

**2020 Annual Business Meeting/Town Hall Minutes • Sunday, February 23, 2020**

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Present: Michelle Berry, Annie Gervais, Maddie Britt Mettler, Jennifer Silver, Janina Shultz, Gina Vattuone, Carol Surabian, Vicki Kurtz, Kim Flachmann, Tim Dewar, Bill Younglove, Mindy Montanio, Mark Olsen, Liz McAninch, Julie Paulsen Burnett, Carmen Carrillo, Robb Polski, Carol Battle, Bill Foreman, Denise Mikkonen, Patrick Keough, Joan Williams, Carole LeCren, Angus Dunstan, April Parker, Beau Larimer, Ashley Prevo, Charley Schaeffer, Denise Vela, Carol Jago

1. **Call to Order** Meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM.
2. **Introduction of CATE Board of Directors**
3. **Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Conduct** Moved by Dunstan, seconded by Mikkonen. Passed.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting in San Diego** Moved by Dunstan, seconded by Foreman/Polski. Passed.
5. **President's Report** Greg shared some highlights of the year, including bringing back the Resolutions Committee. CATE will be voting on changing the bylaws so that the executive offices are all three-year positions. CATE also talked about moving our investments into socially conscious funds. CATE attended NCTE leadership conferences. NCTE will hold their annual convention in Anaheim in 2022, and CATE hopes to have its own convention in Monterey in 2023. Greg thanked Jennifer, Michelle, and Annie for all their work on the CATE 2020 Convention.
6. **2020 Annual Report** Posted online at CATEWeb.org
7. **Explanation of Rules for CATE Election** Greg explained the voting procedures: three ways to vote: by paper ballot here at this meeting, or electronic ballot online, or on the ballot in *California English*. Greg also explained that the ballot includes a bylaw change to make all the executive board positions three-year terms.
8. **Statements of Candidates for CATE Election**  
Robb Polski, candidate for President; Carol Battle, candidate for Member-at-Large, Middle School; April Parker, candidate for Member-at-Large, Unspecified; Cassandra Brown, candidate for Member-at-Large, Unspecified; [Sommer Iamele, candidate for Member-at-Large, Unspecified, was unavailable to make a candidate statement]; Kylowna Moton, candidate for Member-at-Large, College.
9. **Report of the Resolutions Committee**  
Angus Dunstan, Resolutions Chair, explained the process and the rules for discussing a resolution.  
  
Denise Vela, TUCATE Council Resolutions Committee, presented the ***Board Resolution Commending the CATE 2020 Convention Committee***. Moved by Vela, seconded by Prevo. Passed.  
  
Charles Schaeffer, Central Council Resolutions Committee, presented the ***Resolution to Announce the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First CATE Annual Business Meeting***. Moved by Schaeffer, seconded by Prevo. Passed.  
  
Beau Larimer, Kern Council Resolutions Committee, presented the ***Resolution for Equitable Grading Practices***. Moved by Larimer, seconded by Prevo. Discussion ensued, with information and friendly

amendment/edits offered by Lori Campbell, Kern; Nelson Graff, Central. Moved by Graff, seconded by LeCren to amend the resolution to strike the first two “resolves” and incorporate the other “resolve” to a “whereas.” Discussion ensued. Holly Johnson, Southland, suggested focusing on the scientific aspects of this topic, and changing soft skills to executive skills. Annie Gervais, Capitol pointed out changes would need to be made to the background/whereases in order to make the references consistent. The resolution was passed as amended.

Ashley Prevo, Greater San Diego Resolutions Committee, presented the *Resolution on Climate Action and Sustainability*. Moved by Prevo, seconded by Vela. Passed.

April Parker, Southland Council Resolutions Committee, presented the *Resolution on Academic Freedom for Educators*. Moved by Parker, seconded by Silver. Bill Foreman, Central, shared that he supports this resolution because of the importance of academic freedom and teacher autonomy. Greg Johnson, Kern, asked for clarification of the wording in the first resolve. Anne Miller, Capitol asked some wordings; Lori Campbell, Kern, asked Mindy Montanio, CTA Liaison, if a similar resolution has been created by CTA. Mindy responded that she is not sure; Lori recommended that CTA be cc'd. Janina Schultz, FACET, explained the background about an actual incident in Fresno and that a similar resolution had already been shared with the Fresno school district involved. Beau Larimer asked that this resolution be sent to that school district. Passed.

#### **10. New Business**

Greg announced that By-Law 7.3.1 will be voted on; it was announced a year ago as required by our by-laws; it has been updated on the ballot.

Two drawings: One for a CATE basic membership, and one for a CATE 2021 convention registration. Winner: Sarah Pullman, Central, of the basic membership; and Anna Fisk, Southland/Kern for the convention registration.

#### **11. Announcement of the 2021 CATE Convention in Burlingame**

Michelle Berry announced the CATE 2021 Convention to take place in Burlingame, February 19-21, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency SFO.

#### **12. Open Microphone/Town Hall**

Lori Campbell, Kern: Asked for clarification on how to use the electronic ballot: about abstaining for vice president on the electronic ballot; and you can vote for any/all council presidents.

Anne Miller, Capitol: Asked if there is any funding from CATE to help with travel/attendance costs. Several board members suggested help: local council, becoming a local or state board member, and possibly CTA scholarship, and use of Title I funding, especially if it is put into the school site plan.

#### **13. Adjournment** Moved by Dunstan, seconded by Polski. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. Polls open for CATE Election.