

2022 CATE Annual Business Meeting/Town Hall

Sunday, February 27, 2022 • 9:30-10:45 AM

Hilton Long Beach

701 West Ocean Boulevard

Long Beach, California 90831-3102

MINUTES

Present: *Carole LeCren, Susan Dillon, Rebecca Detrick, Frank Mata, Gina Vattuone, Carol Surabian, April Parker, Janina Schulz, Angus Dunstan, Julie Burnett, Jennifer Silver, Lori Campbell, Joan Williams, Greg Johnson, Robb Polski, Vicki Kurtz, Annie Gervais, Jori Krulder, Bill Younglove, Denise Mikkonen, Kylowna Moton, Carol Battle, Frank Mata.*

Resolutions: *Beau Latimer, Kari Mann, Ashley Prevo*

Announcement: To view the past minutes, the annual board reports, and the proposed resolutions, go to CATEweb.org and click on Session Descriptions.

1. Robb Polski, CATE President called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.
2. The CATE Board of Directors was introduced.
3. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Dillon, seconded by Dunstan to approve. Passed.
4. Approval of the minutes from the 2021 Annual Board Meeting via Zoom. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Surabian. Passed.
5. Robb Polski shared an overview of his president's report, including commendations to the membership and convention committees for their methods of reaching out to members and keeping them connected. He commended Carol Jago and *California English* for the continued connection to members. Robb also thanked board members who have dedicated their time to the board and who may be retiring or moving on in their professional lives.
6. The annual board reports were shared via a link.
7. Greg Johnson, Past President, explained the rules for CATE Election. The following nominees spoke to their candidacy.

Membership Chair:

Lori Campbell

MAL Secondary:

Rebecca Detrick

Ashley Prevo

MAL Elementary:

Julie Burnett

8. Directions for How to Vote Online were shared by Greg Johnson. Voting electronically (using the provided QR code) or on a ballot in *California English*.
9. Report of the Resolutions Committee. Angus Dunstan explained the process and reported that there are three resolutions for debate, and one that commends the convention committee.

I. RESOLUTION ON REIMAGINING THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH EDUCATION TOGETHER

Moved by Latimer, seconded by Prevo. Discussion by Ann Miller, Capitol. Passed.

II. RESOLUTION ON AFFIRMING TEACHERS' OBLIGATION TO TEACH CRITICAL READING, WRITING, and THINKING

Moved by Mann, seconded by Campbell. Passed.

III. RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS AND EMPOWER TEACHER AUTONOMY

Moved by Parker, seconded by Williams. Passed.

IV. CATE 2022: BOARD RESOLUTION—COMMENDATION OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Moved by Prevo,

Rebecca Detrick announced to the audience that any member can put forward a resolution, and that each council can have a member on the Resolutions Committee.

Beau Latimer also mentioned that if there is a topic that you think should be addressed, let your council know in order to forward it to the CATE board.

Annie Gervais also announced that previous resolutions are listed on CATEweb.org for anyone who wants to see them.

Robb Polski commended the work that Angus Dunstan has done for so many years with the Resolutions Committee.

10. New Business.

Annie Gervais and Jennifer Silver conducted a raffle for members in attendance at the annual board meeting:

Complimentary CATE membership (winner: Adriana Ponce)

Complimentary two-night stay at Hilton Long Beach (winner: Teresa Twisselman)

Robb Polski announced that NCTE 2022 in November 17-20, 2022, will be in Anaheim. NCTE hasn't been in California for over two decades. Robb encouraged all members to attend because of how important California's voice is in national discussions of education.

11. The 2023 CATE Convention in Monterey was announced by Susan Dillon, CATE 2023 Convention Chair.

Susan Dillon shared that 100 years ago today John Steinbeck was born. About 30 years ago, the Monterey poet laureate and one of our major speakers, Daniel B. Summerhill, was born there too. Susan Dillon shared her theme...Sea Changes: Traditions and Transformations in English Language Arts.

12. Open Microphone/Town Hall was open.

Ann Miller, Capitol, asked about updating the resolutions on line, and what type of response CATE gets from the people who are sent the resolutions. Angus Dunstan explained the background of how resolutions are. Ann also asked for NCTE if CATE is going to offer scholarships, buttons, T-shirts for attending Anaheim.

Adjournment. Moved by Dunstan, seconded by Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Polls were then opened for CATE Elections.