We have also secured potential contracts for both EventPower and our Convention Registrar, Cindy Conlin, pending Board approval.</p> <p>We are excited to continue the planning process for CATE 2024: Uncovering Hidden Gems at the Los Angeles Hyatt. Conversations around budget, menu planning, AV needs, and hotel logistics are part of our early endeavors.</p> <p>Site visits for CATE 2026 are on deck next month. We will be visiting at least two properties in Los Angeles, with a third pending in Burbank. Chris Cigna, our Groups 360 representative, has recently left his position at the company. We are happy to re-welcome Katey Hubbard in his stead. Katey is a great friend of CATE with excellent institutional knowledge.</p>
<p>Carol Surabian, TUCATE Rep surabianc8@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Jori Krulder, Upper Rep jkrulder@pusdk12.org</p>	<p>Oh my goodness, since my last report, I have been in Greece on my Fulbright Fellowship, and it has been an incredible journey. The focus of my Fulbright was originally teaching social emotional skills through literature, but it has evolved into finding ways to support teachers in these extremely challenging times. The teachers in Greece are facing many of the same challenges we are in the United States, and in addition to interviewing students, administrators, teachers and policy makers, I have had the privilege of creating some teacher community groups. The group functions much as the Connected group at my home school does, giving teachers an opportunity to talk about the challenges they are facing and to discuss strategies for connecting with students, and helping students feel connected to their school. It is obviously a very complex problem, but I am gathering some possible solutions to bring back to the US. I also learned that two of my proposals for NCTE 2023 were accepted and I hope to see some of you there in November! I return to the US at the end of June and I look forward to being more active on a local and state basis.</p> <p>P.S. Please forgive any typos in this email. I am using voice to text because I broke my arm in Athens last month and I'm still recovering. As I said, it has definitely been an adventure. 😊</p> <p>Jori</p>
<p>Julie (Burnett) Young, MAL Elementary (2025) Julie_Burnett@kernhigh.org</p>	<p>CATE May Board Report - May 16, 2023</p> <p>Julie Burnett MAL Elementary</p> <p>Since our last board meeting at CATE 2023, I have continued teaching English for the Kern High School District and CSUB. In particular, I have been working closely with the KHSD Regional Occupational Center to design a course with embedded support for the Cosmetology program to meet their unique needs of their students as they complete a rigorous career program while finishing their high school education.</p> <p>I interviewed for and was chosen for the Kern Learn English Department Chair position for the 2023-2034 school year.</p> <p>The KHSD Literacy Council wrapped up for the year in April.</p> <p>Reading Institute for Academic Preparedness (RIAP) 2023/2024 planning meetings are ongoing as we prepare for the first in person series in three years.</p> <p>I am actively recruiting a local elementary teacher (the Kern Teaching Excellence winner at CATE 2023) to join our KCTE board.</p> <p>I have a wonderfully full teaching schedule lined up for the summer.</p>

	Respectfully Submitted, Julie Burnett
Carol Battle, MAL Middle (2023) cefbattle@gmail.com	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Since our last Board meeting, I have participated in local council activities including judging the creative writing contest and the beginning planning of a workshop day for new teachers in the San Diego area. Professionally, I continue to work to increase the number of BIPOC teacher candidates and support their retention in the field. I have written a book chapter about my experiences as a BIPOC teacher, co-written an article about Black teachers and what is needed to thrive in the profession based on my dissertation research and co-written an academic paper on the silencing culture of white supremacy. All are with the editors and I hope to see them published by the end of the year.</p> <p>And personally, I'd like to say thank you and goodbye to the Board after 6 years. My term is up this June. I will not be present at the final meeting as it is the first of my two doctoral commencement ceremonies. Thank you for your friendship and support over the years!</p> <p>Carol Battle</p>
Ashley Prevo, MAL Secondary (2025) aprevo10@gmail.com	<p>May 2023 Board Report</p> <p>Since the convention, I have had a handful of conversations with Resolutions Committee members on the impact of our passed resolutions. I have been working to get these out to a wider number of people/organizations. This has proved a challenge and I would love some institutional knowledge about how resolutions have been distributed throughout the years. I am looking forward to this meeting and seeing you all.</p> <p>All the best, Ashley Prevo</p>
April Parker, MAL Unspecified (2023) / CATE 2024 Co-Chair aparkerteacher@aol.com	<p>May Board Meeting Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Attended CATE 2023 · Sent an eblast in April for SCTE Events · Worked with Frank Mata for 2024 Convention planning <p>Professionally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Completed major production of Grease, student ran · Was recognized as Educator of the Year for the City of Huntington Park · Invited to facilitate a round table discussion at ERWC in June · Reading Critical Race English Educator, Lamar Johnson <p>April Parker, Ed.D. English Teacher Huntington Park High School</p> <p>Executive Director Heritage Music Foundation</p>
Kylowna Moton, MAL College (2023) kylowna@gmail.com	<p>May 2023 CATE Board Report: MAL College</p> <p>Since our last meeting, I have facilitated the Southland's part of the CATE Creative Writing Contest with much appreciated help from Jennifer Silver. I am participating in the second annual collaboration between SCTE and The Los Angeles Conservancy in which we help create study guides for their LA book list; these guides will be shared on the LAC website for teachers to use in their classrooms. I have recently joined the CWP Advisory Board as a college rep. I have attended the LA Times Festival of Books, Lit Fest in the Dena, Explore JPL, Jane Austen Goes to Washington: Politics and Jane Austen, Jane Austen Afterlives: POC in Regency England and Diaspora—and while these last mentions may not be directly related to CATE, being in close conversation with professors, writers, politicians, scientists and other experts surely has revived</p>

	<p>my enthusiasm for being an English teacher and teacher of writing. Kylowna</p>
<p>Liz McAninch, MAL Unspecified (2024) elmcaninch@comcast.net</p>	<p>May 15,2023 Board Report-MAL UNSPECIFIED McAninch</p> <p>During the CATE Convention, I served as Autograph Chair. In this capacity, I met the writers upon their arrival at the hotel, escorted them to the ballroom, answered their questions and helped them prepare. After the presentation, we also had to walk to another area for the book signing. With the unexpected numbers of attendees at CATE 2023, the bookseller and autograph booth were swamped.</p> <p>As Central Council's CATE Young Writers' Contest, I started receiving entries in early March. I collected a multitude of entries from Grades 5-12, but none from the elementary level. Placing the writing contest page in all the packets at the convention helped, and since more secondary than elementary teachers attended may account for the discrepancy. It also indicates an area that Central will give more attention next year.</p> <p>Our Central Council readers certainly enjoyed the well-written entries. After selecting our first-place winners to send to CATE, we also looked at the other pieces we had placed highly and notified those students that they would also be invited to read at Central's reception for the young writers.</p> <p>Submitted by Liz McAninch</p>
<p>Joan Williams, MAL Small Council (2024) joanwilliams@gmail.com</p>	<p>Member at Large, Small Council May 2023</p> <p>With the assistance of Carol Jago, I generated the prompt for the CATE Professional Writing Contest. Carol is publishing it in <i>California English</i>, and Tim Dewar has agreed to forward the prompt to the Writing Project leaders to share since the due date for the contest is August 15. I also forwarded it to council presidents and asked them to publicize it in their local councils and asked Cindy Conlin to update it in the contests on the website and post it on the home page.</p> <p>Locally, I have been assisting with the Redwood Writing Contest. We had over 200 entries to judge. We chose our winning entries and forwarded them to the state contest. I have been arranging our local awards ceremony. We are fortunate to have a strong partnership with the Redwood Writing Project in our efforts to promote and assist with the contest and put together the booklet for the winners.</p> <p>Our local Humboldt County Children's Author Festival just received an award from the League of Women Voters for civic contribution. I work with the festival as a co-coordinator for the event. Our next festival in 2024 marks 50 years of its existence.</p> <p>I continue to assist Lori Campbell in her work as Membership Chair, but with the convention behind us, membership issues have diminished.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Joan Williams, MAL Small Council</p>
<p>Frank Mata, MAL Secondary (2024) / CATE 2024 Co-Chair frankmata32@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hello friends...</p> <p>Since last seeing all of you, April Parker and I have been working on all things "Uncovering Hidden Gems: Exploring Perspectives and Voice."</p> <p>-We both met with Dr. Rousseau, Education professor at USC, to further gather ideas of how to best approach our convention in 2024 -We have Dr. April Baker-Bell of Michigan State University on standby to be one of our speakers for 2024. Her research pioneers the concept of Linguistic Justice. We are very excited for her. At this upcoming board meeting, we are waiting on budget parameters and booking processes. :) -I sent a follow-up email to those who attended our BIPOC affinity space at last convention. We have an exciting and new idea of how to structurally</p>

	<p>incorporate them into next convention. On deck is creating more affinity space for our LGBTQIA+ communities. Who'd like to step up? :)</p> <p>-April and I have both been accepted to present on our own individual topics at ERWC's summer leadership institutes held in Pomona and Sacramento. I will also be conducting a roundtable session with this year's keynote Dr. Lamar Johnson, researcher on Critical Race English Education. His book, so far, is paradigm shifting...</p> <p>I hate to inform you that this weekend I will be attending CTA's state council, the last one for this year. I am the vice-chair of their Civil Rights in Education committee and am running to have a seat as an alternate to NEA's Board of Directors. If these two things weren't happening this weekend, I'd ditch CTA for CATE any day! ;) Also, on a personal note, I just got back from Washington DC as a CTA representative attending a congressional summit and gala. Aside from learning about federal educational policies, I got to meet and chat with Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg!</p> <p>I hate to be missing this Board meeting as I was looking forward to continuing our conversations about our Mission Statement, stepping up in DEI committee, and gathering and working with you all towards our next convention.</p> <p>I think that's it for now... I miss you all. Feel free to call or text me as I'm having major CATE board withdrawals...</p> <p>Peace & Love,</p> <p>Frank Mata</p>
<p>Lori Campbell, Membership Chair (2024) Lori_Campbell@kernhigh.org</p>	<p>Updated report! This includes a link to the updated membership list. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U6xKwO6fMM6n6boCID4NJDq4wzF3sBS3/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113549629732703962281&rtopof=true&sd=true</p>
<p>Annie Gervais, Convention Co-Coordinator agervais451@gmail.com</p>	<p>(see Jennifer Silver's report)</p>
<p>Bill Younglove, Legislative Analyst wyoungl@aol.com</p>	<p>CATE Quarterly (since 3/5/23) Board Report Bill Younglove: (nonvoting) legislative analyst liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiled the History of CATE, as requested by Robb Polski. • Presented at Long Beach Main Library: "The Anne Frank We Never Really Knew: How Her Impact Has Grown During The Past 75 Years; plus two theater area productions of <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>. • Took part in Yom HaShoah commemorations at CSULB, Chapman U., Cypress College, and the Long Beach Jewish Community Center. • Book Club fetes: Maritza Rono Refuerzo—<i>Groovy Girl</i>; Gustavo Hernandez—Poetry Month; Rater and Phelan—<i>A Small Light</i> (Miep Gies); Festival of AAPI Books; L.A. Times Festival of Books.
<p>Gale Caswell, CETA Liaison gale.caswell@gmail.com</p>	<p>I will not be able to join you for this meeting. Hope you all enjoy a very productive gathering.</p>
<p>Tim Dewar, CWP Liaison dewar@education.ucsb.edu</p>	<p>CWP Liaison Report, May 2023</p> <p>The California Writing Project sponsored and produced the James Gray Memorial Preconvention at CATE's Annual Convention on March 2, 2023. The morning keynote speaker was Brynn Saito, faculty and poet at CSU Fresno. There were additionally three rounds of breakout sessions, each with five different presentations each round. Again this year, one strand of breakouts</p>

	<p>consisted of opportunities for teachers to write and receive feedback within the session. The conference was very well attended, causing us a bit of a freak-out when we feared we were short many lunches. Fortunately, hotel catering staff and others came through and there was no need for a Costco run.</p> <p>CWP has begun planning for a face-to-face Preconvention in 2024 in Los Angeles. While we have not decided on a theme, we know it will recognize the Writing Project's 50th anniversary. The first Invitational Summer institute was held by the Bay Area Writing Project in 1974.</p> <p>CWP-affiliated teachers continue to contribute to <i>California English</i>, racking up an impressive record of articles. We expect many of our affiliated teachers will write to the upcoming calls for manuscripts that focuses on writing and artificial intelligence and the past, present, and future of the writing project.</p> <p>CWP sites are gearing up to offer our signature Invitational Summer Institutes in Composition and Critical Literacy and planning with schools and districts to offer professional learning and to provide supplemental instruction this summer &/or next school year.</p> <p>Finally, we are pleased to report that current CATE President, Robb Polski has agreed to join the CWP Advisory Board, as the professional association representative. He replaces long-serving member Angus Dunstan.</p>
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Jennifer Howerter, Liaison CDE JHowerter@cde.ca.gov	<p style="text-align: center;">Educator Excellence and Equity Division Update California Association of Teachers of English May 2023</p> <p>New Co-Directors for Statewide Literacy The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) appointed two new statewide literacy directors at the California Department of Education (CDE): Nancy Brynelson and Dr. Bonnie Garcia. They will be working to develop plans to help local educational agencies (LEAs) meet literacy goals. The SSPI hosted a webinar on March 23 to introduce the new co-directors. To learn more about the new directors, you can read the news release or watch the webinar recording.</p> <p>Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) grantees, known as local literacy lead agencies (LLAs), are working with their respective consortia of county office of education (COE) partners to build expertise in strategies that address their identified statewide literacy priority defined in the California Comprehensive State Literacy Plan. LLAs implement these strategies through three-year small-scale pilot projects with one or more local districts within their regions. The strategies must align with state guidance and policies, must be evidence-based, and must support the literacy needs of economically disadvantaged and high-need students. The CDE applied for supplemental funding for the CLSD grant, and we are thrilled to announce that the U.S. Department of Education awarded California \$2.7 million! Each LLA will use these funds to expand their projects, bringing their best practices and evidence-based strategies to more schools, educators, and students. The LLAs will also be focusing on expanding their work in family and community engagement, which is a federal priority for the grant. These supplemental funds must be spent by the end of the original grant period. Additional information about the CLSD grant is available on the California Department of Education (CDE) CLSD web page.</p> <p>Early Literacy Support Block Grant The Early Literacy Support Block (ELSB) grant program is in implementation year 2. The Expert Lead in Literacy, the Sacramento COE continues to provide technical assistance. On June 14–15, the Expert Lead is hosting a free Early Literacy Conference, which is open to educators across the state. The purpose of the conference is collaboration around evidence-based practices in early</p>

	<p>literacy instruction. Keynote speakers include Lacey Robinson and Emily Hanford. Registration is available on the ELSB California Early Literacy Conference web page. Additional information about the ELSB grant is available on the ELSB Grant web page.</p> <p>Reading Instruction and Intervention Grant The Reading Instruction and Intervention (RII) grant program is authorized by AB 130 (Statutes of 2021) of the Education Omnibus Trailer Bill. Through Project Accelerating Reading Intervention for Systemic Excellence (ARISE), grantees will generate and disseminate professional learning opportunities for kindergarten through grade twelve public school educators across the state in the areas of evidence-based literacy instruction, including biliteracy instruction; intensive literacy interventions; and support of pupils' executive functioning skills. The grant has been awarded to the Contra Costa COE, with partners Glenn COE, San Diego COE, TNTP (formerly The New Teacher Project), Turnaround for Children, the University of La Verne, the University of California San Francisco, and the National Center on Intensive Intervention. Project ARISE is hosting a preview workshop for LEAs within the lead counties on May 4. Statewide offerings will begin in the 2023–24 school year. For additional information, please visit the CDE RII Grant web page.</p> <p>Recommended Literature List Update The Recommended Literature List for Prekindergarten through Grade 12 (Recommended Literature List) is in the process of being updated! Over 200 new books will be showcased in the database. Last year's recommendations will be available to download on the Recommended Literature List web page. If you are interested in serving as a committee member for the Recommended Literature List, applications are open! Submit an application to indicate your interest in serving on the Recommended Literature List committee. We will be in contact as spaces on the committee are available. If you have any questions, email the Recommended Literature List team at literaturelist@cde.ca.gov.</p> <p>Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialist Funding Opportunities AB 181, Section 137 (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2022) authorized the Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists (LCRS) funding opportunities. Eligible school sites will receive an allocation of no less than \$450,000 to develop school literacy programs, employ and train literacy coaches and reading and literacy specialists, and develop and implement interventions for students in need of targeted literacy support. Funds were sent to eligible local educational agencies in January. For a list of eligible school sites and frequently asked questions, see the LCRS Categorical Programs web page. The Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists Educator Training (LCRSET) grant will award \$25 million to a COE to develop and provide training for educators to become literacy coaches and reading and literacy specialists. Priority will be given to applicants with demonstrated success in improving literacy, especially among underperforming student subgroups, as well as for those planning on partnering with institutions of higher education with demonstrated success in providing statewide professional development for expert literacy practice. The Request for Applications (RFA) is now posted! COEs interested in applying can learn more about the LCRSET grant on the LCRSET RFA web page, which includes the LCRSET timeline and a recording of the technical assistance webinar. The deadline for applications is May 26, 2023. The trailer bill currently provides an additional \$250 million in LCRS funds. The CDE is monitoring this bill as it moves through the legislative process. You can read the language in this bill here. For more information about the LCRS grant, visit the LCRS web page.</p>
Chris Street, Liaison ERWC cstreet@fullerton.edu	[first meeting with the board]
Carol Jago, <i>California English</i> Editor, Liaison California Reading and Literature Project cjago@caroljago.com	May 19, 2023 TO: CATE Board FROM: Carol Jago, <i>California English</i> editor RE: May board report The spring issue of <i>California English</i> focusing on rethinking basic skills should

have arrived in your mailbox at the beginning of the month. I was pleased to garner an ad from Heinemann for Kyleen Beers' new book and to advertise the ERWC summer conferences. We also featured on the back cover an ad (gratis) for Asilomar.

For our fall issue, Untold Stories: Indigenous Representation (and Misrepresentation), I was keen to find a native artist to feature. I was fortunate to find an exhibition of indigenous painters and invited several to have their work included in the magazine. Here's an example from Dakota Hoska that will appear in the journal. Her prints are amazing.
<https://www.dakotahoska.com/prints>

The November issue will focus on the influence of ChatGPT on curriculum and instruction.

I was pleased to welcome 4 new reviewers to the *California English* team.

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Untold Stories: Indigenous Representation (and Misrepresentation)

Deadline August 1, 2023

Some of the stories teachers share with students about Native Americans have been stereotypical — in many ways both untrue and incomplete. Children's book author Kate DiCamillo changed her mind about a beloved book after reading a Native perspective. Have you had a similar experience? What texts have you found that help to expand students' understanding of history and correct misrepresentation? Which authors do you look to for authentic accounts? Why is this work so important?

Manuscripts are peer reviewed. Please send submissions in a Microsoft Word file to *California English* editor, Carol Jago cjago@caroljago.com. Articles should be limited to 2,500 words.